



# Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events			12	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
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----- August -----					
1	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	14-16	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Trip
1	Wed	Evening hike - Class A,B	15	Sat	<b>Blazer Deadline</b>
3-5	Fri-Sun	Arts weekend at Tye	19	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
4	Sat	Timberline Lodge to ZigZag O'look Hike – A	19	Wed	Evening hike - Class A/B
7	Tue	TCO Board meeting MMC	26	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
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8	Wed	Evening hike - Class A,B	<b>Scheduling is updated on web site <a href="http://www.trailsclub.org">www.trailsclub.org</a></b>		
9	Thu	Fern Hill Wetlands to Banks Bike Ride – B	<b>TRIP FEES: Members: No Fee; Guests \$2</b>		
12	Sun	Willamette Valley Bike Ride - Class A/B	<b>Donations in general</b> will not be refused . They will be put to good use. Remember, this is <b>your</b> club. If, like your editor, you can't contribute physically as much as you used to, there are other ways ... Ed.		
15	Wed	<b>Blazer Deadline</b>	<b>Events</b>		
15	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	<b>Aug 1 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B</b>		
15	Wed	Evening hike - Class A,B	We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.		
16	Thu	Springwater Trail to Boring Ride - Class A	This week we will meet at Friendly House on NW Thurman and 26th for a 9:30 AM departure. The hike will probably be on lower and upper Macleay.		
17-19	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Trip	Leader: Sue Holmes, 971-212-9540, <a href="mailto:sueholmes28@yahoo.com">sueholmes28@yahoo.com</a>		
17-22	Fri-Wed	PCT Jefferson Park Backpack	<b>Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) Evening Hikes – Class B</b>		
22	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	We will start at 6 PM sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and dress for changeable weather.		
22	Wed	Evening hike - Class A,B	Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.		
24-25	Fri-Sat	Mount Adams High Camp Backpack – B	Cost: Free for Trails Club members; \$2 non-members		
25	Sat	Boring-Redland Bike - Class C	See the TCO Meetup site for leaders and details of the hikes.		
29	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	<b>Aug 4 (Sat) Day hike from Timberline Lodge to ZigZag Overlook - Class A</b>		
29	Wed	Evening hike - Class A,B	This is a 4.6 mile hike with 500 ft. elevation gain. We will be going up to the Timberline trail via the Mountaineer trail and then heading west to a spectacular viewpoint of the meadows of Paradise Park and of Mississippi Head. Be aware that most of the elevation is gained on the way back, and that you will be hiking at elevation. Bring lunch, water, and sun protection. This hike is planned in conjunction with the Arts Weekend at Tye, but is open to all. It will also qualify as a membership hike.		
30	Thu	Milwaukie-West Linn-Tryon Cr. - Class B			
----- September -----					
1	Sat	Tour de Westside Ride - Class B			
1-4	Sat-Tue	Labor Day Weekend at Tye			
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5	Wed	Evening hike - Class A/B			
7-8	Fri-Sat	Indian Heaven Backpack – Class B			
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Meet 8:00 AM at Gateway, Diana Forester (503-422-8896) will meet hikers in town. She is staying for dinner at the lodge so provide your own transportation if you want to return to town earlier, .

Or at 9:30 AM, join the hikers from Tyee.

If you want to stay for dinner (or the evening) at Tyee, contact Celine Stroinski 503.239.6950 by Thu., Aug. 3.

Hike Leader:Laura Skehan 360.281.1754

### **Aug 3-5 (Fri-Sun) Arts weekend at Tyee**

Come to Tyee with art supplies of your choice and enjoy the 'paint out'. Reserve breakfasts and dinners if you like. Lunches on your own as we will be out recording nature. Last year the lupine filling a meadow up West Leg Road was fantastic. Possible hike also.

Tyee will be open Fri. noon till Sun 3 PM.

Register with Celine by Wed. eve Aug 1, last chance to cancel also.

Host: Celine Stroinski 503.239.6950 or  
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### **Aug 8 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B**

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

### **Aug 8 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B**

See the TCO Meetup site for leaders and details of the hikes.

