



Trail Blazer

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May 2015

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13-14	Sat-Sun	Friends of the Gorge- Nesika Lodge
15	Mon	Blazer Deadline
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		
Events		
May 2 (Sat) Ridgefield NWR visit - Class A A day of bird watching at Ridgefield NWR. The Cathlapotle Plankhouse should be open. After enjoying the birds, those who wish to can have dinner at a restaurant in Ridgefield. Entry fee is \$3 per car, cash only. Meet Portland: 8:45 AM to leave at 9:00 from Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th. For those in Washington, take exit 14 from I-5, go into the River S part of the refuge from 9th Ave. in the town of Ridgefield. Meet us in the parking area of the information booth 9:30-9:45. Let me know if you are willing to drive. Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@gmail.com Thanks.		
May 3 (Sun) Fernhill Wetlands, Gaston Bike Ride - Class B This ride will lead us from Forest Grove by the wetlands through Gaston with an option around Hagg Lake depending on participants. We will back through Dilleby past a vineyard with a possible stop. Depart: 10 AM from Rogers Park, 2400 17th Ave/Elm St, Forest Grove, 97116 Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com Register with leader by 9 pm Saturday, May 2.		

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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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May 4 (Mon) Chinadere Mountain – Class A/B

Comparing view for effort, this hike rates 11 on a one to 10 scale. Hike by Wahtum Lake to Chinadere Mtn with expansive views that stretch hundreds of miles. Up close panoramas of Mt Hood, Mt Adams and Olallie Butte. NW Forest Pass required at trailhead. Four-mile loop with an elevation gain of 400 ft as you approach the destination. Intersects Eagle Creek and PCT Trails, ample opportunity for exploratory side trips. Intend to keep hike at an easy more A than B pace. Driving 80 miles.

Depart: 8:30 AM from Trip Leader's Gresham neighborhood. Ample Parking. Contact leader for directions.

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042
ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com

May 6 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

This week's hike will begin at Friendly House at NW Thurman and 28th.

Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441,
pollockkathy@ymail.com

May 6 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094,
chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Bruce Seymour,
bruceseymour65@gmail.com

May 7 (Thur) Bike and Dine - Sellwood Riverfront Park to Mississippi - Class A

Please join me for an easy ride and lunch! We'll start at Sellwood Riverfront Park and ride to the shopping district on N. Mississippi Ave. We'll have lunch at Por Que No (or elsewhere) and then ride back. About 15 miles round trip, part on the Esplanade, part on streets with a bike lane, slight elevation gain on way up to Mississippi. I don't ride in the rain, so check with me that morning if the weather seems iffy.

Depart: 10 AM Sellwood Riverfront Park (The Sellwood park down on the river by Oaks Park).

Leader: Audrey Perino, audrey53@comcast.net
503-246-6462 or 503-522-9911 (cell)

May 9 (Sat) Angel's Rest Hike – Class A+

We'll hike up to Angel's Rest in the Columbia Gorge, 4.6 miles round trip with 1500' of elevation gain. Great views from exposed viewpoint if weather cooperates. It's best to be prepared with rain gear if the weather turns damp.

Round trip miles from Gateway are 42 and no trailhead permit is required.

Meet: 8:30 AM at Gateway Transit Center

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

May 10-11 (Sun-Mon) Tyee Open - Host Only

Tyee will be open Sunday through Monday afternoon. Plan to potluck for dinner. Plan your own food for other meals.

Host: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042 ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com

May 10 (Sun) Lookout Mountain Hike Class A

Easy out and back from High Prairie on FS road 4410. A 225 mile panorama including Diamond Mountain (Just North of Crater Lake). A 2.2 mile out and back from trailhead with 400 ft elevation gain.

Depart: 12:30 PM from Tyee Lodge

Looking for 2nd Trip Leader to depart from Gateway Transit Center Portland at 9:30

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042
ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com

May 11 (Mon) Elk Meadows/Lamberson Butte hike - Class A/B

Six or ten mile loop, options galore. Flower-filled meadows, mountain streams and grandiose vistas. Shorter 6-mile loop to Elk Mtn 1,000 ft elevation gain or 10-mile loop to Lamberson Butte 2,000 ft elevation gain.

