



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
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2	Sat	Trails Club Picnic Potluck at Milo McIver State Park, Eat N' Hike
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6	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
6	Wed	Evening Hike—Class B
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9-10	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Weekend
9-10	Sat-Sun	Nesika Work Weekend
10-15	Sun-Fri	Goat Rocks Backpack
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12	Tue	Board Meeting—7 PM, Mazama MC
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20	Wed	Evening Hike—Class B
27	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
27	Wed	Evening Hike—Class B
28	Thu	Willamette Mission Bike Ride—Class B
30-01	Sat-Mon	Labor Day Celebration at Nesika
Sep 1	Mon	Burnt Bridge Creek/Frenchman's Bar Bike Ride—Class A/B
30	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

Construction on Hwy 26 on Mt. Hood

Work has begun on the U.S. 26 Mt. Hood Safety Project. Work on the rock slopes require placing a temporary concrete barrier along a 1.5-mile section of U.S. 26. The contractor expects to place the barrier late June or early July of 2014. This means there will be just one single lane open in each direction around-the-clock until Oct. 31, 2015 along this 1.5-mile stretch Details available at www.US26MtHoodSafety.org

Display Case Needed

We need a display case (6x4x18" mirrored back) to display historical items and literature at the Mt hood cultural center and museum. Please contact me at 503-665-6459 if you have or know of one we can buy at a reasonable price. Thanks. Leonard Murphy

Events

Aug 02 (Sat) Trails Club Picnic Potluck at Milo McIver State Park, Eat N' Hike

Please join us for a new club social event. Family and guests are invited! Potluck setup 11:30 a.m., potluck starts 12:30 p.m. at Dogwood Shelter, Riverbend Day Use Area. After park entrance, turn left at first stop sign, Turn left again toward picnic shelters at bottom of hill, to 3rd shelter on the right. Lots of tables in shade. bring a camp chair for more comfort. Water/elec available at the shelter. Alcohol allowed in small quantities. By club rules it is BYOB, Full details: Barbara Jones Barbjones50@hotmail.com, 503-829-6424 or TCO Web

Aug 02-03 (Sat-Sun) Killen Creek/High Camp Exploratory Backpack on Mount Adams—Class B

We'll access the Mount Adams Wilderness and the Pacific Crest Trail via the Killen Creek Trail. When we get up on the PCT, we can explore the High Camp area on the west side of Mount Adams, then either camp there, or hike over to the Killen Creek area. Views should be excellent from High Camp; camps are rumored to be good at Killen Creek. We should hike in around 4-5 miles with 2500 feet of elevation gain going in. To register, Application form and Emergency Contact Information form need to be received by leader before Thursday July 31, These forms are available on the Backpack Page under Backpack Participant Information. on the TSO web-site.

To Register Contact Leader Bill Yandon by 8 PM July 31 . wkyandon@earthlink.net, 503-538-3643 (Home), 503-887-2932 (Cell)

Aug 04 (Mon) Lacamas Lake Bike Ride—Class B

We will ride around Green Mtn and Lacamas Lake with nice views of the lake and areas of Vancouver and

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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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Events (Continued)

Camas. It is 26 miles with 1050 feet of total ascent. We will stop for lunch at Lacamas Lake. Register with leader via email. May reschedule if bad weather.
Depart: 10 am on SE McGillivray Blvd just east of SE Chakalov in Vancouver. Email leader for directions.
Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250, or lawson.terry@gmail.com.