### **Aug 9 (Thu) Fern Hill Wetlands to Banks Bike – B**

This is the middle section of the Tualatin Valley Scenic Bike Ride leading us through rolling farm land on country backroads. The ride is about 34 miles starting and ending at the Fern Hill Wetlands with the opportunity to explore this area on a very short hike. Lunch will be at the Banks City Park.

Depart: 9 AM from Fern Hill Wetlands, 1399 SW Fern Hill Rd, Forest Grove, 97116.

Please register with leader by Wednesday night.

Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503-648-5885 or  
giselapiercy@gmail.com

### **Aug 12 (Sun) Willamette Valley Bike Ride - Class A/B**

This ride utilizes the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway south of Champoeg State Park. There are two routes with the same beginning and end pieces, with the longer route adding 16 additional miles in the middle. The route is largely flat on rural roads with scenic distant views of the Cascade foothills. The shorter ride is 27 miles and the longer one is 43 miles, both being relatively flat. E-mail leader to indicate that you are planning to ride (the ride may be rescheduled if weather is poor), which length ride you plan to do, and for directions to the start point.

The two routes are <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/2320030> and  
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/2319986>

Depart: 10 AM, St. Paul, Bankers Cup parking lot

Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250  
Lawson.terry@gmail.com

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### **Aug 15 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A**

This week we will meet at Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th for a 9:30 AM departure. We will hike through the 3 Pearl district parks, north park blocks, and South Park blocks for the noon concert on SW Main between the theaters. It will be The Beat Goes On marching band (Audrey on drums). You may wish to pick up a TriMet ticket to shorten the trip back to the cars.

Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503.341.9441, pollockkathy@gmail.com

### **Aug 15 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B**

See the TCO Meetup site for leaders and details of the hikes.

### **Aug 16 (Thu) Springwater Trail to Boring Ride - A**

The eastern part of the Springwater Corridor, the part we never do! The ride is slightly uphill on the way out and downhill on the way back, all on bike path. Total distance is 20 miles. We will ride from SE 145th out to Boring, have lunch at the Not So Boring Bar and Grill and then ride back. Call or email with questions.

I don't ride in the rain or the excessive heat, so if weather is iffy, call my cell to check if ride is a go.

Depart: 10 AM On SE 145th between the Springwater Corridor and SE Ellis St. This is just on the west side of Powell Butte Nature Park. Only way in is on SE Ellis St. Make sure you are NORTH of the Springwater Corridor. Google map the intersection of SE Ellis and SE 145th and you should find it. Make a RIGHT on 145th from Ellis and drive down to the bottom of the hill. Look for us right next to the entrance of the Springwater Corridor.

Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-522-9911 (cell) or email audrey53@comcast.net

### **Aug 17-19 Nesika Work Trip See Notice on page 4**

### **Aug 17-22 (Fri-Wed) PCT Jefferson Park Backpack**

Join TCO leaders Roger and Karen Anderson on a 5-days backpack around one of the most scenic Oregon PCT section Jefferson Park. We will start our backpack at Big Lake SDA Youth Camp on Friday night, do a leisure hike to Santiam Pass on the 1st day. Go to Minto Pass on Day 2, and then on Day 3, Shale Lake, Day 4, Jefferson Park, and our final day we will leave Jefferson Park via trail 3375 South Breitenbush Trail.

Mileage: Day 1 = 6 miles, Day 2 = 10.4, Day 3 = 12.1, Day 4=10.6, Day 5 = 8.3

Shale Lake and Jefferson Park areas are so popular it is by permit only camping. Space available for 1 more person for this backpack.

Contact: Karen or Roger Anderson 360-450-9199, p74852@gmail.com

Get Registration forms at:

[http://www.trailsclub.org/tco\\_forms/bp\\_PartPacket.pdf](http://www.trailsclub.org/tco_forms/bp_PartPacket.pdf)

### **Aug 22 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B**

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

### **Aug 22 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B**

See the TCO Meetup site for leaders and details of the hikes.

### **Aug 24-25 (Fri-Sat) Mount Adams High Camp Bkpk – B**

We'll hike up the Killen Creek Trail, on the northeast side of Mount Adams to the PCT, then another mile up to the high camp area on the west side of Mount Adams. Views should be magnificent. If the weather is iffy, we can hike over to Killen Creek Meadows on the PCT instead for a lower elevation camping spot next to a stream with a waterfall. Mileage to High Camp is 4.1 miles with 2400 feet of elevation gain, 4.2 miles and 1800 feet of elevation gain to Killen Creek. We will do one or the other, not both.