Depart: 10:00 AM from Tyee Lodge

Looking for 2nd Trip Leader to depart from Gateway Transit Center Portland at 9:30

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042
ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com

May 11 (Mon) East Portland Buttes Bike Ride Class C

Let's bike some hills! This ride traverses east side Portland to the tops of Mt. Tabor, Rocky Butte, and Mt. Scott. We will enjoy beautiful views and a great cardio workout. Most of the route is on low-traffic streets or bike paths, but 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, about 2500 ft elevation gain. Depart: Contact leader for details.

Leader: Maureen Covell 503-954-4501,
charleycv1@aol.com

May 13 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

Leader: Nancy Overpeck, 360-836-5464, 503-806-2900.

May 13 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042,
ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com

Class B Leader: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839,
catherineschied@gmail.com

May 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Trapper Creek Wilderness Backpack - Class B

This will be a 10-mile 600 feet elevation gain, out-and-back two night backpack with a day hike up to a waterfall on Sat. We will leave Sunday at 10am. This area has some beautiful old growth and is very pristine. Remember to bring the 10 essentials.

Meet: Friday 10 AM at Gateway Transit Center.

Leader: Veda Wilson 503-245-1539

May 16 (Sat) Helvetia Hills Bike Ride - Class B

We will start in North Plains and ride along country roads up to Helvetia, then slowly up Mason Hill Rd with a nice descent. The ride will be around 20 miles and quite hilly. Lunch after the ride at the famous Helvetia Tavern (optional)

Depart: 10 AM at Jesse Mays Community Center, North Plains, Or 97133

Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503-648-5885 or
giselapiercy@gmail.com
Please register with leader by 9 pm on Friday, May 15th.

May 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Party

Details coming soon.

May 18 (Mon) Lacamas Lake - Class B

We will ride around Green Mtn and Lacamas Lake with nice views of the lake and areas of Vancouver and Camas. It is 26 miles with 1050 feet of total ascent. We will stop for lunch at Lacamas Lake. Register with leader via e-mail - 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 503-8199250, terry@gmail.com

May 18 (Mon) Tamanawas Falls Hike - Class A

Two mountain streams, one awesome waterfall. Sherwood and Polallie campgrounds nearby. Easy hike - 3.4 mile loop, 300 ft elevation gain. Pack Lunch for extended viewing time at Waterfall

Depart: 9 AM Gateway Transit Center Carpool from Gateway suggest \$10 for drivers

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042 ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com

May 20 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

This week the hike will begin at 9:30 in the undercover area of the Tigard Transit Center, 8960 SW Commercial (just off Main St.). There are no restrooms there but we will stop for a break after a five-minute walk. The rest of the hike will be primarily on the Fanno Creek Trail. I'll arrange for lunch in the community room of Max's Fanno Creek Pub at the end of the hike. Leader: Jane Storey 503-724-5467.

May 20 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500- 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214, gerdaeck@comcast.net

Class B Leader: Lotte Schmitz, lotteschmitz@msn.com

May 21 (Thur) Bike the Trolley Trail - class A

We are repeating the lovely ride through Milwaukie, Oak Grove and Gladstone on the bike path called Historic Trolley Trail to the Clackamas River. The return is via the bike path along I-205 for a short distance and then on neighborhood streets to make a nice loop. Total mileage is 17 miles with very little elevation gain.

PLEASE REGISTER.

Meet: 10 AM at Milwaukie Riverfront Park, McLaughlin Blvd and Washington St (there is a traffic signal)

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-804-4214, gerdaeck@comcast.net

May 21 (Thur) Adventures In Travel - China

What happens when you ship 120 band geeks across 15 time zones and plunk them down in a city of 24 million people? Quite the cultural exchange! Audrey Perino and Ken Kane spent 12 days last September travelling across China with The Beat Goes On Adult Marching Band. Audrey and Ken will share their photos and impressions of

Shanghai, Beijing, Hangzhou and Portland's Sister City of Suzhou. From jaw-dropping skyscrapers to gorgeous gardens, and the Forbidden City to the Starlight Parade on steroids, you'll experience The Middle Kingdom in a new way. And you'll see the culmination of the band trip – a performance atop the Great Wall of China!

Social Hour 6:30 PM, program starts 7 PM Please bring a snack to share or \$1 donation to defray costs. Guests are welcome!

Location: Rose Villa Rec Hall, Fireside Room.

For more information Contact Barb Jones, 503-819-8983 SocialChair@trailclub.org for more info.

