



Trail Blazer

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TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		

Events

Jun 05 (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: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878 or overpeck@wa-net.com

Jun 05 (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: Donna Covi 503-286-7243 dcibike2@aol.com

Jun 06 (Thu) Hagg Lake Bike Ride—Class B

This ride will take us through western Washington County, past the Fern Hill Wetlands, through Gaston and then around Hagg Lake. The ride has a number of rolling hills, but the scenery in that area is worth it. We will stop for lunch at one of the lake's picnic sites. You can skip the trip around the lake for a shorter ride. Depart: 10 am Rogers Park, Elm St and 17th Ave, Forest Grove. Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503-648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com. Please register with leader by Wednesday night.

Jun 08 (Sat) Nesika Membership Hike—Class B

A beautiful trek up from Multnomah Lodge to the historic and tranquil grounds of Nesika Lodge, offering a babbling creek, lush woods and gradual elevation gain. Trails Club folks will be working there so it will be open for your visit. Bring water and lunch or snacks. This hike and lodge visit qualifies you for Trails Club membership if you wish to apply. Hike about 8 miles round trip with 1700-1800 feet elevation gain. Moderate-plus pace. Depart: Gateway Park & Ride garage at 8:30 AM, from Multnomah Falls Lodge gift shop by 9:15 AM. Leader: Jane Garbisch 503-314-2233.

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Jun 08 (Sat) Burdoin Mt. Hike—Class A/B

This hike includes old roads and paths in Washington's Columbia Gorge leading to spectacular open mountain top views. The trip begins at the Bingen/White Salmon Hospital and is a loop trip. The pace will be moderate. Enjoy views, flowers, and sun (hopefully). Hike 7 to 8 miles with 1500 feet elevation gain. Drive 110 miles round trip. Depart: 8:30 AM from Gateway Park and Ride
Leader: Gary Holman 503-261-3571

Jun 08-09 (Sat-Sun) Upper Twin Lake/Palmateer Pt. Backpack—Class A

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. The whole loop is 9 miles with 1500 feet of elevation gain. To register, Application form and Emergency Contact Information form must be received by leader before Wed. June 5th. These forms are available on the Backpack page under Backpack Participant Information.at www.trailsclub.org.
Leader: Bill Yandon 503-538-3643 or cell 503-887-2932
wkyandon@earthlink.net

Jun 08-09 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

The Nesika Work Weekend has a lot of projects to keep people busy. Make reservations by Wed. night June 05 with Nesika Lodge Chair, Glen Conrad, 360-837-3787

Jun 11 (Tue) Mirror Lake/Tom Dick Mt. Hike-Class A/B

Drive US Highway 26 toward Government Camp. Park in road-side pull-out, south side, between mileposts 51 & 52. If you wish a shorter hike go 3.2 miles round trip to Mirror Lake and return to cars. We may continue toward Tom Dick Mt. for the best views. If so, we possibly will hike 6.4 miles round trip with 1500 feet elevation gain. Bring lunch and water.
Depart: Mirror Lake Trailhead 10 AM
Leader: Jane Storey 503-724-5467
andrewstorey@comcast.net

Jun 11 (Tue) Hike from Tyee Lodge—Class A

We hike to the end of East Leg Road and explore to find the old Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and signs. Gerta, Alan and I found the trail several years ago while hiking to a small falls. Hike 5 miles with 500 feet elevation gain. Depart: Tyee Lodge near Government Camp at 11 AM.
Leader: Pete Nelson 503-591-0160 or
PeterMVNelson@yahoo.com

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

Sign up to just eat, or eat and sleep at the lodge, 1 or 2 nights (Tue &/or Wed). Meals: Tue dinner; Wed breakfast and dinner; Thu 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 Tue. and Jeannine Rychlik on Wed. Register with Nancy or Pete by Sat., June 08. Tell us which days &/or nights, and meals. Total cost for Tue-Thu (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

Jun 12 (Wed) Hike from Tyee Lodge—Class B

We hike to Timberline Lodge using the original road to Timberline Lodge, West Leg Road. Hike 7 miles with 2000 feet elevation gain.