Limit six participants, deadline to register, Aug 22, register on Meetup first week of August.

Leader: Bill Yandon wkyandon@gmail.com  
Cell: 503.887.2932

### **Aug 25 (Sat) Boring-Redland Bike - Class C**

Join me on a ride with a wide variety of terrain and vistas. From Milwaukie, we head north to the Springwater Trail and follow it to its end in Boring. From there, we continue south to Barton, where we cross the Clackamas River. We then work our way up to Redland on quiet back roads, and then once in Redland it's all downhill to Oregon City. From there, we make our way to the bike/ped bridge over the Clackamas River at Cross Park in Gladstone before heading back to Milwaukie on the Trolley Trail. Total distance is approximately 45 miles, with cumulative elevation gain about 1,600 feet. Optional lunch in downtown Milwaukie after the ride.

Meet: 9 AM at Milwaukie Riverfront Park, McLoughlin Blvd and Washington St. (there is a traffic signal.) From the north, enter the parking lot on the next driveway after the signal. Coming from the south, take the turn lane before the Washington St. signal.

Leader: Dave Crout 503-460-9782, or dave\_sandy@comcast.net.

Contact leader for more information.

### **Aug 29 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B**

This week we will meet in Washington Park at the west end of the Max elevators across from the World Forestry Center for a 9:30 departure to the 4-Ts trail. Parking in the Zoo lot costs \$2 an hour or \$8 for all day. Take the Max if you can.

Leader: Nancy Overpeck, 360-836-5464, 503-806-2900, overpeck@wa-net.com

### **Aug 29 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B**

See the TCO Meetup site for leaders and details of the hike

### **Aug 30 Thu Milwaukie-West Linn-Tryon Ck. - Class B**

This 25 mile in-town ride is mainly flat, some nice bike trails and some roads with bike lanes. There is some real undulation and uphill through the park, its shady until you get to Terwilliger, where we will have a good uphill to the summit at Riverside Cemetery. Then comes the fun ride down to the Sellwood Bridge and back to the start. This loop is 25 miles.

Meet: 9:30am Milwaukie Riverfront Park, Jefferson Boat Ramp at McLaughlin & Jefferson Sts.

Leader: Gerda Eck - Please register to ride gerdaeck@comcast.net

### **Sep 1 (Sat) Tour de Westside Ride - Class B**

We will ride a 22 mile loop with about 1200ft CEG. through the westside burgs of Beaverton, Tigard, Tuallatin and Sherwood. Some of the ride will be on multi-use paths and some on roads. Driving distance from Pioneer Square to

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the starting point is about 12 miles/25 mins. Bring plenty of water and snacks. We could stop for lunch or sweets in Sherwood.

Ride with GPS route: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/7500513>

Depart: 10:00 AM Big Al's, 14950 SW Barrows Rd, Beaverton, OR 97007-7524

Confirm participation on TCO meetup or email leader.

Leader: Chaz Shaw 503.729.7560, [chaznw@gmail.com](mailto:chaznw@gmail.com)

### **Sep 1 (SAT) Pioneer Bridle Trail - Class A (Membership Hike)**

Please join me to relive a bit of Oregon history on this lovely 5 mile one-way, downhill hike with a side trip to Zig Zag falls. Most of the trail is in the forest. Only one little part is steep. Boots and poles are recommended. Please bring a lunch or snacks and water. Parking pass is required. Hike starts at Glacier View lot by Enid Lake and ends either by parking lot to Zig Zag falls for shorter version, or parking lot on Hwy 26, above Road 35

Meet: 10 AM at the ZigZag ranger station. We will drop some cars at the lower end of the mountain to shuttle.

Co-Leaders: Barbara Jones, [barbjones50@hotmail.com](mailto:barbjones50@hotmail.com) or 503.819.8983 (cell) and Lori Leach, [wepad-d1e2@gmail.com](mailto:wepad-d1e2@gmail.com). Please call me if you have any questions.