May 23 (Sat) Nesika Membership Hike - Class B

Join us for a beautiful 8-mile trek from Multnomah Lodge to the historic and tranquil grounds of Nesika Lodge. This hike offers beautiful waterfalls, babbling creeks, lush woods, and 1,800 ft of elevation gain tackled at a moderate pace. Bring water, lunch and snacks. We will stay at Nesika for about an hour before the return hike to Multnomah Lodge. Expect heavy crowds for first and last mile of the hike and potential parking difficulties at Multnomah Falls.

Departing: 9:30 AM from SE corner of Gateway Park & Ride Garage, or 10:15 AM from Multnomah Lodge gift shop

Leader: Severt Lawyer 503-234-7778.

May 23-25 (Sat-Sun) Memorial Day Weekend At Nesika

Join us at Nesika Lodge for a family-friendly Memorial Day weekend. Saturday night's feast will include southern style pork ribs flown in from Corky's Barbecue in Memphis, TN along with southern side dishes. Dinner will cost \$12 which includes \$5 extra for the ribs, assuming enough people sign up. If not, the menu might be different). Dinner will also be served Sunday night and breakfast on Sunday and Monday mornings. Dinner \$7, Breakfasts \$3. Bring your own lunches. Overnight and day use fees apply.

Come for the weekend or just for the rib dinner Sat. night. There will likely be a 6- to 7- mile hike on Sunday.

Reserve NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 19, so we can order the ribs in time.

Meet at gate 10 AM sharp for gate opening (Just past MP 10 Larch Mtn Rd).

Reservations: Audrey Perino - audrey53@comcast.net or 503-246-6462.

May 24-26 (Sun-Tue) Beach Trip (State Parks camping with hikes)

We will camp overnight at LL Stub Stewart State Park, Nehalem Bay State Park and Cape Lookout State Park. We depart Sunday May 24 and visit Bloom Lake Trail for a 3.5-mile lollipop day hike on way to first campground. De-

parting after breakfast on Monday May 25th we will hike Neahkahnie Mountain (3.5-mile out and back) on the coast. Nehalem Bay campground has ample walk about opportunities if Neahkahnie Mtn wasn't enough for you. We head to Cape Lookout after breakfast on the 26th. Cape Lookout has a choice of 2 hikes 3.6-mile out and back to the cape (great view) or 4.8-mile out and back to secluded beech. We can hike all or part of Saddle Mountain on the way home.

Prefer departure point from my home for the security of your vehicles, no parking problems urban neighborhood. Call or Email leader for details.

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042

ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com or
TripsChair@trailsclub.org

May 26 (Tue) Banks/Vernonia Bike - Class B

We will ride the beautiful Banks-Vernonia Rail Trail 40 miles round trip, starting in Banks and lunching in Vernonia. It is railroad grade so a fairly gentle climb to Vernonia but a steady uphill most of the way once we leave the valley floor. The good news is that it is mostly downhill on the return trip. Class B for mileage and steady climbing. Please bring a sack lunch, plenty of water, spare inner tube and appropriate clothing for rain or sun.

Start: 10AM at Banks-Vernonia Trailhead on the west end of Banks, Bathrooms available.

Leader: Gretchen Marble 541-610-8205
ghm101010@hotmail.com

May 27 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-522-9911,
audrey53@comcast.net

May 27 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative)

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094,
chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Eric Berg, ericwb@aol.com

May 30 (Sat) Lolo Pass to Bald Mountain - Class A/B

Wilderness restrictions limit group size to 12. Enjoy a pleasant romp along the PCT. Followed by a short, moderately steep ascent of Bald Mountain to a former lookout site. Hike: 6.6 miles w/ 1,380' elevation gain. Drive: 90 round trip miles.

Depart: 8:30 AM from Cherry Park Shopping Center (I-84, exit 16) between the US Bank and the Safeway store

Leader: Kelly Marlin, mazamama@frontier.com or 503-665-6778

May 30 (Sat) Covered Bridges Bike - Class C

Tour the Scio, Oregon area and visit 5 historic covered bridges. This ride is through the beautiful rolling hills and farmland around Scio. Bring a sack lunch and plenty of water. There are no restaurants along the route and water is limited. The Covered Bridges Cafe has a restroom but they would prefer if you purchased something to use it. According to Linn County, all of the bridges will be open and there are no road closures.

Ride Distance: 47 miles (class C for distance and hills)
Elevation gain: 1360 ft.

Driving Distance: 140 mi round trip, 1.5 hrs each way.

Carpooling: Email me if you are interested in carpooling and I will put you in contact with others interested in carpooling.