Depart: Tyee Lodge near Government Camp at 10 AM. Leaders: Nancy Overpeck and Pete Nelson 503-591-0160 PeterMVNelson@yahoo.com

Jun 12 (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: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153 898rick@gmail.com

Jun 12 (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: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712 or ginibateman@comcast.net

Jun 14 (Fri) Lacamas Lake Bike Ride—Class B

The ride is roughly 25 miles near Vancouver and Camas and features one-mile climb up Payne Rd and a loop around Lacamas Lake, with total elevation gain of about 900 feet. Email leader to register and get directions to meeting place: Vancouver, corner of SE Chakalov Dr. and SE McGillvray Blvd. (near SE Mill Plain exit off I-205). Depart: 10 a.m. Leader: Terry Lawson, lawson.terry@gmail.com, or 971-998-5810

Jun 15 (Sat) Big Huckleberry Hike Via PCT—Class B

We hike at a slow pace on the PCT to an old lookout site. This is the shortest distance to Big Huckleberry. Bring a full day pack. Hike 6 miles round trip with 1400 feet of elevation gain. Depart: 8:00 AM from Gateway Park and Ride. Call leader for driving distance. Leader: Kent Meyer 360-574-0784

Jun 16 (Sun) Grand Island Bike Ride—Class A-

We will cross on the Wheatland Ferry, then through Maude Williamson State Park on to Grand Island. We will have lunch at a small park on Grand Island next to the Willamette River. We will return pretty much by the same route. The terrain is pretty flat and the riding distance about 25 miles depending on weather. There is little car traffic on most of the route. Driving directions to the

Wheatland Ferry: South on I-5 to the Brooks Exit, turn right and follow signs to Mission State Park. Pass the entrance to the park, and take the next left to the Wheatland Ferry. Register with leader by 9 PM Sat Jun 15. Depart: East side of Wheatland Ferry at 10:00 AM. Leader: Louis Sowa 503-320-0440 LSowa@earthlink.net

Jun 19 (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: Phil Jackson 971-404-7137 pjtva@comcast.net

Jun 19 (Wed) Evening Special 3-Hour Summer Solstice Hike—Class B/C

We will hike approximately 9 miles visiting Council Crest, Pittock Mansion and the Hoyt Arboretum. Elevation gain over 1,000 feet. Please bring water and snacks for yourself, as this is a more challenging hike. We should be back to Wallace Park about 9 -9:30 PM. Depart: 6:00 PM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. Leader: Catherine Schiedler catherineschied@gmail.com

Jun 21 (Fri) Summer Sunset Solstice Hike—Class B

Hike to Angels Rest in the Colombia Gorge for the longest day sunset hike. This is approximately 4-5 miles round trip with 1000 feet of elevation gain. Depart: from Gateway Park and Ride at 6:30 PM with the goal of viewing the sunset from Angels Rest after 9.00 PM. Bring flashlights for return trip. Drive 42 miles round trip. Drivers need a trailhead parking permit. Leader: Paul Cutter 360-260-1673 paulcutter1958@gmail.com

Jun 22-23 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

We will be doing our post-winter cleanup and measuring up for projects forecast for 2013 at the Tyee meeting in April. Projected projects include cleaning windows, floors and the kitchen, replacing the three wood bridges across the creek, designing and installing a new pie cooler on the deck, building removable benches on the deck, sanding and resealing all exterior doors, upgrading the wood panels below the benches, installing new guard rails on the fire escape. We will also be evaluating the electrical system and replacing worn or broken plugs and switches, looking at lighting in all rooms, installing a new exterior wood storage cover and of course we need wood cut and wood brought into the basement when it is dry. It won't all happen at once and we would appreciate individuals volunteering to decide on a project, possibly along with others, to work on. Christine Olson will be providing meals from Saturday lunch through Sunday lunch. Register with: George Milne 503-572-8512 or lodgechair@trailsclub.org by Monday evening June 17.