This hike is in conjunction with the Labor Day Weekend Festivities being held at Tye Lodge, our mountain home. See adjoining article regarding lodge visit, meals and sign-up instructions with Vicki Wood.

### **Sep 1-4 (Sat-Tue) Labor Day Weekend at Tye**

Come one come all and enjoy this holiday event with friends, family, and guests! I am coordinating with some of your favorite cooks! On board is Christine Olsen, Sylvia Milne, Nancy Overpeck. The lodge will be open from noon on Saturday, Sept 1, and will close up on Tuesday after breakfast by your hostess, Barb Jones. Christine Olson is cooking a chicken/broccoli casserole with rice and a large salad, with apple dessert on Sat night. Sunday morning is chef's choice.

The related Pioneer Bridle Trail hike (above) can qualify prospective guests for membership in the club as well as becoming acquainted with our only open lodge.

Not to be missed is a FREE concert at Timberline Lodge Mountain Music Festival on Monday, Sept 3, which begins 12:30 PM and runs continuously until 6:00 PM. It is highly recommend you bring a blanket, cushion or your own chair to sit on for more comfort. Please check out Timberline

website for more details. After the concert, the cook will be serving either leftovers, or Costco meat/sausage lasagna with a salad. There will be a Tues morning breakfast served. This is a great way to escape Labor Day west-bound traffic!

Lodge fees for overnight are \$15 ages 12 and up. \$10 junior member. Under 12, \$5. \$40 member family cap. Adult Guest is \$25 a night. Guest child \$10. Family cap for guest family is \$60. Meal fees are \$5 breakfast, \$7 for lunch, if provided, and \$8 for dinner. There will be no Saturday lunch. We will update you about any lunch plans that may be included for Sunday or Monday.

Hope to see many new and old faces at this event!

Register With: Vicki Wood at [vw48@comcast.net](mailto:vw48@comcast.net), or call 503-850-4366 by Wednesday, August 29th for 1, 2, or 3 nights at lodging and meals. Day visitors pay a \$3 fee.

### **Sep 5, 12, 19, 26 (Wed) Morning Hikes – Class A/B**

Start: 9:30 am, hiking 4 to 6 miles for 2 to 4 hours, in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

### **Sep 5, 12, 19, 26 (Wed) Evening Hikes – Class B**

We start at 6 PM sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp, dress for changeable weather.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.

Cost: Free for Trails Club members; \$2 non-members

See the TCO Meetup site for leaders and details of the hikes.

### **Sep 7-8 (Fri-Sat) Indian Heaven Backpack – Class B**

We'll explore the Indian Heaven Wilderness, with its many lakes in the Washington South Cascades. Our trailhead will be at the Cultus Creek Campground, and when we enter the wilderness we will multiple options at to where to explore and camp. Area is known for its lakes and also for mosquitoes, but hopefully by going in September most bugs will be gone. Distance in will be between 4-5 miles depending on where we end up and about 1700 feet of elevation gain. Number of participants limited to 6.

To register, use the posting on Meetup when posted around the last week of August by Wednesday Sept. 5th.

Leader: Bill Yandon [wkyandon@gmail.com](mailto:wkyandon@gmail.com)  
Cell: 503.887.2932

### **Sep 14-16 Nesika Work Trip See Following**

## **Nesika Work Parties Notice**

We have been provided a limited permit to enter closed forest service land. We are restricted to go in as a group and come out as a group. No hiking is permitted outside of our property on these work trips.

We will meet people at the gate on Larch MT road at 9:00 AM on Friday and Saturday mornings to take people in. We only bring people out at 6:00 PM on Saturday and 1:00 PM on Sunday. You can't use your Nesika key to open the gate.

The road past the green gate is narrow and only high clearance vehicles with four wheel drive are able to drive in. You may need to park at the Green gate and hike or ride in from there. Be prepared.

This work trip is limited to 30 people to help the cook, clean up the fire debris, cut, split and haul wood. Please sign up (on Meetup) to put yourself on the wait list so we can communicate with you to see where you want to work and when you want to come in. We will try to bring everyone who wants to come in and work.

Bring gloves and clothes that can get dirty. To stay overnight, bring sleeping bag, bed pad, and tent (optional). Shower is not yet working because of low water pressure till we get our new water tank in. Sponge baths are possible.