Ride with GPS route:

<http://ridewithgps.com/users/201662/routes>

Meet: 9 AM In front of City Hall in Scio

Leader: Chaz Shaw chaznw@gmail.com

Cell: 503-729-7560

June 3 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

Leader: TBD

June 3 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

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Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094,
chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Gini Batemen, 503-475-8712
ginibateman@Comcast.net

June 10 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

Leader: TBD

June 10 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

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Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Leaders TBD

June 13 (Sat) Elk Meadows hike - Class B

We'll hike approximately 6.5 miles round trip with 1400 feet of elevation gain to Elk Meadows on the east side of Mount Hood. We will try to find spot for lunch at the shelter or another scenic spot with views of Mount Hood and meadows. Crossing over Newton Creek could be over logs, rocks, or quick ford. Since this is a hike into the Mount Hood Wilderness, total number of hikers for this hike must be kept at 12 or less Northwest Forest Pass required for driver.

Please register with hike leader by phone or e-mail by 9:00 on Friday, June 12th.

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

June 13-14 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike and Dine

Namhea Lew will cook her very delicious Korean menu of Grilled beef, mung bean pancakes, sweet potato noodle salad, mixed Korean vegetables, Korean cookies and tea for dessert. You will not want to miss this very special dinner! Nancy Overpeck is the host, The cost is \$22 for members for the weekend including dinner and Sunday breakfast. The cost for dinner is \$9.00 plus day use fee if you are not staying overnight. The fees for overnights guests and 2 meals is \$27.

Register with: Jessie Tucker marvtucker@comcast.net or call 503-655-0149

Register by Wed June 10. Dinner is limited to 30 people.

Meeting Places

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

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

From I-84: take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

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

Rose Villa, 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222, is a common place for club meetings.

Adventures and Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park before end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right, turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd. Follow Treasure House signs.

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

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

5th Annual Metro Trails Fair

May 17 (Sun) - Noon to 5pm

Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Halls A1 and B - Free

Trails Club of Oregon will be there, along with more than 30 local trail booths and information tables. Meet with trail planners, citizen trail advocates and delegations from more than a dozen foreign countries. Trails systems are being built all over the world. Meet delegates from Nepal, South Africa, Spain, Japan and other countries. See trail building equipment demonstrations

See their website: www.americantrails.org/2015

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Special Events

The International Trails Symposium

Volunteer Opportunities - May 15 to May 21

The Intertwine Alliance, Metro, is managing volunteers for the entire symposium. And we'll sure need a lot of 'em! Invite your friends to also volunteer. It is fun and interesting. Many volunteers playing many different roles will be needed over a five-day period. Interested in checking out the symposium without paying the registration fee? Gain free admission to one symposium session for every four hours volunteered.

Check the TCO website for a list of volunteer opportunities, volunteer benefits and to sign up to volunteer. This international event is a really big and exciting deal; come be part of it with us this spring. Volunteers receive a free "Trail Boss" wicking tee shirt.

Trails Ahead

Note - The events below have been posted in prior Blazer issues and details are available on the website, www.trailsclub.org

Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River June 26-28, 2015 (Fri-Sun)

Contact Vicki Wood vw48@comcast.net or 503-850-4366 to inquire about lodging availability.

2015 Alpine Outing in Washington's Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness August 8-15 (Sat-Sat) and August 15-22 (Sat-Sat)

Contact: Callista Snively alpinewilderness1@gmail.com or 503-330-7344

Each week outing will be available to only 12 persons.

Have you noticed? The photo below can be seen at the east end of the Benson bridge that spans the lower part of Multnomah Falls, the larger one on the lower right is on a plaque located at the Vista House, which is just east of the Menucha retreat where the upcoming FWOC convention is to be held near the end of August. The Trails Club will be playing a key role in helping to host that event.

Sam Lancaster, one of the founders of the Columbia River Scenic Highway, was a Trails Club member. Many of the founding members of the Trails Club came from the Progressive Business Men's Club,

True to its tradition, the Trails Club and the people in it have been playing an important part in establishing and maintaining trails and lodges in this area for a century.

Through this year and into the next, we will be celebrating the occasion, often with plans that are yet to be fully formed. Feel free to get involved in helping to celebrate and to plan for our next century. See:

http://www.trailsclub.org/about_us/history_comentary.html



(continued from page 6) **5th Annual Metro Trails Fair May 17 (Sun) - Noon to 5pm Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Halls A1 and B - Free**

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Learn where to hike or cycle in our region. The Intertwine Alliance site <https://theintertwine.org/adventures/> has more than 20 hikes. Learn how the regional off-street trails system is growing from nearly 400 miles to a goal of 1,000 miles! Family friendly activities: rock wall climb, pump ride for cyclists, labyrinth, trail walk, etc.