Jun 23 (Sun) East Portland Buttes Bike RideClass-C

Let's bike some hills! This ride traverses east side Portland to the tops of Mt. Tabor, Rocky Butte, and Mt. Scott.

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We will enjoy beautiful views and a great cardio workout. Most of the route is on low-traffic streets or bike paths. Some sections have no shoulder and will have some traffic. Includes steep up and down hills varying in length from 1-3 miles each. 32 miles total.

Depart: Contact leader for details

Leader: Maureen Covell 503-954-4501, or charleycvl@aol.com

Jun 25 (Tue) Last Tuesday Bike Ride—Class A

Join me on the first summer last Tuesday leisurely evening bike ride. Maybe a quick stop for a snack along the way. Ride 15 miles. 2-2 1/2 hours long just enjoying the sights of lower SE and SW Portland.

Depart: 6 PM from the Oaks Pioneer church at 455 SE Spokane. Please leave your house early enough to be on time so we won't have to wait for you.

Leader: Brian Carlson 503-960-9451

Jun 26 (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 Harrison 360-326-3084

harrimb585qf@gmail.com

Jun 26 (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

Jun 29 (Sat) McKenzie River Waterfalls/Clear Lake Hike—Class B

Join the group from the Trails Club McKenzie River Outing for this gorgeous 6.5 mile (optional 7.5 mile) hike with 200 feet or less elevation gain. We'll view Sahalie Falls on the McKenzie River, hike to Clear Lake, and complete the five-mile loop around the lake, resting at Great Springs, the headwaters of the McKenzie River. At the end, hike an optional 1 mile round trip addition to view breathtaking Koosah Falls. Bring lunch, lots of water, sunscreen and a hat, as half of the hike around Clear Lake is in direct sun.

Depart: 10:30 AM near the restroom at Sahalie Falls parking lot between mileposts #5 and #6 on Hwy 126. This is east from Eugene about 65 miles. From Salem go 80 miles SE on OR 22 then about 5 miles S. on Hwy 126. Leader: Vicki Wood 503-515-7208 vw48@comcast.net (call with any questions before June 28th)

Jun 30 (Sun) Trolley Trail Bike Ride—Class A

Milwaukie/Gladstone history is recalled by making the old trolley line into a bike path. There are still some sections that need to be ridden along neighborhood streets, but its all paved and an interesting section of town. We will meet at the Jefferson Street boat ramp and ride our bikes, south to the Clackamas River, then connect to the bike trail

along I-205 and return to Milwaukie via city streets to make a nice loop. We will be back in time to peruse the Farmers Market, maybe get a bite to eat there, or have a treat at the old-fashioned fountain in a storefront that used to be the pharmacy, and get a root beer float or a chocolate sundae. Mileage: 15, terrain: mostly flat

Depart: 9 AM Jefferson Street/McLaughlin Blvd—Boat ramp parking along the Willamette River in Milwaukie (call if you need directions).

Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214

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. TriMet 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. TriMet bus 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

Let's Talk About

Carla Haake

Friends:

Carla passed away Saturday May 25 at about 5 PM. From the prior update you know this was not totally unexpected, but I did not expect it to come so quickly.

In some ways it was a blessing. Carla had said several times in the past weeks that she was ready for the fight to the end.

She had been able to do so few of the things she wanted to be doing that she was very frustrated.

She made this statement again Thursday when the edema got so bad she had trouble moving or getting comfortable at all.

Friday night was not pleasant for either of us, but her last hours were mostly peaceful.

Pat Toolin and I were with her at the end and she quietly slipped away.

I know some of you already heard this through more direct channels, but I wanted to make sure everyone who cared about her got the word.

The tentative plan is for a memorial service in a couple of weeks. I will let you all know when we have it arranged.

Randy Dietrich
randyd@Spiritone.com

Quick Note: First Aid Thoughts—Blisters

Hike leaders should encourage any hiker who mentions foot pain to immediately stop and check for hot spots. Covering a reddened area with moleskin may prevent a blister. Be sure that the sock fits properly and that the shoe laces are tightened for downhill travel. Once the blister has formed, molefoam with a donut hole over the blister can relieve pain. Try to avoid breaking it.....

