



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events

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1	Wed	Evening Hike—Class B
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7	Tue	Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Hike—Class A
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8	Wed	Evening Hike—Class B
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29	Wed	Evening Hike—Class B

Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section.
TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2

Announcements

Tyee Lodge Committee Meeting May 13, 2013

There will be a Tyee Lodge Committee meeting on Monday evening, May 13, 2013 to plan for the coming year at 7:30 PM at the Trails Club History Office, 2080 SE Oak Grove Blvd, The Oak Grove Business Center, Suite 10. For further information or directions contact Lodge Trustee George Milne

Awards Given At Annual Banquet

At this year's Annual Banquet in April, Carla Haake was presented the Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award. This award is highest honor the Trails Club can bestow. It is given to an individual who has served the Club both well and long. It is given not for a single achievement, but for a record of service to the Club in various capacities. It remembers Henry Waespe, who spent almost a lifetime serving the Club he loved.

Audrey Perino was the winner of the yearly Trip Leader Award. This award honors the leader of the most hikes, cross-country ski trips, snowshoes, backpacks, bicycle trips and outing in the previous year. Audrey was the winner last year too!

The club is happy to direct much deserved recognition to these two dedicated club members.

Events

May 01 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 9:30 AM.
Leader: Joan Miller, 503-524-0562 joanmil@juno.com

May 01 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.

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The purpose of the Trails Club is to foster and stimulate interest in hiking, climbing, skiing, camping and other similar outdoor activities and to promote activities of a social nature for the benefit of its members. The Club's interests and concerns are conservation of natural beauty and resources of the country. All Club activities are affected by the voluntary participation of the members. Membership requirements include an approved outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit, recommendations by two members within a one-year period, approval by the Board of Trustees, and payment of \$45 in dues for first household member, \$25 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a \$15 entrance fee.

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Return about 8:00 PM.

Leader: Gini Bateman, 503-475-8712 or
ginibateman@comcast.net

**May 2 (Thu) Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course Bike Ride
Class A/B**

We will ride through Dawson Creek Park, then over to the Rock Creek area. From there we will go through North Plains to the Golf Course where we can eat our lunch or snack. This is a mostly level ride of about 20 miles. Depart: 10:00 AM, Hillsboro Main Library, 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy, Hillsboro,
Please register with leader by Wednesday night.
Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or
giselapiercy@gmail.com

May 3-5 (Fri-Sun) Nesika Food Dehydrating Weekend

Bring your food dehydrator and your favorite dehydrated meal to prepare and share with others. We will have a trading party of favorite dehydrated meals. This can help bring variety to our diet on the trail. Glen can bring in the food dehydrators and packs for those wanting to hike in on Friday PM. Class B hike or drive in (road is open!). We will meet people at the gate on Friday PM at 6:00 PM and Saturday AM at 9:00. We will also lead a hike up to the lodge starting at Multnomah Falls at 5:00 PM on Friday. You will probably be on your own hiking out.
Register with: Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com or
360-837-3875.

**May 7 (Tue) Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge
Hike—Class A**

Bring your binoculars to enjoy wildlife at this uniquely urban refuge. After the approximately 4 mile walk you will have an opportunity to stop at the visitor's center to see a display of the history of the refuge and to visit the store which is a project of Friends of the Refuge.
Depart: 9:30 AM near the restrooms. Address: 19255 SW Pacific Highway (99W), Sherwood,
Leader: Jane Storey, 503-724-5467 or
andrewstorey@comcast.net.

May 08 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 9:30 AM.
Leader: Mike Hewlett 503-635-7270 or
mfh4travel@gmail.com

May 08 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Leader: Eric Berg ericwb@aol.com

May 11 (Sat) Mosier Tunnel Bike Rides Class B and C

We will pedal on historic Highway 30 thru the Mosier tun-

nels. It is a dedicated paved bike and pedestrian path. After the town of Mosier we share the road of this scenic byway and road less traveled. There are a couple of good hills to test your skills. There is always an option to make this an "A" ride by turning around in the Tunnel which will make a 5 or 6 mile ride. I will lead the 26 mile "B" ride to the Rowena Crest and Tom McCall Overlook with good undulating hills. Allen Burrell will continue on through The Dalles and up and over Seven Mile Hill. It's classified as "C", has wonderful vistas and is a strenuous bike ride.