From Social Trustee, Barbara Jones

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fourth of July at Nesika - Need volunteers to help open Neiska for the weekend, run tractor and generator, open gate Sat morning. Please contact socialchair@trailsclub.org before May 15 if you are available to help. Nancy Overpeck will be your cook.

Hike and Dine - Have one more opening for a cook and host, either Sept 12 or Oct 10 for Hike and Dine at Tyee. First time to cook at the lodge? Don't worry, you will have lots of help. Contact Barb at 503-829-6424 or email above.

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule-2015

May

May 3 (Sun) Fernhill Wetlands-Gisela Piercy
May 7 (Thu) Sellwood Audrey Perino
May 11 (Mon) Portland Buttes-Maureen Covell
May 16 (Sat) Helvetia/Mason Hill-Gisela Piercy
May 18 (Mon) Lacamas Lake-Terry Lawson
May 21 (Thu) Trolley Trail-Gerda Eck
May 26 (Tue) Banks-Vernonia-Gretchen Marble
May 30 (Sat) 5 Covered Bridges-Chaz Shaw

June

Jun 5 (Fri) WillametteValley Bikeway-Terry Lawson
Jun 11 (Thu) Peninsula Park-Audrey Perino
Jun 14 (Sun) Westside Trail-Chaz Shaw
Jun 16 (Tues) Lake Oswego History Ride-Ralph Rogers
Jun 21 (Sun) Grand Island-Lou Sowa
Jun 27 (Sat) Petal Pedal-Gisela Piercy
Jun 28 (Sun) Sawtell Pass, Canby-Maureen Covell
Jun 30 (Tue) Washington Co-Rich Fuhs

July

July 6 (Mon) Washington Co-Rich Fuhs
Jul 10 (Fri) Clackamas R Road-Terry Lawson
Jul 16 (Thu) Kelly Pt Park-Audrey Perino
Jul 18 (Sat) Westside Tour-Chaz Shaw
Jul 20 (Mon) Washington Co-Rich Fuhs
Jul 23 (Thu) Mosier Tunnel-Gerda Eck
Jul 26 (Sun) Kansas City-Gisela Piercy
Jul 30 (Thu) Buena Vista Ferry-Allen Burrell

August

Aug 3 (Mon) Sauvie Island-Chaz Shaw
Aug 10 (Mon) Blue Lake Park-Terry Lawson
Aug 13 (Thu) Springwater East-Audrey Perino
Aug 16 (Sun) Puget Island-Chaz Shaw
Aug 20 (Thu) Willamette Valley/Gervais-Lou Sowa
Aug 27 (Thu) Trolley Trail-JoAnn Klassen

September

Sept 8 (Tue) Col River Hwy to Casc Locks-Allen Burrell
Sept 10 (Thu) Willamette Pk to Zoo-Audrey Perino
Sept 17 (Thu) Oktoberfest-Lou Sowa

From the Conservation Chair

The Conservation Chair has agreed to continue as Resolutions Chair of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.

I earnestly solicit Trails clubbers to suggest topics for action. Write your own resolution, I can help, we can form a subcommittee, or I can write it. I would like to see more participation. — Sydney Herbert,

**Trails Club Of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
April 14, 2015**

George Milne called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Callista Snively, Glen Conrad, and Cindy Lee had been excused from attending. Art Stangell, Kelly Marlin, and Phil Crosby attended.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as distributed.

President's Report: George reported on a number of meetings he had attended during the month.

He met with Lynn Burdett and confirmed that she is working on a list of dates on which it will be convenient for her staff to meet with us to review our access to Nesika.

He attended a Friends of the Gorge event with about 300 people in attendance. George is impressed the the size and the dynamism of the Friends organization.

Zoe Ann Arrington wants to come up to Nesika sometime soon when we are there. We hope to establish a date soon.

We are still searching for a mechanism to allow us to participate in the new parking area at the Mazamas Lodge in conjunction with the Forest Service and the Mazamas.

We may be participating in the Historic Gorge Highway Centennial celebration.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy submitted her report by email

Cash Balance 3/31/15	\$16,865.11
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Beginning Balance 3/1/15	\$11,796.52
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Deposits	7,016.79
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Checks/Withdrawals	-1948.20
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Ending Balance 3/31/15	\$16,865.11
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Vice President's report: Joel has the calendar up to date. Still working on new keys and locks for Tye.