Aug 06 (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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM.
Leader: TBD - for info contact Kathy Pollock 503-341-9441 pollockkathy@ymail.com

Aug 06 (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 360-573-1294 dcibike2@aol.com

Aug 09 (Sat) N. Portland Loop Bike Ride—Class A

A nice loop through the streets of N. Portland. Some small hills but generally flat or gentle grades. We will ride 21.4 miles with 500 Ft elevation GPS
<http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4013117>
Depart: 10 AM, Oregon Public House on Dekum 700 NE Dekum St, Portland
Leader: Chaz Shaw chaznw@gmail.com, 503-729-7560

Aug 09-10 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

Come join us at the August Tyee Work Weekend. Projects include remodeling the Men's restroom, Spring cleaning, moving wood and several odd jobs that need to be accomplished this Summer. Richard Gaunt will be the Work Party Chair during this weekend. Nancy Overpeck will be cooking delicious meals for us. Sign up for the weekend or the day. Register with Callista Snively by Sunday, August 3rd tyeechair@trailsclub.org or cell 503-330-7344

Aug 09-10 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

Join us high above the Columbia River at our home in the gorge for the August Work Weekend. We will find a chore for you that matches your skill level.
Register with: Glen Conrad at 360-837-3787 or email us at lcgrconrad@aol.com

Aug 10-15 (Sun-Fri) Goat Rocks Backpack

Join us in exploring the enchanted beauty of Goat Rocks. We will enter into Lilly Basin via Packwood Lake on Sunday, and camp at Heart lake that evening. On 2nd day, move our camp to Snow Grass Flat and explore the area. For the 3rd day, we will camp at Marmot Meadow, south of Old Snowy, and explore Goat Lake. The group can then decide whether they would like to climb Old Snowy or go to Hawk Eye Point.

For the 4th night, we will camp at Egg Butte, and on the 5th night, Beaver Bill. We will conclude our journey by leaving through Packwood Lake to our cars on Friday. Dogs friendly hike, if you plan to bring a dog, please notify leaders in advance. Roger and Karen Yanhs Anderson, p74852@gmail.com, or 360-450-9199

Aug 11 (Mon) Sauvie Island Bike Ride—Class A/B

We will ride between 20 to 30 miles on flat terrain through beautiful farm land with very little traffic. The ride will take us out Reeder Rd along the river to the dead end and back. The distance depends on weather and participants. Depart: 9:30 am Sauvie Island Transit parking lot. Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503-648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com

Aug 13 (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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Marlys Edwards, 503-956-1630, marlysoe@hotmail.com

Aug 13 (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: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839. catherineschied@gmail.com

Aug 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike and Dine

Please join our cook, Kathy Pollock, for a multi course Tuscan menu featuring an appetizer, soup, salad, pasta, and a chicken dish, and dessert. Cost is \$9 for dinner, breakfast is \$3, day use lodge fee is \$2. Overnight fee \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Lodge will open at 10 am on Sat. Nancy Overpeck will be the host. Make your reservations with Kathy at pollockkathy@gmail.com or by phone, 503-341-9441 by Tues, Aug 12. Guests are welcome.

Aug 20 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

Note: NO PICK UP AT FRIENDLY HOUSE

Reed College Canyon 4 mileHike (like Laura Foster's#14) includes Crystal Springs Rhodendron Garden Meet at 9:30 AM at SW Reed Way and SW 38th Ave. East of Reed Campus. Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878 / 503-806-2900 , overpeck@wa-net.com

Aug 20 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park & 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

Aug 27 (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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Richard Gaunt, 971-404-1153, 898rick@gmail.com

Aug 27 (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 ginibateman@comcast.ne

Aug 28 (Thu) Willamette Mission Bike Ride—Class B

This is a day ride out of Gervais. The ride distance will be 25-35 miles. We will tour the South French Prairie probably including Mt. Angel area. We can adjust the ride based on weather and participants' interests. Meet: Gervais, by the railroad, at 10:00 AM. Take Woodburn exit off I-5, go right about 1 mile, then follow sign to Gervais, to the left. Register by 9 PM Wednesday Leader: Louis Sowa 503-320-0440 LSowa@earthlink.net