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We can provide masks, helmets and some paint suits to work in the ash. Please bring leather gloves to protect your hands from broken glass. No children please. We need splitting mauls, wedges and axes for use or donation.

Our stove wood supply is extremely low. If you can bring dry stove wood please let us know.

To Register: Use the Trails Club Meetup Site.

Contact: Glenn Conrad

### Meeting Places

**Friendly House** NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

**Gateway TCO** : From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple blocks and park in the Park and Ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining). From I-84: take I-205, take the above exit and instructions

**Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC)**: is a common meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block south of Stark St.

**Rose Villa**: 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222, is a common place for club meetings Adventures and Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park before end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right, turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd.

Follow Treasure House signs. Map of Rose Villa, follow route C or B to the Recreation Hall (Treasure House signs)

<http://trailsclub.org/events/Images/2014RoseVillaMap.pdf>

**Target**: is a common westside meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

**Tryon Creek State Park**: sometimes used for Wed. AM (and other) hikes. From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at split to Boone's Ferry Rd, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is a right about one mile past the roundabout. Park near Nature Center.

### President's Message

Dear TCO members,

You may have read the notice about concerned TCO members in the last Blazer. I want to assure you that the board of TCO works diligently to keep TCO functioning. The board makes decisions regarding membership, funding, events, and our lodges. The board are all elected volunteers. They meet monthly, answer emails and attend yearly events as volunteers.

In a club our size, there will always be differences of opinion. That is why voting is necessary. Though the board often comes to a consensus on many issues, the membership will nearly always have differing opinions. Any board decision will likely please most but not all members. We base our decisions on what is best for the club. The club president does not have a vote on any board decisions. The president runs the meetings and may replace certain (non-board) positions with board approval. The vice president, social chair, secretary, treasurer, membership chair and lodge chairs participate in voting.

Our club is over 100 years old. Certainly there have been changes in the way the club functions over the years. There will always be changes. Over the last 8 years or so many members have noted issues we are trying to correct. First is lack of new members. Our old way of members inviting friends to the club resulted in decreased membership as the club membership aged. Therefore we have been experimenting with new ways of attracting members who still have the drive and ability to participate in the outdoor events and take care of the lodge.

The second tough issue is handling funds. Before I and other new board members started in January, the previous boards had made decisions to keep a certain amount of funds in investments and not to drain the bank account. This was a good decision. We have been adhering to these decisions although this limits the amount of funding certain parts of the club can ask for. The good news is we are in good financial standing and we have not cut any events or hindered lodge function due to funding.

If you have a concern, please email me or any other board member. I reply to all emails personally. It is best not to go through another person to voice your opinion or request. If there is a concern that many support, this will likely be addressed in the next board meeting and potentially result in club changes. Most recently we eliminated hike fees for members and changed the allowed guest number for overnight stays at the lodges. These were items asked for by members.

Sincerely,  
Sheryl Wagner, club president

### Meetup Website

The Trails Club Meetup site allows event planners to organize TCO events online. While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club web site ([www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)), some events, especially those planned on short notice, may appear only on the TCO Meetup site at: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/> Ed.

### Let's Talk About:

The McKenzie River Outing - A Fertile Environment To Recruit Club & Committee Members and Discuss Items of Club Business (such as free fire wood for Tyee).

During an introduction circle at this last TCO Outing at Belknap, Susan Saul gave a great report on the difficulties faced by planning traditional Trail Club Outings. Piggy backing on that thought, George Milne mentioned to me his observation of how Senior, Summer and Family Outings have kind of morphed into this outing Vicki Wood has organized at Belknap Hot Springs for the last 14 years. The advantage of this location is the ability to offer a variety of lodging ranging from upscale rental cabins to tenting and RV parking. The McKenzie River National Recreation Trail offers many recreational possibilities including: hiking, biking, rafting and cultural interpretive sites such as Fish Lake.

