



Trail Blazer

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August 2015

Upcoming Events			19-20	Sat-Sun	Nesika Work Party
Date	Day	Event Description	19-20	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Party
----- August -----			23	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
3	Mon	Blue Lake Park Bike Ride - Class B	30	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
3	Mon	Bald Mtn Hike - Class B	Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
5	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		
5	Wed	Evening hike - Class A/B	Events		
6	Thu	Gresham to Sandy Bike - Class A	Aug 3 (Mon) - Blue Lake Park Bike - Class B		
8-9	Sat-Sun	Hike & Dine - Tyee Lodge	This ride is largely on bike trails -- I-205 bike path, Springwater Corridor, Gresham-Fairview bike path, and Marine Drive bike path with some connecting city streets. It is 25 miles and with 525 feet total ascent. We will stop for lunch at Blue Lake Park.		
8-9	Sat-Sun	Elk Cove Exploratory Backpack Class B	Register with leader via e-mail - may reschedule if bad weather.		
10	Mon	Sauvie Island Bike Ride - Class B	Depart: 10 am from in front of Gateway Park and Ride on NE 99th		
10	Mon	Bald Mtn - Ramona Falls Hike - Class B	Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250, lawson.terry@gmail.com		
11	Tue	TCO Board Meeting - Mazama MC	Aug 3 (Mon) - Bald Mtn Hike - Class B		
12	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	Hike from Bald Mtn trailhead down hill 3.5 miles on timberline trail to Ramona Falls 2.5 more miles to Ramona Falls trailhead parking lot. Six mile total. On the way to Bald Mtn trailhead vehicle will be staged for ride back up hill to hike start point.		
12	Wed	Evening hike - Class A/B	Depart: 8 AM from hike leader Ron's home 1260 NW Bella Vista Court.		
13	Thu	Springwater Trail to Boring - Class A	Alternate Departure: 8:45 at Sandy Or Safeway parking lot.		
15	Sat	Blazer Deadline	Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042, ronaldrsilvis@aol.com		
14-16	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Party	Aug 5 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B		
15-16	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Party	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.		
16	Sun	Sunday Puget Island Bike Ride - Class A	Leader: TBD		
19	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	Watch here for updates, or call Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com		
19	Wed	Evening hike - Class A/B			
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Aug 5 (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: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839,
catherineschied@gmail.com

Aug 6 (Thu) Gresham to Sandy Bike - Class A

We will ride out the Spring Water Trail to Boring, then on a bike lane on HWY 26 to Sandy. Maximum East terminus on 26 Joe's Donuts - Best in Oregon. Distance RT 25 miles.

Depart: 10 AM from leaders home 1260 NW Bella Vista Court, Gresham; Easy bike trail access, ample safe parking available.

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

Please RSVP via phone or Email.

Aug 8-9 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike-N-Dine - Caribbean

MedleyKathy Pollock and Kate Leonard will be our cooks with a culinary tour of the Caribbean islands of Jamaica, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas. Appetizers, blackened trout with fried plantains, jerk sweet potatoes and black bean curry, mildly-spiced yellow rice with vegetables, mango-tomato-avocado salad, dhal puri (Indian flatbread), virgin cuba libres, and coconut ice cream with Caribbean fruits for dessert. It's an almost gluten-free menu. Cost \$10 dinner, \$3 breakfast. Nancy Overpeck will be the host. Overnight and day use fees apply for members and guests. Limited to 28 people. Register by Tuesday, Aug 4 with: Kathy Pollock - pollockkathy@ymail.com or 503-341-9441.

Aug 8-9 (Sat-Sun) Elk Cove Exploratory Backpack-Class B

We'll access Elk Cove on the north side of Mount Hood via the Vista Ridge Trail and the Timberline Trail. Hike up will be thru the Dollar Lake Burn of 2011, the views are scenic once we reach the Timberline Trail. Scenery should include the north face of Mount Hood, north to Mount Adams, Saint Helens, and Mount Rainier. Elk Cove itself is said to be quite scenic. Mileage will be approximately 4 ½ each way with about 1700 feet of elevation gain going in and about a 400 foot loss into Elk Cove.

To register, contact leader prior to Wednesday August 5th at 8:00 PM. Application form and Emergency Contact Information form need to be received by leader prior to start of trip. These forms are available on the Backpack page under Backpack Participant Information.