Aug 30 -Sep 01 (Sat-Mon) Labor Day Celebration at Nesika

Mark your calendars for Labor Day Aug 30 - Sept 1 Labor Day Celebration at Nesika. Nancy is planning Labor Day activities including a membership hike from Nesika. Saturday will be a potluck dinner. Please advise her of your potluck dish. Nancy will cook Sunday breakfast, Sunday dinner, and Mon Breakfast. Bring your own lunches. \$7 dinner, \$3 breakfast, \$2 day fee, \$10 overnight members, \$15 guests overnight. Close up after Monday breakfast. Please call Nancy if you can volunteer to drive the tractor. Meet: 9:45 AM Sat at the Gate near MP 10 Larch Mountain Rd. We will be down the road sharply at 10 AM. Register with: Nancy Overpeck at 360-573-6878 by Wed, Aug 27th. (cell 503-806-2900) or e-mail, overpeck@wa-net.com

Sep 01 (Mon) Burnt Bridge Creek/Frenchman's Bar Bike Ride—Class A/B

The short A level ride is an out and back on the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. It is 16 miles long with scenic views. The B level ride follows this with 17 more miles and stops at Vancouver Lake and Frenchman's Bar on the Columbia, for lunch at one of them. Total route has 850 feet elevation gain..

Depart:10 AM at Bernie and Lakeshore, Trail Head of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. Email leader to register for the shorter or longer route. Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250, lawson.terry@gmail.com

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

walk (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 nearby.

Wed Morning Hikes meet at Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St

Target is a common west-side 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, 2 and 89 service is nearby.

In Memoriam

Mildred Hubert

Mildred Hubert passed on March 14, 2014 at the age of 103. She is a Trails Club Golden Member and has been a member of the Trails Club for 56 years. This amazing lady was still active and attended our Adventures and Travels programs. She had a passion for the outdoors, playing music and socializing. She was an avid hiker and was awarded the achievement of hiking the entire 2,650 mile Pacific Crest Trail. At the age of 14, Mildred moved from her grandparents farm in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. to Oregon. She graduated from the University of Oregon and had a long career teaching elementary and middle school-age children. She is an inspiration to all of us. Mildred, you will be missed.

Joan Miller, Membership Trustee

Craig Carlson

Sadly, 10-year Trails Club member Craig Carlson recently passed. Craig's love of the outdoors developed during his childhood in Minnesota, where he was born, and during his years working out in the field as a geologist in many Western states. Craig had an extraordinary level of fitness earned from many miles of walking in the suburbs and the city and from hiking countless trails in the contiguous U.S., Alaska, and Europe. Craig had an amazing visual memory of hikes he had taken. He rarely needed directions to trail heads, and once on the trail could describe the locations of certain intersections, flower locations, creek crossings, and all of the ups and downs along the trail. Once, when snowshoeing near Mt. Adams with no trail to follow, Craig led a group up, over, and down a mountain totally by memory. Craig, and his knowledge, will be missed by many in the Trails Club hiking community

President's Message

The Trails club of Oregon is a charter member of the Columbia Gorge Recreation Coalition. Over use of several areas within the gorge, especially certain trails, is one of the main concerns discussed often at coalition meetings. An opportunity for members of the Trails Club to become involved in recreation and conservation work is to help maintain hiking trails throughout the area. A partner organization in the Gorge Coalition is the Trailkeepers of Oregon. They do just what the name implies. This organization, founded by Tom Kloster, a founding member of the coalition, does a tremendous job of coordinating frequent work parties to repair and maintain many of the trails the TCO walks on quite often. They had a work party in July on the Clackamas River Trail, one of our regular destinations.

Trailkeepers supplies all the tools needed to get the work done and Tom has each event well planned so it provides a very positive experience. Mr. Kloster is also a founding member of the Columbia River Recreation Coalition.

Trails Club members Jane Garbisch and Jeff Lawton have been, or are currently, serving on Trailkeepers Board of Directors. Trailkeepers will also help coordinate and supply equipment and leadership for a Trails Club sponsored and manned event, if we can identify a need somewhere. We, as an organization, worked with the Forest service in the past to do exactly what Trailkeepers are doing now.