Bring lunch, water, helmet, and 10 essentials.
Depart: 10 AM from Mark O Hatfield trailhead at Historic Columbia Highway State Park parking lot (\$5 parking fee).
Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214 or gerdaeck@comcast.net. Please register with leader.

May 11 (Sat) Memaloose Hills Hike—Class A/B

This open country east of Hood River is a place of low hills and valleys that are a haven for wildflowers in the Spring. Hike 6 to 7 miles. There are few trails and the route is open for wandering. Views of the Gorge and the Cascades are vast. Moderate pace. Drive 110 miles round trip.
Depart: 8:30 AM from Gateway Park and Ride.
Leader: Gary Holman 503-261-3571

May 13 (Mon) North Portland Bike Ride—Class A

Explore a little bit of N. Portland on this easy paced evening ride of 15-20 miles (2-2 1/2 hours) on streets and bike paths.
Depart: 6:00 PM from Columbia park on N. Winchell St. at the corner of N. Chautauqua, just a few blocks north of Lombard St. Leader: Brian Carlson 503-960-9451

May 15 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

It's Rhododendron time! We'll hike 4 - 5 miles in SE Portland, including a stop to gawk at the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden and a walk through Reed Canyon.
Depart Wallace Park at 9:30 AM or from the parking lot at the corner of SE Bybee & 27th Av. at 9:45 AM.
Leader: Ken Kane, 503-246-6462 ken@woodbloom.com

May 15 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Leader: Bruce Seymour 503-722-2290 or bruceseymour65@gmail.com

May 18 (Sat) Salmon River Hike—Class A

This is a 7.2 mile round trip hike along the central part of the Salmon River. Elevation gain is 900 feet. Half of the hike is in lovely old growth forest with views of the river and little elevation gain. We then weave in and out of the drainages through younger forest to a bluff high over the river for lunch. Pace will be moderate. Driving distance is 82 miles round trip. Trailhead pass required.
Depart: 8:00 AM from Gateway Transit Center
Leader: Diana Forester 503-288-7782 home, 503-422-8896 cell

May 18 (Sat) Dog Mtn. Hike—Class B

It's May and that means it's time to go see the Balsam root flowers of Dog Mountain. We'll climb the easier route up and come down the longer Augspurger route. Lunch at the top with hopefully good views and sun. Hike 6.9 miles round trip with 2820 feet elevation gain. Drive 98 miles round trip. Drivers need NW Forest Parking Pass.
Depart: 8:00 AM from Gateway Transit Center after forming car pool.
Leader: Brian Carlson 503-960-9451

May 18 (Sat) Nesika Membership Hike—Class B

Wonder what's up past Multnomah Falls? Join us and find out! Hike up Multnomah Creek to Nesika Lodge for lunch. Pass through dense forest and see several waterfalls. This is a work weekend at Nesika, so club members will be working there while we visit. This hike and lodge visit qualify you for Trails Club membership if you wish to apply. Hike about 8 miles round trip, with about 1800 feet of elevation gain. Bring the 10 Essentials, lunch, snacks, water, and rain gear. Round trip driving distance is 49 miles. Bring cash for trip fees and carpool expenses.
Depart: Gateway Park & Ride by 8:30 AM, or Multnomah Falls Lodge gift shop by 9:15 AM
Leader: Lisa Osburn 503-476-5638 or socialchair@trailsclub.org