What started with Vicki's vision of a "simple" Outing at Belknap, Friday evening to Sunday morning (4 group meals: Friday dinner potluck, Sat breakfast, Sat dinner and Sun breakfast), has expanded to club members arriving ahead of the Outing and remaining days afterward. Most labor intensive for Vicki is club registrations, organizing food prep, being a liaison for all the accommodations she reserves, along with managing the details of an equitable chore list for the group gatherings and being leader of the advertised hike. The key to having a common campfire and dining area is Vicki and the Milnes sharing adjoining sites above the McKenzie River. Though the Milne's RV site usually serves as a check-in area, neighbor Irene Crosby manages the sign-in & sign-up process, including furnishing decorative name tags and most recently Phil Crosby has transported food and provisions. Though a popular trip for seniors, it is not exclusive. Our ages ranged from high school sophomore up.

Sylvia Milne, TCO Historian

### 2018 June Nesika Work Parties Report

16 people went up to the June work party at Nesika Lodge. It opened at 9 AM Friday June 22th & 9 am on Saturday June 23rd. We (Mike & Jean Townsend-Stupek) went up on June 23 & 24th. Some people went home [Saturday] at 6:30 pm. Mike & Jean stayed overnight and cleaned up before they walked out to their car with help of Glen Conrad. I (Mike) brushed off the two benches, painted them & cut the carriage bolts. I took the bolts to the scrap pile, then helped with the wood.

Jean helped in the kitchen, washing dishes & helping the cook.

We are donating the new carriage bolts costing \$41.00.

On Monday before the work party [June 18th], Glen Conrad, I and one more person helped move the generator. Glen took it to one place but they said no. Next place in North Portland said they would look at it. It turns & that is great. They said that they're glad we didn't start the motor because it was full of soot and that would have caused a failure. They're going to take each piece apart, determine costs and what needs replacing. This is cheaper than a new generator.

Mike & Jean Townsend-Stupek

### From the Outings Coordinator

There have not been Alpine/Wilderness Outings for the past several years for a couple of reasons.

- (1) A lot of people are interested in participating in such an outing but no one is willing to take on the leadership role of being the organizer;
- (2) Very few wilderness areas in Oregon and Washington have licensed commercial packers under permit anymore, and most permits are only for one string. The TCO gear requires two strings to pack in all the food, group equipment and personal gear for 12 people. TCO has gone farther afield to Idaho wilderness areas, but that sometimes requires two days of driving each way due to the distance which can be a hardship for members who are working.

We held an outings meeting in January 2018 at the home of Gregg Baker and Susan Green. Only 5 people attended. We discussed several outings ideas; Gregg Baker and Brian Carlson did follow up research but several potential venues already were booked during the most desirable dates. The result was that Gregg and Brian organized a car camp and hiking outing in July in the North Cascades based out of a Forest Service group campground on the Mount Baker Highway.

Susan Saul, Outings Coordinator

### Membership Notes - June 2018

**First Readings:** Cecile Chevraux Sponsors Marti Farris & Diane Brooke

(Draft)

**TCO Board Minutes July 17, 2018**

Location: Symposium Coffeeshop (Tigard)

Board members present: Sheryl Wagner, Joel Reitz, Cindy Lee, Rebecca Knudeson, Jeff Lawton, Lori Leach, Susan Ashenfelter, Raya Budrevich

Others: Linda Conrad, Phil Crosby, Pete Nelson, George Milne, Tom Shanley, Art Stangell

Absent: Randy Dietrich, Aaron Bech

Meeting called to order at 7:03.

Minutes of June meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance at ...5/1/2018	.....	55,041.12
Deposits	.....	6711.3
Withdrawals	.....	(2536.59)
Ending Balance at	.....5/31/18	59,215.83

Nesika:

Jeff Lawton reported for Glenn. 18 people attended the June work weekend. Tim Kutscha operated the tractor and hauled multiple loads of scrap metal to the parking lot for removal to the recyclers. There are about 1500 lbs more in the pile to haul. Lynn Cochran and Dave Bogardus worked on the damaged underground power lines. Mike Stupek removed the damaged planks from the viewpoint benches and prepped them for new wood. Paul Williamson and Jeff Lawton cut wood and eliminated 2 burn piles, reducing the wood to stove size pieces. Brianna, Carol, Julie and Lynn reduced two piles of scrap wood to wood that can be used in the cook stove. Karen and Roger Anderson along with Cooks Nina Rohrs and Jean Stupek worked on the meals. Cooks, Roger and Karen Anderson, donated the food for the weekend. Thank you very much! We cleared two additional tent sites for members who wish to stay overnight near the fire pit pad. One shower works now, though flow pressure is low. The work was hot, hard, dusty and dirty, but smiles were visible on everyones' faces.