It is my hope that we can take advantage of a partnership with the Trailkeepers organization to further the goal of keeping trails in good shape and safe for all hikers. Many of the trails in the gorge have become so popular that the impact of such extensive traffic requires vigilant attention and frequent efforts to maintain them. Jeff Lawton has placed the Trailkeepers events on our Meetup site and would appreciate the opportunity to provide more information and answer any questions you might have on joining an event, or even planning one.

As we have experienced in the past, Trails Club members working together on projects provides an excellent opportunity for good fellowship and develop relationships that can last a life time.



Kelley Point Bike Ride By Ken Kane

Trails Ahead

Tyee Schedule—2014

Date	Event Description	Contact
Aug 09-10 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively
Sep 13-14 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively
Oct 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively

Tyee Hike and Dine Schedule

Aug 16-17 Cook, Kathy Pollock
 Sep 20-21 Cooks, Jim Flick Asst. Callista Snively,
 Oct 18-19 Cook, Catherine Schiedler.

Nesika Schedule —2014

Date	Event Description	Contact
Aug 09-10 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Sep 13-14 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Oct 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule-2014

Aug 04 (Mon)	Lackamas Lake	Terry Lawson
Aug 09 (Sat)	N. Portland Loop	Chas Shaw
Aug 11 (Mon)	Sauvie Island	Gisela Piercy
Aug 28 (Thu)	Willamette Mission Class B	Louis Sowa

WILDERNESS ALPINE OUTING

Refer to TCO Web Site for information

History

Trails Club of Oregon July 2014 History Committee Report

Two years out from considering the idea of becoming the club's historian, after speaking with Ken Becker and interviewing Jerry Reneau, I am reflecting on what has transpired. In all fairness, having been a member for more than a quarter of the club's history and being active in several levels of leadership, promotion and planning, I signed up for several reasons. One, I wanted to preserve the untold story of a member lead club that owns two lodges and promotes working and playing together in natural areas. Two, due to my deep involvement in the Nesika building project, I feel compelled to write a story, similar to the one John Hook wrote, where he honored the process and the work force behind the building of Tyee.

Replacing the men's dorm and the original cabin at Nesika is indeed a very complex project, which stretched from a predicted four years into several decades. Fortunately, just the right mix of dedicated and faithful project managers, engineers, crew members and cooks appeared as needed to support the project in a myriad of ways. Because of the lengthy duration of the project, only four of us were present from discussing Nesika's future in 1980 through its substantial completion in 2003. Besides me, this included:

George Milne, a contractor with a vision; Jerry Reneau, a club member since high school, who worked early on with Henry Waespe; and Fern (Becker) Anderson, born into a family active in earlier days.

In many ways, the process of replacing and remodeling buildings at Nesika is similar to that of reestablishing a history committee and envisioning/developing a repository for the club's history collection. Both projects needed access, one a bridge to facilitate the delivery of equipment and materials and the other central storage and local work space. Where as one project reestablished a social meeting space with access to trails in the Columbia Gorge, the other created a central urban space on the Trolley Trail in Oak Grove, where members could walk a ways coming and going, hold small meetings, socialize and network while assisting with archiving documents, images and artifacts which reveal the club's evolving story.

Since last May, when the History Committee met with Brian Johnson (the archivist who assessed our TCO Collection in 2008), we have updated our method of archiving history collections to include an accession log. According to an article in the Oregon Museum Association 2014 Winter/Spring news bulletin, this is "an attempt to establish three types of control over a collection: legal, physical and intellectual." As we share the process with members, we notice more are inclined to loan or donate their collections, especially those who experienced camaraderie as a direct result of their club involvement.

Currently, our accession log includes a general index of 9 club and 37 member collections. Ideally, each collection would be supported by a 'Deed of Gift' form and possibly an additional inventory. If filled out, this form contains a basic description, its origin, donor information, date of receipt and collection accession number. In addition to the accession number, each collection is further identified by the owner's last name or in the case of club collections; we assign a "series" descriptor such as Minutes, Newsletters, etc. Fortunately for us, in 2008 Brian Johnson tipped off the club, then under the leadership of Susan Saul, letting us know our collection status at the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) was a permanent loan, not a deed of gift. This knowledge and communication between Susan and OHS, allowed us to retrieve it.