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

Aug 10 (Mon) - Sauvie Island Bike Ride - Class B

32 mile flat ride around Sauvie Island. Pack a lunch, snacks and plenty of water. Depart: 10 AM Parking lot near the Sauvie Island Bridge

Leader: Chaz Shaw, 503-729-7560 chaznw@gmail.com chaznw@gmail.com

Please email leader if you intend to ride.

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

Aug 10 (Mon) - Bald Mtn Ramona Falls Loop Hike - Class B

We will start at the Bald Mtn trailhead. Spur trail 1/2 mile to PCT/TLC junction. Timberline trail 3 miles downhill to Ramona Falls. Ramona Falls trail 1/2 mile cross Muddy Fork on double fallen tree. This is an easy, fun crossing. Call trip leader for details if doubtful or apprehensive. Two more Miles uphill in closed forest PCT to start point.

Mileage is about 7 miles. Moderate hike at leisurely pace. Lunch at Ramona Falls.

Depart: 8 AM from hike leader Ron's home 1260 NW Bella Vista Court.

Alternate meet location: Sandy OR Safeway parking lot, 37601 Hwy 26, Sandy, OR at 8:45.

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

Aug 12 (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.

Leader: TBD

Watch here for updates, or call Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com

Aug 12 (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: Gini Batemen, 503-475-8712 ginibateman@Comcast.net

Aug 13 (Thu) Springwater Trail to Boring - Class A

We will ride the eastern part of the Springwater Corridor, the part we never do! The ride is slightly uphill on the way out and downhill on the way back, all on bike path. Total distance is 20 miles. We will ride from SE 145th out to Boring, have lunch at the Not So Boring Bar and Grill and then ride back. Call or email with questions. I don't ride in the rain or the excessive heat, so if weather is iffy, call my cell to check if ride is a go.

Depart: 10 AM, On SE 145th between the Springwater Corridor and SE Ellis St. This is just on the west side of Powell Butte Nature Park. Only way in is on SE Ellis St. Make sure you are NORTH of the Springwater Corridor. Google map the intersection of SE Ellis and SE 145th and you should find it.

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

Aug 14-16 (Fri-Sun) Nesika Work Trip

Come join us for a great time at Nesika. We will finish up on road work; brushing and bridge repair. We will begin ensuring adequate wood supply for winter. There will be splitting, stacking and moving wood.

Some wood working and flooring repairs still need to be finished. Kids are welcome. There are still some bird houses that need to be finished.

To register call: Glen or Linda Conrad at: 360-837-3787 or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Aug 15-16 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work weekend

Come join us at the August Tyee Work Party.

Projects include replacing the front porch, replacing kitchen floor, spring cleaning, moving wood and several odd jobs that need to be accomplished.

Let Stephen Brown, August Work Party Chair know what projects you would like to work on. Rebecca Knudson will be cooking delicious meals. Sign up for the weekend or for the day.

Register by Wednesday, August 12th with Rebecca Knudson - rknudson@gmail.com or 503-639-2234.

Aug 16 (Sun) Puget Island Bike Ride - Class A

This is an "A" ride of 19.6 flat miles. There is a possibility of an extension of 15 miles if someone is willing to lead the extension. Please refer to the ride with GPS link:

http://www.cathlametchamber.com/ferry_schedule.php

Depart: 10:15 AM from the Westport ferry.

Leader: Chaz Shaw, 503-729-7560 chaznw@gmail.com

Aug 19 (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. This week we hike to Council Crest.

Depart: 9:30 AM at SW 18th Ave. and SW Spring, near Ainsworth Elementary.

Leader: Mike Harrison, 360-326-3084.

Aug 19 (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: Donna Covi, 360-573-1294, dcibike2@aol.com

Aug 22 (Sat) Potluck/BBQ Picnic - Hopkins Demonstration Forest

We will have a potluck picnic at noon at the picnic shelter by Hopkins Hall near restroom. Please let me know what you will be bringing so we have a good variety of food. Will provide black bean burgers, and hotdogs. There is a nice grill if you wish to bring something else to cook.

Walt Garvin will lead an optional hike in this 140 acre forest.

Meet for the hike at 9:45 AM from the parking lot, and return by noon for the picnic.

Hopkins is located at 16750 S Brockway Rd, Oregon city, 10 miles south on Hwy 213, (Exit 10) turn left at Spangler Rd, and follow signs to Brockway Rd. Turn right to parking at end of road. Check out Hopkins website at www.demonstrationforest.org.

Register With: Barbara Jones
socialchair@trailsclub.org or call
503-829-6424 or (cell) 503-819-8983.