Linda reported that they moved the generator to town. The board voted electronically, approving platforms for temporary tent sites, funded through donations.

George talked with county about site plans to repair the concrete block wall on the men's dorm. A structural engineer will be at the July work weekend to assess the integrity of the block wall for the men's dorm so we can move forward with construction and permits. Next weekend plans include work on the generator shack, clearing women's dorm area, grading the trail to the point, and removing bolts from the generator building walls, preparing for a new roof. The road has some high middle sections. We hope that the Forest Service will correct it.

Tyee:

Joel reported for Aaron. We have determined the best insert for the fireplace. By email, the Board approved \$259 to cover the additional cost of the fireplace insert. Grit in the triple sink was also discussed.

Membership:

Lori reported a new member, First Reading: Cecile Chevraux, sponsored by Marti Farris and Diane Brooke. Lori is still working on our total number of members. Some

checks for dues haven't yet cleared. They may have been lost in the post office that burned. Also, some members may have missed the reminder to pay dues in transitioning from the paper Blazer to the electronic version.

Publications: Randy was absent.

Trips:

Raya reported a big family weekend at Tyee combined with the work weekend on July 28. It will include a membership hike. Another membership hike is planned for Labor Day weekend.

Social

Susan reported plans for a picnic and for a presentation of TC activities. They are thinking about having pic nights that travel to various coffeeshops or pubs. We discussed fees for meeting rooms in such facilities.

Member feedback:

Phil Crosby discussed advanced copies of the agendas for the Board meetings.

Pete Nelson stated his hope that conflicts within the club can be resolved.

New Business:

Secretary Rebecca Knudeson approved by email vote.

Blazer issues tabled until August.

Appointed George Milne as chair of the history committee with Sylvia as historian.

George offered to donate space in his business building for the history office. The facility needs some work. The cost to the Club will probably just be for utilities. Parking will be a problem. Sylvia will need to be contacted to let members into the space. George will be responsible to handle the donations. Our lease for the current office goes through the first of February, 2019. The move probably won't happen until November. Joel moved to accept George as history committee chair. Cindy seconded. Unanimously approved.

Members with unpaid dues: Lori may send a postcard to members with overdue dues and/or send them to all members in the fall as a dues reminder. She may also phone members with outstanding dues. Some non responders may have died and the Club hasn't been notified. Currently, the PayPal method of dues payments doesn't allow for address updates nor for members indicating interest in serving on specified committees.

Paper Blazer discussion tabled until August.

Elections Committee Plans: The President will work on appointing a nominating chair. Linda Conrad and George Milne volunteered to be on the committee. It would be good to include some newer members. In the past, the committee had 5 members. It can't include current board members. We need to begin planning the annual meeting, especially to determine a location and date.

Art Stangell is giving up his law license at the end of the year, offering to act as a registered agent for the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02.

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**Description Text** - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

*Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis*

Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

**Depart:** Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

**Leader:** Name, Phone, and/or email.

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Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon website to: [webmaster@trailsclub.org](mailto:webmaster@trailsclub.org)

### Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule-2018

Aug 9 (Thu) Fernhill Wetlands/Banks-Gisela Peiracy	Sep 1 (Sat) Westside Tour-Chaz Shaw
Aug 12 (Sun) Willamette Valley-Terry Lawson	Sep 6 (Thu) Willamette Park/Zoo-Audrey Perino
Aug 16 (Thu) Bike-n-Dine: Springwater to Boring	Sep 9 (Sun) Milwaukie/Redland-Terry Lawson
-Audrey Perino	Sep 15 (Sat) Canby Ferry-Dave Crout
Aug 25 (Sat) Boring/Redland-Dave Crout	Sep 30 (Sun) Portland/Gladstone Trolley Trail
Aug 30 (Thu) Milwaukie/Trion Crk-Gerda Eck	-Maureen Covell