Beyond how the history committee does their job, is my leadership style, greatly influenced by my experience with the Nesika rebuilding project. During that time, I learned the importance of 1) presenting the club a vision with a plan developed through a committee process; 2) gaining support from respected leadership and members; 3) modifying or developing a plan though consensus of involved and committed workers; 4) recognizing everyone has a different commitment level, yet everyone interested has something important to contribute; 5) allowing members to choose a range of authorized independent projects, knowing they will be accomplished within professional margins; 6) letting peo-

ple work at their own pace, being mindful of group timelines; 7) letting go of personal agendas, if counter to the current group goals; 8) facilitating a project that builds camaraderie while benefiting the club and generations to come; 9) tracking member visits and/or involvement; and 10) recognizing member contribution with extreme gratitude.

So, how has that knowledge and experience supported the development of the club history repository, now located in Oak Grove?

After the Board appointed me Historian September of 2012, I recruited a committee with a majority of members who shared my longevity with the club. Together we created a vision with a plan to establish an urban work space where the club's history collection could be organized for our upcoming centennial. The Board, open to this radical idea of creating our own history repository, granted us permission January of 2013 to begin by occupying two adjoining offices (10 & 18) of the Oak Grove Business Center. George Milne located the building space as an alternative to one I researched in West Linn on I205 and I established the operation.

At this time, we merged the TCO history collection stored in La Center Washington (including all the TCO documents, images and artifacts placed on permanent loan with the Oregon Historical Society in the late 50s and then retrieved in 2010 by Susan Saul) with most of the information stored at the Mazamas Archival Library. Then in November of the same year (2013), we removed all files from the Mazamas and mid December we acquired yet more history from admin files returned by Ms. Larson after her resignation. Besides consolidating our collection in one place, the History Committee has honored the values behind decisions proposed by past committees and recommendations presented to the board in 2009, consulted with archival professionals, contacted the Crown Point Community Historical Society, the Troutdale Museum and reconnected with the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum.

Also, we found our corporate seal in missing board minutes retrieved from Bauman's garage and received an early club stamp, a model of Tyee demonstrating potential solutions to roof repairs (after the replacement took place) and a rare book authored in 1915 by Sam Lancaster, our first club president and engineer of the Historic Columbia Highway donated by Glaydis Basinger. Furthermore, we videotaped a 2.5 hour interview with Lee Squier, thanks to his nephew Brian Wagstaff, and discovered outing journals within photo albums donated by Dottie Blattner's estate. This personal album collection is our largest, with a sample of Marie Deuell's larger collection, second in size. What a bonus finding journals which describe structure and moments in the life of these outings, different from family camp or the Mackenzie River one.

During the summer of 2013, in addition to my Historian duty of researching the Trails Club's role in establishing Forest Park, I represented the club at a Federation of

Western Outdoor Club Conference held in Leavenworth, WA. Here I supported the Conservation Committee efforts in saving Forest Park from Single Track Bicycling. Also, I met with Arrington family members at the TCO Archives in Oak Grove to share mutual information related to our property in the Multnomah Basin and with Marcy Houle, the author of Forest Park. Marcy worked closely with Ding Cannon, who then bequeathed her all the project documentation of his efforts to establish Forest Park. Marcy and a friend are working toward Trails Club membership.

Then in September, I accepted a temporary full-time job with North Clackamas School District. This greatly compromised my time, energy and availability, especially to establish an archival system. I did receive some new collections, orient a few members to the archives, facilitate meetings, purchase supplies and/or equipment and stayed loosely connected with an ever changing committee. Then, in December, when the club filled an administrative gap with volunteers, I organized space for their operation in the history office, reorganizing again the next month when we received a huge shipment of archival boxes and expanded to a third office space.