Diana Forester, First Aid Coordinator

Lost People at Nesika

We have received at least four calls from people who wanted information or help after finding themselves at Nesika and seeing the phone list in the window. This appears to be working well.

George Milne, Trustee, Lodges & Properties

Trails Ahead

Tyee Schedule —2013

Date	Event Description	Contact
Jul 11-13 (Thu-Sat)	Perino Family	Audrey Perino
Jul 27-28 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	George Milne
Aug 02-04 (Fri-Sun)	Quilting Retreat	TBD
Aug 11-16 (Sun-Fri)	Mazamas at Tyee	TBD
Aug 24-25 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	George Milne
Sep 28-29 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	George Milne
Oct 26-27 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	George Milne

Nesika Schedule —2013

Date	Event Description	Contact
Jul 13-14 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Jul 26-28 (Fri-Sun)	Conrad Family	Glen&Linda Conrad
Aug 10-11 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Sep 06-08 (Fri-Sun)	Milne Wedding	George Milne
Sep 14-15 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Oct 12-13 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule—2013

Date	Event Description	Contact
Jul 14 (Sun)	Bridge to Bridge I-5/I-205	Ann Dudley
Jul 22 (Mon)	Springwater-Fairview Loop	Terry Lawson
Jul 25 (Thu)	Historical Tour Lake Oswego	
	Allen Burrell, Ralph Rogers, Ann Marie Dudley	
Jul 28 (Sun)	Independence/Buena Vista	Ralph Rogers
Jul 30 (Tue)	Last Tue Bike Ramble-TrolleyTrail	Gerda Ec

Silver Star Mtn Hike—Class B July 21 (Sun)

Hike an 8-mile loop from Grouse Vista trailhead, climb 2000 feet past Pyramid Rock to the summit, return past Sturgeon Rock on the Tarbell trail. Silver Star Mtn. is a wildflower paradise and has 360' views from the summit. Eighty miles round trip, with the last 8 on gravel..

Depart: Gateway Park and Ride at 8:00 AM

Leader: Paul Cutter 360-260-1673 or paulcutter1958@gmail.com

Elk Cove Exploratory Backpack—Class B Aug 10-11 Sat-Sun)

Access Elk Cove on the north side of Mount Hood via Vista Ridge Trail and Timberline Trail. Hike through the 2011 Dollar Lake Burn to reach more scenic views on Timberline Trail. Scenery should include the north face of Mount Hood, Mount Adams, Mt. Saint Helens, and Mount Rainier. Elk Cove is said to be quite scenic. Hike approximately 4 ½ miles each way with about 1700 feet of elevation gain going in and about a 400 foot loss into Elk Cove. To register, Application and Emergency Contact Information forms need to be received by leader before Wednesday August 7th. These forms are available at www.trailsclub.org under Backpack Participant Information.

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

Goat Rocks Backpack Aug 11-16 (Sun-Fri)

Join us in exploring the enchanted beauty of Goat Rocks. We will enter Lily Basin on Sunday, and camp at Heart Lake. Second night: Move our camp to Snow Grass Flat and explore the area. Third day: Camp at Marmot meadow, south of Old Snowy. Explore Goat Lake, and climb Old Snowy if desired. Fourth and fifth night: camp still undetermined. We will come out through Packwood Lake to our cars on Friday.