Please register by Friday, August 21 to help with planning. A small donation is appreciated for the use of the facility.

Aug 24 (Mon) Bald Mtn to Maz trail Hike – Class B

Hike is from Bald Mtn top spur trail to Maz trail McNeil trail intersection. Distance total is 7.8 miles at this turn around point and elevation here is 5,600 ft. Possibility of continuing on for another 1.2 mile to McNeil Shelter if group hearty enough. Round trip to McNeil Shelter is 10.4 mile with elevation gain of 2,200 ft. Hike considered difficult because of elevation and distance but every attempt will be made to proceed at leisurely pace.

Depart: 7:30 AM from hike leader Ron's home 1260 NW Bella Vista Court.

Alternate departure: 8:15 AM, Sandy Safeway.

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

Aug 26 (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.

Depart: 9:30 AM from Friendly House at NW Thurman and 28th.

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

Aug 26 (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: Bob Link, 503-702-3094
fanmanr@aol.com

Aug 27 (Thu) Trolley Trail Loop Ride- Class B

We will ride a loop going out to Gladstone on the Trolley Trail. We will wind through Gladstone, then return via I-205 bike path & Springwater. This ride has some long gradual climbs. Ride is approx.30 mi. I can email a link to the map with elevation by email the week before the ride.

Depart: 9:00 AM, Sellwood Riverfront Park, SE Spokane & Oaks Park Way (parking area)

Leader: JoAnn Klassen, joannk4fun@yahoo.com

Sept 2 (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

Sept 3-7 (Thu-Mon) Tyee to Nesika 100th Anniversary Hike/Backpack - Class C

Hike from Tyee to Nesika. 3 nights car camping and 1 night to camp on the trail. This is strenuous hiking.

It's OK for people to meet us at different starting points to begin hike. Total of 66.7 miles. Maximum to Register is 12.

Date Mileage Trail Description

Sept 3 7.5 mi Start at Tyee 5:00 PM. Hike up Alpine Road to Timberline Trail. Car camp.

Sept 4 15 mi Start at Timberline. Hike slack pack to Lolo Pass. Meet and car camp.

Sept 5 15.3 mi Lolo Pass to Wahtum Lake. Slack Pack. Meet car and camp.

Sept 6 14.9 mi Wahtum Lake to Dublin Lake. Overnight BP.

Sept 7 14 mi Dublin Lake to Nesika: Billy Goat Trail, Moffett Creek trail, Horse Tail Creek, Franklin Ridge trail. Nesika and catch ride home.

To make this happen we will need someone to open Nesika Lodge for the weekend. We will also need help to shuttle camping gear on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you can help out contact the leader,

Linda Conrad 360-837-3787 or Email at lcgrconrad@aol.com

Sept 5-7 (Sat-Mon) Labor Day at Tyee

Lodge will be hosted "Host Only" (unless we get a volunteer to cook some or all the meals) so plan to provide your own food. Come join us for a relaxing weekend. We will do some hiking, and the lodge will be locked when everyone is out and about, so bring your key if you have one. If you are interested in cooking any or all meals, please contact Barbara Jones.

Register with Host: Barbara Jones
socialchair@trailsclub.org call 503-829-6424 or (cell) 503-819-8983. by Wed, Sept 2.

Sept 9 (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

Sept 12-13 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike and Dine - German

Barbara Jones will be your cook this weekend. The menu will be cheese fondue, salad, spaetzle, german hot potato salad, vegetable, smoked pork chops, and dessert. A hearty breakfast will be served on Sunday. Cost is \$9 for dinner, and \$3 breakfast plus overnight and day use fees apply for members and guests. Member cost for weekend is \$22. Will open lodge by noon Saturday.

Register With: Barbara Jones
socialchair@trailsclub.org or call 503-829-6424 or (cell) 503-819-8983.

Please register by Wed, Sept 9

Sept 12-13 (Sat-Sun) Indian Heaven Loop Exploratory Backpack Class B

We'll explore the Indian Heaven Wilderness, with its many lakes in the Washington South Cascades.

Our trailhead will be at the Cultus Creek Campground, and when we enter the wilderness we will have multiple options as to where to explore and camp.

The area is known for its lakes but also for mosquitoes. Hopefully by going in September most will be gone. Distance in will be between 4-5 miles depending on where we end up and about 1700 feet of elevation gain.

To register, contact leader prior to 8:00 PM Wednesday, September 9. Application form and Emergency Contact Information form need to be received by leader prior to start of trip. These forms are available on the Backpack page under Backpack Participant Information.