May 18-19 (Sat-Sun) Eagle Creek Backpack—Class A

We'll take the Eagle Creek Trail in the Columbia Gorge past scenic Punchbowl Falls and Tunnel Falls, hiking high above the creek in some sections. Trail has many scenic sections blasted directly out of rock with cables strung for handholds. Camping will be at campsites along the creek after hiking about 7 miles total and an elevation of 1200 to 1300 feet. We'll return to trailhead Sunday. .
To register, Application form and Emergency Contact Information form need to be received by leader before Thursday May 16th. These forms are available on the Backpack Page under Backpack Participant Information. Contact leader for more information, and to register before Thursday, May 16.
Leader: Bill Yandon, home 503-538-3643, cell 503-887-2932 or wkyandon@earthlink.net

May 18-19(Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

Come on up to our home in the Columbia River National Scenic Area and participate in the spirit of volunteerism. We will be addressing a wide variety of projects. Susan Taylor will be cooking for us.
Register with: Glen Conrad 360-837-3787 or lcgrconrad@aol.com

May 19 (Sun) Portland Loop Bike Ride—Class B

We will do a 32-mile loop on Portland's dedicated bike paths and on roads with bike lanes or little traffic. Mostly flat with views of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers and Johnson Creek. Contact leader for start time & location.
Leader: Maureen Covell, 503-954-4501, or charleycvl@aol.com.

May 20 (Mon) Clackamas River Rd Bike Ride—Class B

We will ride out Clackamas River Dr and Springwater Rd toward Estacada, stopping at Milo McIver State Park for lunch. We then ride back via Redland Rd to Oregon City. Rolling hills through beautiful countryside, 35 miles, 1400-ft elevation gain.

Depart: 10 am from Abernathy Creek City Park, Oregon City, parking on John Adams St off Abernathy Rd near Washington St; take McLoughlin Blvd exit off 205; E-mail leader to register and for info on ride
Leader: Terry Lawson 971-998-5810 or lawson.terry@gmail.com

May 22 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 9:30 AM.
Leader: Callista Snively, 503-330-7344
kissta9@gmail.com

May 22 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Leader Bob Link 360-859-3745 fanmanr@aol.com

May 23 (Thu) Adventures & Travels—Arizona

Audrey Perino and Ken Kane recently visited Phoenix, Tucson, and points in between. Highlights they'll share include a 15-year-old cave, a 600-year-old building, and a base-brawl. As an added bonus: you'll finally learn how to pronounce the name of that cactus, right, with the arms!

7:00 pm Refreshments, 7:30 pm Slideshow.

Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie.

More information: Lisa Osburn socialchair@trailsclub.org or 503-476-5638



May 24-27 (Fri-Mon) Hunt Mountain Outing

Spend three nights camping at Bill Rude's private retreat on Hunt Mountain near Haines, OR. Tent camp or stay in a cabin or trailer on site. Contact Bill about available accommodations on-site. Featured hike will be a Class C trek to the top of Hunt Mountain, which is 8 miles RT with an elevation gain of 4,000 feet. First 3 miles will be on roads and the final mile will be cross-country through open forest. We can do other hikes if participants desire. There will be wildflowers and wildlife. Please have the 10 essentials as we may encounter afternoon thunderstorms, cold and snow on our hikes, and weather may cause changes to hike plans. You are responsible for your own food, ice

chest, cooking and camping equipment, tent, sleeping bag, chair, etc. We would like to have potluck dinners on Saturday and Sunday, so you should bring a dish to share for each night as well as your own breakfasts and lunches for each day. You are responsible for providing or arranging your own transportation to and from the outing. Driving distance from Portland is 300 miles one-way. If desired, you can arrange among yourselves to carpool, cook meals together, share camp stoves, tents, etc. A map to the campsite location and the hike will be available. The number of participants is limited to 10.

Outing Costs: Members: \$4.00 nonmembers: \$9.00

To reserve your place:

Complete the Hunt Mountain Outing Application and Medical Forms available on the TCO website. If you prefer to have the forms mailed to you, contact Bill Rude at brtreeman@gmail.com or 503-630-5685. Mail both forms with your **nonrefundable** trip fee, payable to the *Trails Club of Oregon*

to: **Trails Club of Oregon**

Attn: Hunt Mountain Outing

PO Box 1243

Portland, OR 97207-1243

You will be notified by email when you have been accepted for the outing.