Dog-friendly hike, but must notify leaders in advance. Contact: Karen & Roger Anderson, 360-450-9199 or p74852@gmail.com

ALPINE OUTING

Aug 4-11 (Sun-Sun) and Aug 11-18 (Sun-Sun)

Applications now are open for both members and non-members for this Outing in the Chamberlain Lakes Basin of Idaho's White Cloud Mountains. See the April Trail Blazer, available on the TCO website, for a full description. Each week is limited to 12 people. A few spots remain open in each week. Applications are being accepted in the order of postmarked date and time. Cost is \$400 for Trails Club members and members of FWOC organizations; cost for others is \$475

TO APPLY: 1. Complete the 2013 Alpine Outing Application and Medical Forms available in the Alpine Outing announcement on the Outings page of 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. Mail the completed forms with full payment in the applicable amount, payable to TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON. P.O. Box 1243 Portland, OR 97207. Applicants will be notified by email or mail upon acceptance or placement on the waiting list.

No refund will be given for withdrawal within the 30 days before the Outing starts. Refund for an earlier withdrawal will be processed only after the Outing, from any funds

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remaining after all expenses are paid.

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.

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

Outing is full, Alternates only

For information see the Mt. Rainier Outing information at trailsclub.org

**Natchez Trace Bicycle Trip
Oct 8-23 (Tue-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 visit 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 will still be warm in the South. This trip is limited to 10 participants. Applications closed 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 to 2015
Chapter 4**

January 10, 1917, Sam C. Lancaster, the Trail Club's first president rolled out his vision of the club's mission in a letter to the newly established membership, just prior to passing on the gavel to printer Henry R. Hayek. Though second in command, he was the member of the Progressive Business Men's Club of Portland who popped up, following Lancaster's luncheon speech which "portrayed the magnificence of Larch Mountain with its commanding view of the Columbia Gorge," and proposed the club undertake making it accessible to the public. Immediately, Hayek was appointed chairman of a committee of five who "organized an expedition twenty two strong" and returned the next weekend with members of the original task force to site locations for an observation tower and lodge. According to Oregonian reports, the first crow's nest lookout for fire guarding was supported by two large living tree trunks and the initial log shelter was a half octagon affair

**FELLOW MEMBERS OF
THE TRAILS CLUB OF
OREGON:**

The year 1917 has much in store for us. A great work can be accomplished by this club in promoting and aiding in the construction of foot and pony trails and needed shelter

houses at convenient points. It is our duty to acquaint the people with such trails as have already been built in the great out-of-doors round about us

Although the Trails Club of Oregon is only fifteen months old, our membership has doubled in the past twelve months and now numbers more than two hundred. During the past year the club made several excursions. One to Benson Park, another to Eagle Creek and still another to Larch Mountain. Much publicity has been secured through reliable channels. On December 11th an illustrate lecture was given jointly with the Mazamas and the Rosarians in the Oregon building. Through the kindness of the O.W.R. & N. Company, we are making a splendid collection of colored lantern slides for use in illustrated lectures, which will be given at frequent intervals by volunteer speakers from this club, before such schools, churches and civic organizations as will provide the necessary room and stereoptican lantern. In cooperation with the U. S. Forestry Service, arrangements have been perfected for posting maps on all trails and for indicating the principal points of interest, at observation points, giving elevations, distance, etc.

The National Education Association is to be with us in July. It is our duty to cooperate with the Superintendent of Public Schools and other bodies, for the purpose of training guides, who can be of great assistance in disseminating information regarding the trails, and many interesting trips for hiking. We should also provide descriptive circulars for distribution among the tourists, outlining the time required, cost, what to wear, etc. On special occasions the club should provide guides to accompany large parties. The Club has asked Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart to be our guest next summer, and it is more than probable that she will accept. Mrs. Rinehart is a great lover of the grand and beautiful in nature. She is able to go anywhere that a man or horse can travel. We are fortunate in having the Rinehart family become members with us. Mr. W. G. Conley, the great news gatherer of Australia, whose home is in Sydney is now a member of the Trails Club. Also Mr. John Lokrantz of Sweden, Mr. John Oliver La Gores, Associate Editor of the National Geographic Magazine, Dr. Albert Fehrenbach, Mr. T. N. Willys of the Willys-Overland Co., and many others of National prominence, who are lending their hearty support and helping build up our club.