As for major projects involving members, several volunteered to initiate multiple projects to preserve our history: two scanning, one data entry and one inventory. As a result of George Milne and Susan Keller's slide scanning efforts, we were able to display enlarged images from slides and photo albums at the 2013 banquet. This prompted a larger group (Nadine Morris, Caroline Jenkins, Barbara Lauer and Jane Olsen), initially led by Joan Miller, to scan TCO Trail Blazers. Currently, Trail Blazers from 1940-1979 are scanned and will eventually be integrated with ones created later on electronics by Lou Sowa and Randy Dietrich. Caroline Jenkins, eager for copies earlier than 1940 to be scanned, has taken an interest in seeing this digital project to fruition. This accomplishment could allow other projects to begin. In particular, I am reminder of an offer from Lisa Osburn to create a display map of all our outing and hike locations.

Additional long term projects include Randy Dietrich setting up an Access program for Vicki Wood to create the club's first historical membership list, based on membership applications. This inventory fills a gap in club history recognized by Dottie Blattner, when she served as Membership Trustee. Vicki has completed through the K's. Louise Beauchamp and Mary Bauman are working on an inventory of club board minutes. Other members have completed smaller projects mentioned in other reports.

As for volunteer hours, from the time we moved in the end of January 2013 to June 5, 2014 members have logged in more than 1,914 volunteer/visitor office hours. If multiplied by the current Oregon Volunteer rate (\$21.35) the value to the club translates to more than \$40,000. Currently, all these hours represent the interest and commitment of nearly 50 TCO members. Despite all this progress, my ability to immerse myself in club history, develop small jobs and an accession log beyond a skeleton notebook, prompted me to maximize a four day week-end the end of May, spending more than 47 hours engrossed in club history. Still a work in progress, I did connect many pieces

of history, unraveled some mysteries, identified collection locations, entered them in the log, temporarily labeled the boxes and realized how inventories from the Oregon Historical Society and Ms. Larson's system could support our accession log.

Also, I produced 3 wall charts: two organizational timelines and an index of our club and member collections. In addition, I assembled two new TCO collections, (both a work in progress) one documents the last 50 years of history committee process and the other is a collection of documents from the Oregonian – thanks to Jeff Lawton, Trail Blazer articles and member recollections, which give an over view of significant events in club life (1915-2014).

Future appointments for me to arrange, includes one with Randy to inventory a huge box of images from the Nesika project, some he used to create our historical CD presentations and another one with Art Stangell to inventory legal documents. Several more projects are in the queue, waiting for my availability to prepare and to recruit a volunteer with interest.

Recently, I shared our new centennial binder with Leonard Murphy, after his follow-up visit to the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum where he and Nadine Morris met with the director to investigate possibilities of promoting the Trails Club through a permanent display. Besides being impressed with how far the office had come since a meeting last July with Marcy Houle and Sydney Herbert on Forest Park issues, he agreed to report to the Board his meeting with the Museum. He asked for their support to purchase of a glass display case which we will use to share documents, articles and artifacts from our rich centennial heritage. This might include our current emblem, ski gear, seasonal photos of our unique lodges, newsletters and an invitation to join (brochures) and current partnerships (FWOC, Mazamas, Gorge Recreation Coalition, Multnomah County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, etc.)

As for the committee, I am fortunate to still have a core of the original group (Susan Keller, Nadine Morris and Christine & Jane Olsen), with others who are still interested. At the end of 2013, Joan Miller and Barbara Jones went on to become Membership and Social Trustees, and George Milne became club president. As for electronic support, after our initial set up, a team with varying degrees of electronic knowledge (George Milne, Fendall Winston, and Tom Shanley) downsized to Tom, who is maintaining what equipment he can before outsourcing anything covered under a service agreement. Fendall continues as a watch dog and on call researcher and we've picked up some limited Access support from Randy Dietrich.