Leader: Bill Rude, Assistant Leader: Linda Conrad

May 29 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 9:30 AM.

Leaders: Arleta Miller leadadann@hotmail.com or 360-607-2864 and Phil Crosby, ascot@SpiritOne.com or 503-636-1853.

May 29 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.

Leader lotteschmitz@msn.com or 503-722-2290

Meeting Places

Gateway Park & Ride From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of 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 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

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 in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. Tri-Met buses 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

Let's Talk About

Quick Note:

Reminders from our recent first aid class. Everyone on trips carries a first aid kit, not just leaders. Is yours adequate and up to date? Bring it. Know how to use it. Everyone needs his/her Emergency Contact & Medical Information Forms (located in middle of our Membership Handbook & Directory) filled out with his/her own current information and with you on all trips.

Trails Ahead

Tyee Schedule —2013

Date	Event Description	Contact
Jun 11-13 (Tue-Thu)	Double Hike&Dine	Nancy Overpeck
Jun 22-23 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	George Milne
Jul 11-13 (Thu-Sat)	Perino Family	Audrey Perino
Jul 27-28 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	George Milne

Nesika Schedule —2013

Date	Event Description	Contact
May 03-05 (Fri-Sun)	Food Dehydrating	Linda Conrad
May 18-19 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Jun 08-09 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Jun 22 (Sat)	Field Drawing Sem	Stephan Brown
Jun 28-30 (Fri-Sun)	Nesika Trail Running	Andrew Tipton
Jul 13-14 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Jul 26-28 (Fri-Sun)	Conrad Family	Glen&Linda Conrad

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule—2013

Date	Event Description	Contact
Jun 06 (Thu)	Hagg Lake	Gisela Piercy
Jun 14 (Fri)	Lacamas Lake	Terry Lawson
Jun 16 (Sun)	Grand Island	Louis Sowa
Jun 23 (Sun)	Portland Buttes	Maureen Covell
Jun 25 (Tue)	Last Tue BikeRamble-TrolleyTrail	Gerda Eck

Upper Twin Lake/Palmateer Pt. Backpack—Class A June 8-9 (Sat-Sun)

We'll backpack three miles, past Lower Twin Lake to Upper Twin Lake or Palmateer Creek, set up camp, and then do a side trip to scenic Palmateer Point. Return trip on Sunday will be along the Pacific Crest Trail. Camping at Upper Twin should be more private than busy Lower Twin. Mileage of the whole loop is 9 miles with 1500 feet of elevation gain.

To register, Application form and Emergency Contact Information form need to be received by leader before Wednesday June 5th. These forms are available at www.trailsclub.org under Backpack Participant Information.

Leader: Bill Yandon 503-538-3643 or cell 503-887-2932 or wkyandon@earthlink.net

Tyee Lodge: Double Hike & Dine Jun 11-13 (Tue-Thu)

Sign up to just eat, or eat and sleep at the lodge, 1 or 2 nights (Tues &/or Wed). Meals: Tues dinner; Wed breakfast and dinner; Thurs breakfast. Bring your own lunches (sometimes we have leftovers). The dinners are special, so the cost may be \$2.00 more per dinner. Chief Cooks will be Namhea Lew on Tues, and Jeannine Rychlik on Wed. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE LODGE.** Register with Nancy or Pete by Saturday, June 8th. Tell us which day(s) and/or night(s), and meal(s). Total cost for Tues-Thurs (meals & lodging): \$40 Trails Club members, \$50 non-members. More information: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878 or Pete Nelson 503-591-0160 or www.trailsclub.org.

Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River June 28-30 (Fri-Sun)

Hike, fish, kayak, trail bike, whitewater raft, golf, soak in the hot mineral springs, pools and enjoy gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River. The trip outing is Fri. and Sat. nights, with option of Sun. night on your own. Sat. and Sun. breakfasts and Sat. appetizers & campfire dinner are provided. Fri. night potluck dinner is an option. Lunches are on your own. 8 to 9 mile easy loop hike along McKenzie River past 3 waterfalls & Clear Lake Sat. Check resort website; www.belknaphotsprings.com for photos/info. Resort is about 300 miles RT from downtown Portland. TCO is not responsible for providing or arranging transportation to or from the outing. There are 4 tent sites, 14 RV sites, 6 cabins, and 7 lodge rooms reserved for our group. Lodging prices per night including tax (both Fri. and Sat. night stay is required by the resort) are:

Tent sites \$32.70 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person).

RV sites \$38.15 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person).

Cabin prices are divided by the number of people and range from \$152.60 for up to 4 people to \$277.95 for up to 6 people (\$10 each additional person).

Lodge rooms range from \$109 for 2 people to \$152.60 for up to 4 people.

Other fees include food costs, transportation of food and supplies, and a daily TCO trip fee which comes to approximately \$19 total per member and \$21 total per nonmember. Contact Vicki Wood for the TCO application and medical forms, or download them from our website at trailsclub.org. You will find these forms with the Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River. article in the Outings section of our website. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit plus the two forms are required to hold your reservation. Both members and nonmembers may inquire now. The balance of your lodging fee is due May 25. Both checks should be payable to Trails Club of Oregon and sent to PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207-1243.

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Before you send a check please contact Vicki Wood to inquire about availability, or for more information. 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net

**Silver Star Mt.Hike—Class B
July 21 (Sun)**

Hike an 8-mile loop from Grouse Vista trailhead, climb 2000 feet past Pyramid Rock to the summit, returning past Sturgeon Rock on the Tarbell trail. Silver Star Mountain is a wildflower paradise and has 360° views from the summit. Drive 80 miles round trip, with the last 8 on gravel. Depart: Gateway Park and Ride at 8:00 AM
Leader: Paul Cutter 360-260-1673
paulcutter1958@gmail.com

ALPINE OUTING

**In Idaho's White Cloud Mountains
Aug 4-11 (Sun-Sun) and Aug 11-18 (Sun-Sun)**

Applications opened April 15 for the 2013 Alpine Outing in the Chamberlain Lakes Basin of Idaho's White Cloud Mountains. See the April Trail Blazer for a full description of the Outing.

Week 1 of the Outing will be from August 4-11 led by Bill Kingsbury; Week 2 will be from August 11-18 led by Gary Holman and Brian Carlson. Each week will be limited to 12 people.

Participants are responsible for providing or arranging their own transportation to and from the outing. Driving distance from Portland to the trailhead at Fourth of July Lake is about 530 miles one-way.

Applications will be accepted in the order of postmarked date and time. Applications from non- members and members of FWOOC organizations postmarked after May 15 will be accepted if space is available.

Cost will be \$400 for Trails Club members and members of FWOOC organizations; cost for non-members will be \$475.

If you have any questions contact Bill Kingsbury at crowntown@earthlink.net or 503-281-4528.

To apply for a place on the outing: 1. Complete the 2013 Alpine Outing Application and Medical Forms, which are available on the TCO website. If you prefer to have the forms mailed to you, please contact Callista Snively at kissta9@gmail.com or 503-330-7344 2. Complete the forms and mail them with a NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$100 payable to TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON. Address them to: Trails Club of Oregon P.O. Box 1243 Portland, OR 97207

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing. Your final payment, due June 1, 2013, will be the total cost minus the \$100 deposit. If your final payment is not received by June 1, your place on the outing will be assigned to the first person on the Alternates List. Alternates need to be aware that your \$100 deposit check will be held until you are accepted or it will be returned to you if no opening occurs.

Refunds of the final payment due to your decision to cancel (should you decide to do this) will be proc-

essed after the outing has concluded and all of the outing expenses have been accounted for, so a full refund of your final payment is not guaranteed. No refund will be given on final payment if you cancel in the 30 days before the outing starts.