Mr. Lokrantz is going to send a collection of plants and seeds of flowering shrubs from the botanical gardens of Sweden and Mr. Conley has promised to send a similar collection from Australia. These will be planted at suitable points on the highway under the direction of the Flora Committee of the Trails Club.

The year 1917 is our golden opportunity. If each member will give the Club their hearty support we can make it what it ought to be, the greatest organization for healthful out-of-door-sport in all the entire world. No other city has such a combination; a kingly river, more beautiful than the German Rhine, snow capped mountains and crystal water falls; all of them in our very door yard. Let us do our duty in acquainting our own people and the world, with what the Great Architect has done for the children of men in the

Oregon country.

Transcribed May 2013 by Sylvia Milne, Trails Club of Oregon Historian, historian@trailsclub.org.

An initial promotional piece by Sam C. Lancaster is a brochure with a color rendering of Larch Mountain, elevations, and trail mileages on one side and a postal section at the bottom of the following message on the other.

LARCH MOUNTAIN TRAIL
By SAMUEL C. LANCASTER.
President, Trails Club of Oregon

Larch Mountain has been called Nature's Grand-stand, for such it appears to be in all reality. There is no better view point from which to look on nature's wondrous beauties as revealed on the rugged tree-clad Cascade Range.

From the summit of Larch Mountain the whole creation round about, for many miles, is seen in all directions. Fold on fold, the dark green mountains rise to the north, to the south, and to the east, as if they were the bulking waves of a tremendous ocean driven by some titanic gale. Five "fire mountains which once blazed like beacons along the North Pacific Coast" can be seen at once, their craters healed with snow which never leaves them.

At a meeting of the Progressive Business Men's Club of Portland, Oregon, January 28, 1915, Samuel C. Lancaster was asked to give an illustrated talk on the Columbia River Highway, then under construction. After telling of the beauties of the Gorge, he said, "It seemed that after God had lifted up the Cascade Range out of the ocean, and parted it like a curtain to permit the Columbia River to pass through at the level of the sea, God said, 'Now I am going to make a grand-stand, where the children of men can come up and see all that I have done in shaping this land'—and He lifted up Larch Mountain." Henry R. Hayek arose and proposed that the Progressive Business Men's Club should at once construct a trail to the top of Larch Mountain. The measure carried unanimously, and before that day was done the United States Forestry Service, through T. H. Sherrard, had agreed to contribute \$1,000 in cash for labor in constructing the trail, and to build an observation tower on top of Larch Mountain, provided all rights of way could be acquired and deeded to the National Government, so that government funds could be legally expended. All this was accomplished in a few weeks, and the trail was located before the snow had gone from the mountain top. All plans were made so as to take advantage of the God-made beauty everywhere, and work was started in the early summer.

The Progressive Business Men's Club secured the co-operation of S. Benson and his son, Amos S. Benson, who contributed liberally in time and money. They also secured the right of way from the property owners without cost, and completed the trail which starts from Multnomah Falls and, after crossing the beautiful concrete bridge which spans the lower falls, climbs the side of the Mountain, winding back and forth until it passes over the rim rock and enters a box canyon above the Falls of Multnomah, where a branch trail

follows down to a point directly above the principal waterfall, which is higher than the Washington Monument. The main trail continues through the box canyon, where many cascades and other waterfalls are seen. Above this the trail unites with another one which comes up by way of Wahkeena Falls, at a point fifteen hundred feet above the Columbia River. The trail continues through a rich growth of fir, hemlock, spruce, laurel, maple, and ferns. The trees increase in size, until at a point three thousand feet above the Columbia many of them are seen which stand three hundred feet in height and fully two hundred feet to the first limb. This wood is different from the far-famed Muir wood of California, but it is none the less beautiful. Rhododendrons and flowering shrubs are found in abundance growing among these giants of the forest.

The trail continues to climb on a grade that nowhere exceeds fifteen per cent; the timber changes to Larch or Noble fir, from which this mountain takes its name. The larch trees are straight as arrows, and the beautiful open wood continues to the very top of the mountain, which is 4,045 feet above sea level.