The most exciting part of my job (I am not a librarian by nature) continues to be introducing members to the club's history through a personal tour of our archives. Besides reinforcing the value of active members, the order and thoughtfulness of creating member correspondence files, elicits any desire members might have to donate a personal collection relevant to club life. This walk through reminds me to note

unfinished projects.

During a recent archival orientation with Leonard Murphy, I introduced him to our membership files. Immediately, he checked out the filing cabinet, and began planning out loud how he could gather up photos and clippings from the Hood River newspaper featuring hikes lead by his mother, Wilma Small, and he was delighted to have a way to honor her service to the club. Then, ever so softly, he offered to donate a quality 4 drawer filing cabinet, anticipating a future need for more file drawer space to accommodate all the stories. So for now, our history collection is growing as people learn of our intensions and the saving grace, just knowing from my past Nesika building project experience, if allowed, things will happen in a natural order.

Respectfully Submitted by Sylvia Milne, Historian

Let's Talk About

Archives Donations

A treasure has been donated to the TCO Archives by long time member, Gladydis Basinger. It is a copy of Columbia, American's great highway through the Cascades Mountains to the sea, by Samuel Christopher Lancaster and was published in 1915. The illustrations are wonderful. Do come by and enjoy this unique book.

Marie Deuell came to the TCO Archives recently bearing an arm load of scrapbooks. They include the following outings: Mt. Baker Wilderness 1991; Tyee Outing 1992; Mt. Rainier 1992; Oregon Trail Trip 1993; Elk Lake 1993; Tyee Outing 1993; Tyee Outing 1994; and Sr. Outing Twin Lake Resort 1996. Marie's carefull documentation with many pictures show what great time members have on outings. Thank you, Marie.

Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum

A recent visit to the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum was a reminder that this is a very fine place to visit. It is located in Government Camp just a short distance from our Tyee Lodge. There, you will see early ski equipment tastefully displayed, history of our mountain guides, maps and more, all in a comfortable setting. For a first time visitor please note that a few years ago our Trails Club donated \$5,000 to help install the elevator to the 2nd floor of the museum. A list of the donors has our club being recognized as first and foremost.

Museum hours are from 9-5 open every day and entirely staffed by volunteers. The phone number is 503-272-3301. With our 100th anniversary but a few months away, all are encouraged to visit the museum and enjoy the surroundings. Submitted by Leonard W Murphy

TCO Archives Reveal Early Promotion of the Oregon PCT

As a Trails Club member you probably have heard a lot of talk about the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail or to old timers the PCT. This magnificent trail traverses the crest of the mountains from the border of Mexico to Canada some earby sections both in Washington and Oregon. A number

2700 miles. Some ambitious and hardy Trails Club members have traveled this whole route. Many of us have enjoyed day hikes in nearby sections both in Washington and Oregon. Many club members can proudly display a beautiful plaque designed by Norm Greene which tells of their completion of the trail in Washington and/or Oregon. How did club members accomplish their personal goals of hiking on the PCT? This happened and happens today because of volunteers working in a committee system. They planned trips which included travel logistics, checking trails conditions, scheduling dates and promoting the trips to others. The committee often puts on workshops to help others learn the techniques of backpacking. Also they maintain records so members can receive awards for hiking on the PCT. Presently the club archive is developing a wonderful collection of pictures of Trails Club activities. many of trips along the PCT which have been donated by members. The archives are open to members by appointment or at open house events. This year, 2014, is significant as 50 years ago in 1964, the Wilderness Act passed. In 1968 the National Systems Trails Act was passed. These Acts had their beginnings in the 1920s with the efforts of many, notably Robert Marshall and Clinton Clarke. Our archives reveal that TCO was active in developing the trail in the Klamath Falls area of Oregon. An agreement was made July 2, 1965 between Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Trails Club, and Weyerhaeuser Company to select a route using existing logging and fire roads through Weyerhaeuser's Klamath Falls Tree Farm lands. This final section completed the PCT through Oregon. That summer 40 TCO members signed 18 miles with more than 100 signs to mark the route. The route has evolved over the years and a few sections have been rerouted. An early section was the Oregon Skyline Road. Presently maintenance is provided by volunteers through the Pacific Crest Trail Association (www.pcta.org). So we not only have a rich heritage in the development of the PCT in Oregon but each year as members we have the opportunity to hike with the TCO on the PCT. I am so proud to have completed the Oregon section of the NPCST and it was because my membership in the Trails Club made it possible, including day hikes, overnight backpacks with beautiful scenery and wonderful friends. Thank you, Trails Club, **Susan Annand Keller, member since 1958**

Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club Of Oregon Board of Trustees Meeting July 8, 2014

Call to Order—George Milne called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM Glen Conrad was excused. Leonard Murphy, Art Stangell, and Jeff Crinklaw also attended. George reported that he and Sydney Herbert had not attended the recent Gorge Commission meeting. Leonard Murphy and Nadine Morris met with Lloyd Musser who is the curator for the Mount Hood Museum. We were an

early contributor to the museum, and they would like to see us more involved. The museum is open to an exhibit commemorating our 100th anniversary. They would also like us to provide a rotating exhibit of our choice. Cindy moved and Jeff Lawton seconded that we delegate Leonard to investigate the cost of a case to exhibit materials prepared by the History committee at the Mount Hood Cultural Center and Museum. The motion carried. The minutes for the June 10 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report—Cindy Lee

Cash balance	06-30-2014	\$19,751.13
Beginning Balance	06-01-2014	\$24,763.25
Deposits		870.70
Checks/Withdrawals		-5,882.82
Ending Balance	06-30-2014	\$19,751.13

Cindy noted a substantial drop in dues income.

Vice President's Report—Bill Yandon

Bill reported no key requests and no calendar changes.

Trips Trustee Report—Jeff Lawton

Jeff said we had 505 signed up on our Meetup. The July schedule of trips looks good but August is looking slim. He told us that Donna Covi was stepping down as the Wednesday evening hike coordinator. He then told us of an arduous field trip with the Oregon Field Guide people looking for logging artifacts on Larch Mountain.

There was a short discussion concerning Metro's event on July 30. George said Sylvia can get details needed.

Membership Trustee's Report—Joan Miller

First Readings: Lisa Gill, Jonathan Gill, and Daniel Reich.

There were no Second Readings

Tyee Lodge Report—Callista Snively

Sixteen members participated in the June Work Weekend. Callista said work continued on the fire escape and there was maintenance on the plumbing and other parts of the lodge. She told us that the Mazamas will be using Tyee at various times during the next month.

Nesika Lodge Report—Glen Conrad was absent but Jeff Crinklaw said he found some doors of the lodge open when he was up there today.

Social Trustee's Report—Barbara Jones

Barbara Jones reported we had 17 people at the June A & T. We will probably use a somewhat larger room at Rose Villa when A & T programs resume in the fall. The July 04 program at Nesika was a success with 27 folks involved. The full article for the August 02 picnic wasn't in July *Blazer* but is in Events on the Website. Later on it was announced that Nancy Overpeck is working on plans for a Labor Day event at Nesika.

Publications Trustee's Report—Phil Jackson

Phil reported that someone had suggested we consider changing the date range for the *Blazer*.

George reminded us of the special board meeting on July 22 concerning our budget. He said he would like to see us clearly separate capital project expenses at the lodges from continuing operating and maintenance expenses.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. Respectfully Submitted
Merrill Hugo, Secretary**



PCT Canadian Border to Hart's Pass 1962: Pictured from left to right: Anne Bohlen, Melvin Becker, Craig Nicholson, or J.C. Steiner (?) Samuel Jacobson, Bernice Sterns, Peggy Stone, and Rosella McCune. Trip Leader was J.C. Steiner. Route was Manning Park, B.C., Monument 83, Frosty Pass, Mt. View Camp, Holman Pass to Shaw Creek Camp, and Windy Pass to Hart's Pass. Look at those happy faces. Thanks to Susan Keller

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.

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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

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