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

Sept 16, 23, 30 (Wed) Morning Hikes – 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

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.

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule-2015

August

Aug 3 (Mon) Blue Lake Park-Terry Lawson
 Aug 10 (Mon) Sauvie Island-Chaz Shaw
 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 Social Trustee Barbara Jones

Mark your calendar for the second annual TCO picnic to be held August 22 at Hopkins Demonstration Forest outside of Oregon City.

We are looking for volunteers to help with Labor Day weekend at Nesika. If you can help cook, drive the tractor, run the generator, we need your help! Please contact Barb Jones at socialchair@trailsclub.org before August 5.

We need volunteers to lead Mt Hood area hikes Aug 8/9 and Sept 12/13. Please send your writeup to: blazer@trailsclub.org

Upcoming

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 options 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 fireplace.

Interested? Please email historian@trailsclub.org
 Registration fees must reach the Historian by August 4 at the latest. For more information, go to:
www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org

Trails Ahead

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

Let's Talk About

In the July Board meeting it was proposed that the first floor of the dorm building north of Nesika Lodge be for family use and the upper floor reserved for women only. Please make your feelings known to Board Members. - Ed.

Photos from the June 26-28 Outing at Belknap Springs on the McKenzie River





Marie Vander Wheele, Avis McHugh, two LA transplants, and Julie Davies rafting on the McKenzie River. June 28, 2015, Belknap TC Outing. (photo sent by Julie Davies)



Phil Crosby, Sylvia Milne, and Randy Dietrich undergoing memory, dexterity and vision testing at the Belknap outing (photo by George Milne)

Belknap Crater, Belknap Springs and the McKenzie River

The volcanoes of the McKenzie Pass are part of the "Circle of Fire" that rims the Pacific Ocean. About 40 million years ago, volcanic activity began east of the Cascade Range and then shifted west, forming the Western Cascade range 15 to 30 million years ago. Since then, volcanic activity has moved slightly east to build the High Cascades during the last 3 million years. Most of the highest Cascade peaks are less than 70,000 years old. During the last ice age, most of the higher parts of the Cascades were covered by an ice sheet. At their greatest extent, Ice Age glaciers filled the McKenzie Valley as far west as Blue River. About 10,000 years ago the glaciers began to retreat. Eruptions have continued into modern times, there having been at least 30 recorded eruptions in the last 150 years. If you drive along Route 242 toward Sisters (the junction is less than a mile west of the resort) on the south side you will see one lava flow that covers 65 square miles and is only 2700 years old. The Dee Wright Observatory is also along this route, named for a Forest Service packer who grew up among the Molalla Indians, drove pack strings across the Cascades, and helped locate and build portions of the Skyline Trail in 1933. He was foreman of the Civilian Conservation Corps crew that built the observatory, but he died in 1934 before it was completed. From the observatory you can view many mountain peaks and craters, including Belknap Crater, less than 3000 years old. The age of Belknap lavas was determined by their relation to older lavas near Clear Lake. Clear Lake was formed about 3000 years ago by lava flows from Sand Mountain and associated vents, forming a natural dam at the south end of the lake. The lake filled up slowly, leaving many trees still standing under

water. The frigid waters have preserved many of the trees, some of which are still standing underwater. Today Clear Lake is fed by underground springs which flow at 1 ½ million gallons/hour at Great Springs. The lake looks a lot like it did when first seen by Europeans, but its pristine condition was almost lost in 1907, when a plan to build a hydroelectric project was proposed. Log buildings were constructed in anticipation, but the plan was rejected. Several other proposals were made well into the 1950's, but none were ever approved (thank goodness!).

The McKenzie River originates as the outflow of Clear Lake. It is a 90 mile tributary of the Willamette River, named for Donald Mackenzie, a Scottish Canadian fur trader who formed an exploration party in the spring of 1812 by the Pacific Fur Company. It was largely unvisited by white settlers and explorers until 1853, when a group of Oregon Trail settlers became lost trying the cross the Cascades into the Willamette Valley via the Elliott Cutoff. The two waterfalls on the McKenzie River at the beginning and end of the hike are 70 ft Sahalie ("heaven") and 100 ft Koosah ("sky"). These are Chinook Jargon words - part of a rudimentary trade language that allowed people to exchange news and goods in the area. The Kalapuya, Molalla, Sahaptain and Chinook people traveled and traded here, perhaps on their way to obtain obsidian in the high Cascades or to gather huckleberries.