**Mt. Rainier National Park Outing
Aug 18-23 (Sun-Fri)**

Leader: Joan Miller, Assistant Leader: Lesia Carlock

Spend five nights camping at Ohanapecosh Campground in a tent only, group campsite. Ohanapecosh is located in the South East area of Mt Rainier National Park. We plan to hike mostly in the areas of Sunrise, Paradise, and Ohanapecosh. We have leaders for Level A and B hikes. The scenery and wildflowers are spectacular. Bring your camera. We will be carpooling between our campsite and the trailheads. We will camp as a group, sharing the campsite tables and fire pits. The campground has flush toilets and water, but no showers. We will conclude each day with a group gathering around the campfire to share our day's experiences and plans for the next day's hikes while enjoying treats for all!

Participants are responsible for their own food, ice chest, cooking and camping equipment, tent, sleeping bag, chair, etc. Because of bears, food must be stored in vehicles while away from the campsite.

Participants are responsible for providing or arranging their own transportation to and from the outing. Driving distance from Gateway Park and Ride in Portland to Ohanapecosh Campground is 153 miles one-way.

We will have a pre-meeting, probably in July, to meet the other participants and answer questions. If desired, you can arrange with other participants to carpool, cook meals together, share camp stoves, tents etc. Maps to the campsite location will be handed out.

Minimum age to participate is 16 years with an adult participant responsible for anyone under 18 years.

The outing costs include the group campsite fees, TCO trip fees, wood for our group campfires, and fees for extra cars (only 5 cars are allowed to park at the group site parking area). Some cars will need to park in the overflow parking location by the Ohanapecosh Ranger Station.

The outing cost does not include the entrance fee to Mount Rainier National Park, currently \$15.00 per car for a 7 day pass. If you have an America the Beautiful Annual Pass, Senior Pass, U.S. Military Annual Pass, Access Pass, or Volunteer Pass, there is no entrance fee for the car you are in.

Cost for members: \$38.00, nonmembers \$46.00.

Applications are now being accepted for both and nonmembers. To reserve your place: Complete the Mt. Rainier Outing Application and Medical Forms, which are available on the TCO website. If you prefer to have the forms mailed to you, contact Joan Miller. Mail both forms, along with your trip fee, payable to:

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
Attn: Mt Rainier Outing
PO BOX 1243

Portland, OR 97207-1243

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing. Once you are accepted on the Mt Rainier outing, the trip fee is refundable only if there is a replacement on the Alternate List approved by the Leader. **Refund of your payment due to your decision to cancel (should you decide to do this) will be processed after the outing has concluded and all of the outing expenses have been accounted for, so a full refund of your payment is not guaranteed. No refund will be given on your payment if you cancel in the 30 days before outing starts.**

For more information contact: Joan Miller 503-524-0562 or trailsclubmtrainierouting@gmail.com

Natchez Trace Bicycle Trip Oct 8-23 (Mon-Wed)

This 444 mile Parkway was established as a unit of the National Park System in 1938 and officially completed in 2005. We will fly to Nashville, stay in B&B's and Hotels, bicycle between 40 and 60 miles a day. We will tour the Antebellum homes in Natchez, MS visit the birthplace of Elvis Presley in Tupelo MS and the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. We will pedal in three States with an abundance of history, the leaves will be turning and the temperatures are still warm in the South. This trip is limited to 10 participants. Applications will be taken until May 10th.

For more information please contact Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214 gerdaeck@comcast.net.

Trails Club History

Trails Club Transitions: Trekking toward our Centennial 1915-2015 Chapter 3 (continued)

In the last fifty years, several presidents have attempted to develop a strategic long range plan. These efforts were lead by past Presidents Walt Ruse (1976-78), Angelo Carella (1979-1980), George Milne (1991-1993) and Gerda Eck (2002-2003). Each attempt benefited the club; however with the constant change of leadership on the Board of Trustees and no way to centralize information, this has not come to fruition.