The United States Forestry Service sawed off two of these trees eighty feet above the ground, and constructed a substantial house on top of them, after they had been thoroughly sway-braced in one direction, and guyed with steel cables in the opposite direction. Substantial stair steps reach from one landing to another, making a safe and easy ascent to the house on top of the trees, where a telescope and a telephone are kept. A large relief map, cast in plaster, is also provided by the Forest Service for reference, and it is possible to locate the names of all prominent points in the surrounding territory. Larch Mountain Trail was dedicated on Sunday morning, October 3rd, 1915, when twenty-six members of the Progressive Business Men's Club unfurled our Flag, sang "America," read St. Paul's Mars Hill Address, and, after the formal dedication was ended, the Trails Club of Oregon was organized for the purpose of exploiting and constructing foot and pony trails in Oregon and vicinity, and to provide shelter houses at convenient points. The club is planned after similar organizations in Continental Europe. The membership is one dollar per year, which entitles each member to all of the privileges of the club. All applications for membership should be addressed to the Trails Club of Oregon, Post Office, Box 224, Portland, Oregon, and must be accompanied by check or money-order for sum of one dollar. There is no such thing as malaria here, and nothing to sting or bite you. There is good trout fishing in most of our mountain streams. Become a member of "The Trails Club of Oregon," and let us help you plan your summer outing; you will never regret it. Do it now!!

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Summary of Board Minutes

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING May 14, 2013

Call to Order—Richard Gaunt called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All board members attended. Art Stangell and Virginia Larson didn't attend. The minutes of the March 9 meeting were approved. (msc Yandon, Snively)

Administrative assistant—Not present, no report.

Treasurer's Report—Cindy Lee:

Cash Balance at April 30, 2013	\$16,753.30
Beginning Balance 04-01-2013	\$4,963.97
April Deposits	16,541.25
April Checks/withdrawals	<u>4,751.92</u>
Ending balance 04-30-2013	\$16,753.30

The April deposits include a transfer of \$10,000 from our Morgan/Chase account on 04-12-2013. (msc Milne, Yandon) The funds in the Memorial Fund should be moved to our secured investment account as a line item. The memorial fund committee will continue to administer this fund.

Vice President's Report—There have been no substantial changes to the calendar.

Publications—Phil asked for June Blazer reviewers.

Social—Lisa reported a successful Banquet. The program was well received with 84 people attending. The April Adventures & Travel went well. Audrey and Ken will present the May program. Lisa is considering a membership event with Marcy Houle to present information on possible changes for bicycle usage in Forest Park. Arleta Miller will be coordinating picnics this summer.

Lodges—George moved that Paul Cutter be authorized a key for Tyee and Dave Barlow a key for Nesika (msc. ,Milne,Yandon) George told us about a meeting of folks interested in Tyee. A number of people volunteered for specific projects. He has looked at the Multnomah Creek bridge with a contractor and expects a favorable bid for the repairs shortly. We are hoping to get permission from the Forest Service to use some of the downed wood in the vicinity of Tyee for next winter's fire wood. I.

Trips—Carolyn is concerned about a lack of uniformity for outings administration. There was a general feeling that leaders should follow the procedures she has presented but, if a leader wanted to use nonstandard forms, he/she should be at least as inclusive as the Club's forms. The Backpack Meeting in April had 15 participants. Several new backpacks were proposed.

Membership—Callista reported that Frank Hood was voted in as a member and Mary M. Tinkham was reinstated.

Unfinished Business—Richard would like some suggestions for members of the investment committee.

History—George said there were 144 hours of volunteer time on the project last month

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Merrill Hugo, Secretary



**TCO Evening Bike Ride thru North Portland
By Allen Burrell**



Lacamas Park Hike 04-21 By Joan Miller



Arleta & Jane-Wed AM Hike at Forest Park By Joan Miller



Wed AM Hike at Reed College By Joan Miller



Generator is Back at Nesika & New Top For Peterson Creek Bridge Installed By George Milne

Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first readings, **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.

2nd Reading

Frank P Hood

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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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