(forwarded by Vicki Wood)

**Jeanette Guertin Townsend (1912 - 2008)
an Amazing Trails Clubber**

Jeanette Guertin Townsend was born in 1912, to Anna and Leon Guertin in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was the eldest of six siblings, three boys and three girls. Of German heritage, Jeanette attended a German-English-speaking grade school and went on to graduate from high school in three years. She graduated from the University of Minnesota, becoming one of the first Medical Technologists at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul.

Growing up, Jeanette received a pair of ice skates from her Uncle Nick Michels. The skates were too big for her then, but she was so grateful to have them that she just wore them over her regular shoes so she could attend skating parties. Uncle Nick found out about this and bought her speed skates in the right size. Jeanette practiced and practiced her skating until someone told her she "should try out for the Olympics". She did just that, and although she did not make the team, her time was just seconds behind that of Sonja Henie, who came in third place in the trials but went on to score Gold medals in three Olympic games. Undaunted, Jeanette continued to skate and collect prizes and medals (Her skates and memorabilia are currently on display in the TCO exhibit space at the Government Camp Cultural Center and Museum). In her mid-eighties Jeanette wore her original skates to a skating session celebrating a birthday of her granddaughter, Patricia Stupek.

In addition to skating, Jeanette loved the mountains and outdoor life. She planned a summer trip with friends where they would take a train to Lake Louise in Alberta, Canada. When the friends backed out of the trip, she went on her own, maintaining that "life should be lived to the fullest - anything is possible if you just try". Having seen Lake Louise, she then continued through Canada and wound up in Vancouver, Washington where she applied for a job opening for a Medical Technologist at Clark General Hospital.

While still in the area, she learned of a ski lodge opening up on Mt. Hood. Traveling to Government Camp by bus, she set off hiking the rest of the way up the West Leg Road. Along the way she met two men who offered to accompany her to the new lodge. Arriving at the lodge they soon discovered it wasn't open yet. The two men promptly left, leaving Jeanette behind. Tired and hungry, she found a security guard who, ignoring her plea for something to eat, did tell her that President Roosevelt was scheduled to dedicate Timberline Lodge in two weeks time on September 28, 1937. She turned away and headed back down the mountain to Government Camp - right into a blizzard! She lost her way in the blowing wind and snow, but struggled on. A devout Catholic, she stopped and prayed that someone would find her. Continuing on, she at last saw a light and hiked toward it, ending up at the

Mazama Lodge. She knocked on the door until a man opened it. She told him "I'm lost, please help me." She was given warm clothes, food, and a safe place to rest for the night. It is easy to see why Jeanette Townsend soon had a soft spot in her heart for the Mazamas, joining in 1937.

Shortly after returning to Minnesota, she had two surprises; an appendicitis attack requiring surgery, and while in the hospital, she received a telegram informing her she had been offered the job in Vancouver, WA. Excited, she checked herself out of the hospital, and headed west on the train. She told her children how exhausting her job was; she was supposed to work only 8 hours a day but was on call for emergencies 24 hours a day, and had only one weekend off a month. To save money she walked to work through the Vancouver Barracks.

Soon Jeannette met Sam Jacobson, a Trails Club member since 1934. He took her ice skating, where she also met Ding Cannon. The three young people became friends, and the two men began to take her on outdoor outings on her one weekend a month; she visited many scenic sites in Oregon and Washington, and climbed Mts. St. Helens, Adams, Baker, and the Three Sisters. On July 24, 1938 Sam and Ding took her on a Trails Club climb up Mt. Jefferson, where she met Graham Townsend. After dating a few years, they married in March, 1940. Jeanette's parents were unable to travel to the wedding, so Ding walked Jeanette down the aisle, and Sam was one of Graham's groomsmen. At the time of their wedding Graham was supposed to chair the Trails Club's first Summer Outing in Three Sisters, Oregon; Fortunately, Ding came to his rescue and agreed to take over for the first few days so Graham and Jeanette could have a short honeymoon and still attend the outing. After Jeanette attended several more Trails Club activities, she decided to become a member. In order to qualify, she attended a Trails Club event at the Portland Ice Hippodrome in January of 1943 and then took a two-day ski trip headquartered at the Mazama Lodge. The total cost of the ski trip in 1943 was \$3.10 (you supplied your own lunch). She officially became a member of Trails Club on February 16, 1943.