Membership trustee's report: There were no first readings. Valentine J. Power, Leah A. Sullivan and Sylvia L. Ashley were elected to membership.

Joan was concerned that a lapsed member apparently still has a key.

Trips trustee's report: Ron is working hard recruiting leaders and developing a hiking program. He was disappointed in the response to his email soliciting trips leadership.

He plans to get more one to one contact to help find leaders. He is starting a programs of Monday hikes.

Publication's trustee's report- Randy is gratified that the April Blazer arrived before the first of the month and he looks forward to further improvement in the schedule.

The directory has been reduced from 17 sheets to 10 sheets which has reduced reproduction costs and should result in reduced mailing costs. The board was generally complimentary of the improved directory,

Social trustee's report: Barbara reported 65 people had signed up for the banquet to date. There was a discussion of the logistics for name tags and programs for the banquet.

She confirmed the arrangements for opening and closing Nesika on Memorial Day weekend.

She attempted to plan the 4th of July event at this board meeting

Additional Business: There was a short general discussion of how we were going to celebrate the Club's one hundredth birthday with a number of possibilities mentioned. Some members want a hiking component,

A hike to the top of Larch Mountain with a ceremony at the top met with some favor. There is a desire for a sit down event in town with an emphasis on the Club's hundred year history. The general feeling on the board was we need a leader for the event to come up with a time, place and general outline for the event.

The meeting adjourned at 9PM

Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo

Upcoming Event

**FWOC Annual Convention - Fri 8/28/2015 to Sun 8/30/2015
Menucha Retreat & Conference Center, Corbett Oregon
2015 Convention Theme - "Innovative Conservation"**

The FWOC Ex Comm meeting and opening reception will be held in the Green House room, located directly across the driveway from Wright Hall. Thanks to the Winchell Hayward Fund, the \$85 registration fee covers food (special needs extra) and a variety of lodging with bedding and towels provided. Delicious home cooked meals, served family style, start at 7 PM Friday, Aug 28.

The Trails Club invites those attending the 2015 convention to visit Nesika Thurs 8/27 - Fri 8/28 and view stones/plaques donated by FWOC clubs and embedded in the lodge's stone fire place.

Interested in attending? Please email historian@trailclub.org by June 1 to request a registration packet with details on both events.

May Presidents Message

Approaching the Century Mark

The Trails Club of Oregon is quickly approaching the one hundred year mark in October of 2015. We are seeking individuals that would like to work on planning events later this year and a special annual banquet early in 2016.

There are so many people and events that have enriched the history of the Trails Club of Oregon that should be recognized and celebrated. The History Committee has, and is, spending considerable effort to establish factual accounts of the last 99 years. That effort will tell an accurate story about the formation and evolution of this great organization.

We are privileged to own two lodges and the story of members building and maintaining both is a very special attribute to the character and dedication of members, past and present. The same can be said for those that plan and implement all the activities included in TCO life. As I have said before, we are a multifaceted organization that supports so many diverse activities. It is a pleasure to witness how members even support activities or interests that they might not have direct involvement in.

Our goal is to assemble a committee representing all aspects of club interests to plan and develop, with support of the Board and other committees, celebrations that represent both current and past accomplishments that make the TCO what it is today.

When you decide to be included in planning this celebration, please email George Milne at president@trailsclub.org or call 503-572-8512. I look forward to TCO members stepping up, as has happened so many times in the past, to answer the call and make this a successful celebration.

George Milne

Membership Notes - April 2015

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.

First Readings:

None

Second Readings:

Valentine J. Power
Leah A Sullivan
Sylvia L. Ashley

Changes:

Suzanne Davis
suzyjd24@gmail.com
Michael Parker
yosemitehiker@comcast.net

Reinstatements:

Avis McHugh
Daniel Van Rossen



Intrepid Wednesday Hikers - April Fools Day Crossing the unsettling (but perfectly safe) little-known Terry Norman suspension bridge in Tryon Creek State Natural Area

From the Editor Last month's article, "Trailers at Nesika" was written by George Milne at my request because I was initially attracted to the Trails Club by its "can do" spirit. I wonder what things have attracted other members. Do you have a story or an idea for an article about why you joined? Contact me.

Blazer@trailsclub.org

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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 show-shoe 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 involving 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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