To date, Walt Ruse headed up the most successful long range planning effort. He established a Nesika Future's Task Force to determine Nesika's destiny. He facilitated a process which involved members in designing and carrying out a member survey, which indicated over whelming support for replacing the lodge or upgrading. When the later proved non cost effective, Ding Cannon was curious of how many members had visited, worked, or used Nesika in the previous five years. His finding, after researching the registration book on site, resulted in Ding's making a recommendation that the club support the replacement of the lodge during an old timer's reunion at Tyee. He reminded those present of how their involvement in projects and outings over the last fifty years had developed strong camaraderie

and he wanted the younger members to have the same experience.

Years later, following internal changes in USFS leadership in the Columbia Gorge, they reduced forces and archived their documents on fiche. After the local office closed, records ended up in Colorado or a ranger station in the eastern part of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. In 2006, a proposed wilderness bill, that would have blocked our right to use the basin road into Nesika, prompted new USFS staff to request historic proof of the club's history of using and maintaining the road.

Trails Club President Craig Sharpe asked Susan Saul, familiar with government protocol; Ken Becker, born into membership of the early club and Merrill Hugo, familiar with the Nesika campus, to convince the agency of our history on the road. After months of research Susan, Ken and Merrill compiled a convincing report which resulted in the boundaries of the new wilderness area being modified to allow continued access to Nesika. Our lack of centralized record keeping made their research extremely complicated and time consuming.

As a result of Susan's success, the club elected her to serve as the next president from 2008-09. In her infinite wisdom, with firsthand knowledge of the need to centralize and archive Trails Club information, she gained Board approval to hire American History Savers, Inc. to perform a needs assessment. Besides the cost of professional services, the initial project budget included renting a storage unit and assigning more duties to the club's newly hired part-time Administrative Assistant Virginia Larson. She worked with Archivist Brian Johnson in Portland from January to June and then in her La Center, WA home.

In 2009, upon completion of his assessment, Brian submitted a report to the Board and Susan secured a space at the Mazama Building to store archived boxes completed during the process. The hitch became where to store the stacks of unprocessed boxes, not suitable for placement in archival storage. As a member of the club with a passion for the project, Virginia agreed to store the more than 20 boxes and shelves of picture albums. She worked long hours (paid/unpaid) on the project. This continued until the Board cut Virginia to just a few hours per week as a direct result of the downturn of the US economy and club investments. The club is extremely grateful for Virginia's care of the TCO collection, the space she provided up until January 26, 2013 and her efforts to relocate everything.

Thanks to current Board support of centralizing the Club's records, the History Committee is off to a great start in putting more structure to the collection and tracking participation. In order to record who enters the office, their number of visits and any work on the project, the committee immediately established a registry, similar to what is at the lodges. As of February 10th 16 individuals have helped in set-up, planning or project work, there have been 51 visits and 146 hours of work accomplished in the office with an additional 50 related hours. According to the 2011 national value of volunteer time (\$21.79 per hour) this generated the equivalent of \$3,181.34 worth of compensation.

Summary of Board Minutes

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING April 9, 2013

Call to Order—Richard Gaunt called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All board members, executive assistant Virginia Larson and Counsel Art Stangell attended. Jeff Lawton was a guest.

Merrill Hugo was welcomed as secretary.

Following a short discussion concerning voting on matters by email it was agreed that this procedure should sometimes be used and that there should be a bylaws change to reflect this. The corrected minutes for the March 12 meeting were then approved. (msc Milne,Yandon)

Administrative Assistant—Virginia has focused on tracking the the McKenzie River Outing and the Banquet in addition to her routine duties. Her written report is appended.

Treasurer's Report Cindy Lee provided the reconciled bank statements and the financial reports to the secretary for our records. The YTD and monthly financial reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Cash Balance	March 31, 2013	\$4963.67
Beginning Balance	03-01-2013	\$8518.19
March Deposits		1940.00
March Checks/withdrawals		<u>-5494.22</u>
Ending Balance		\$4963.97

Cindy submitted copies of the check register and profit and loss comparisons to last year and to the budget. She recommended that we transfer funds from the investment account to the current account. A discussion followed on the mechanism for doing this and on the need for some local members of the investment committee.

Vice President's Report—Bill reminded us that the Mazamas have Tyee 04-20 to 04-21. Andrew Tipton requested Nesika for 06-28 to 6-30 for a Mazama and Trail Runners event.

Request was approved. (msc Yandon, Milne).

Membership—Frank P. Hood was initially proposed for membership.(first reading)

Laurie A. Hanly, Ann B. McKinney, Denis A. Rychlik, M. Jeannine Rychlik, J. Ed Aas, Susan Marie, Sharon Rickman, Gretchen H. Marble, and Lorne M. Symes were approved for membership. (second reading).

Dorothy Dober, Virginia Fuller, Marie Oirkha, and Sara Kirschenbaum have resigned.

Marie Deuell and Wayne Bauman are new Golden members and appropriate letters of congratulation have been sent.

Trips—Carolyn recognized Susan Saul for her help with the new Hunt Mountain outing. Carolyn wants to remove references to kayaking from our websites and publications. The Board felt this was a good idea

Publications—Phil said he had been gone in the latter part of March but it appears the March Blazer had come

out well and on time.

Social—Lisa told us that the banquet was ready to go with about 80 signed up. Some dates for Adventures and Travel have been adjusted to fit speakers' schedules. Nancy Overpeck will be coordinating this summer's hike and dine events and Arleta Miller will be arranging the picnics

Lodges—George told us that Glen has the road to Nesika cleared so potential contractors for the bridge repair can scope out the project. Glen is also working on alternate plans for the repair if we can't come to a satisfactory contract.

George hasn't found a chairman for Tyee so he may have to devote his attention to Tyee this summer.

ODOT wants to close off our parking on Timberline Road.

The Mazamas are working with an engineer to design a new off-road parking area. Some of our members will meet with the Mazamas and the engineer.

New Business

Merrill Hugo will be added to the authorized check signatures. There was discussion concerning local investment committee members. A number of the board members thought we should look into purchasing a compact defibrillator for use on extended outings,

History Project—Brian Johnson is tutoring some members on archiving. We have functioning computers and scanners.

Adjourned—8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted, Merrill Hugo, Secretary



A cactus doing a headstand and a Trails Clubber playing a harp by Ken Kane—See Adventures & Travel May 23rd



**Balch Creek, Forest Park—Wednesday
Morning Hike By Phillip Jackson**

Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first reading **PLEASE** contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips

1st Readings

Frank P Hood
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& Audrey Perino

Resignations

Dorothy Dober
Virginia Fuller
Maria Oirkha
Sara Kirschenbaum

2nd Readings

Laurie A. Hanly
Ann B. McKinney
Dennis A. Rychlik
M. Jeannine Rychlik
J. Ed Aas
Susan Marie
Sharon Rickman
Gretchen H Marble
Lorne M Symes

Changes

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Golden Members

Marie Deuell: member since
3-11-1963
Wayne Bauman: member since
12-10-1963

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, kayak, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events.

For hikes and showshoe activities:

Class A—Shorter, less strenuous activity, typically 4 to 8 miles, less than 1500 feet elevation gain.

Class B—Moderate to difficult, typically 6 to 12 miles, up to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

Class C—Long and difficult, strong experienced participants only, typically over 8 miles, and over 3000 feet of elevation gain. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

Note: Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the leader if you have any questions about the trip and to let him or her know that you will be attending.

Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.

Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should stay with the group and follow the leader. The leader is responsible for the group's safety. The leader determines which route is taken. The leader has authority to determine if a participant is prepared for the activity. Group safety must come first.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities.

Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.15 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.30 per mile shared by all the riders.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves food expense and are unable to participate you are obligated to do one of the following: cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate activity Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: **blazer@trailsclub.org**

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication.

Please use the following format:

Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A, B, C

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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