That summer, Jeanette, Graham and others who had attended the summer outings agreed to serve in the Forest Service Reserves, which had been tasked with helping keep Oregon safe from bombing attacks in World War II. In a report submitted to the TCO Board (now located in the TCO History Office, formerly stored in the Oregon Historical Society archives), Ding Cannon documented how 62 TCO members participated in training to operate programs at 40 different US Forest Service lookout sites, for a total of 105 assignments. Jeanette and Graham became true pioneers, taking their young children Paul and Anne (then a baby) to the Barlow Guard Station,

where they lived in a rustic cabin and furnished their own food, supplemented by fishing and picking local berries. After their one week's service in 1943, they volunteered for two more years, donating two weeks each summer.

As dedicated and creative TCO members Jeanette and Graham originated and promoted many new activities and ideas, including the Junior Membership program, providing downhill skiing lessons at Timberline, the Summer Outing, Hike and Dines, and "Pre-SKI", a party in December to celebrate the upcoming ski season. They recruited new members, led hikes, and served on several committees in various capacities.

In 1955 Jeanette gave birth to her youngest child, Jean. Ten years later, she went back to work in 1965 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, working the first year for free to re-establish her certification. She eventually retired in 1974.

All about celebrating accomplishments, Jeanette organized many milestone parties, including those for Tyee's 25th (1974), 35th (1984), and 50th (1999) Anniversaries. At age 78, Jeanette organized a very special event. She planned a party at Tyee to celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary with Graham, who was gravely ill with cancer and being treated at Good Samaritan Hospital. He received permission from his doctors to leave the hospital and was driven by car to Government Camp, where he was transferred to a SnoCat for the trip to Tyee Lodge. Here, surrounded by long-time club friends and family, he and Jeanette celebrated their life together. Two months later, Graham lost his battle with cancer. Two years later, in 1992, Jeanette was honored as a recipient of the Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award.

(This article resulted from a series of interviews with Jean Townsend Stupack (Jeanette's youngest daughter) by Sylvia Milne, TCO Historian. - Ed.)



August President's Message

July is the month we organize a nominating committee to recommend a slate of officers and trustees for the following year. Gerda Eck has accepted the Past President position as chair person as required by our Bylaws. She will select four members at large to also serve on the committee. Nominations will be published in the September and October Blazers if all goes well.

Our history is one of being a multifaceted organization with members interested in one or more of the activities the club sponsors. It also requires that as members we acknowledge and help support all activities of the organization. No small group or individual can be allowed to dominate policy. We are also an ever evolving organization that must acknowledge new activities and current trends that could enhance our program and be open to listening and evaluating each one. Board members should represent this philosophy.

The officers and trustees we elect need to be able to understand and function as a solution based administrative body to help each committee develop effective events and programs within their area of responsibility. Please give thought of members you would like to have involved in leadership for the next term of office.

At the November 9th Annual Meeting, officers to elect for two year terms are President and Secretary. Also, for two year terms are Membership, Social, Tyee and Nesika Trustee positions. We will need to elect a Trips Trustee for one year to complete an existing term. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

(President's Message continued)

In addition, the US Forest Service has recognized the important contribution charter members played in building the Multnomah Falls - Larch Mountain Trail and the first watch tower at the top of the mountain that was built between two tall trees. The USFS agreed to allow us to place an interpretive sign honoring that accomplishment and the formation of the Trails Club of Oregon during the dedication of the trail on October 3rd, 1915. This was on their wish list and they are extremely appreciative the Trails Club is willing to make it a reality. What a great honor to recognize our heritage.

Editor's Note: We use a service to manage the mailing of the print Blazer. I found that something called a PAF (Processing Acknowledgement Form) must be renewed annually. The renewal notification was sent late last month, but I (the editor named Philip) was not the recipient. Instead, it was the previous editor (the one named Phillip). A significant pacing item is the monthly Board meeting, held on the second Tuesday of the month. The Blazer deadline is the 15th, which may be very close to the timing of the Board meeting, the minutes of which are generally in the Blazer following that Board meeting. The calendar can conspire against us, as it has in July, where the Board meeting occurs on the 14th. To ensure consistency, the events index and the events themselves are downloaded from the web shortly after the deadline. Only then can the assembly process begin. A rough Blazer is sent out for review and the final version is sent out with only about one day turn-around allowed. And our printer works a five-day week. The July Blazer was printed and received by courier by Joan Miller before July 4. However, mailing service and USPS delays resulted in receipt on July 14 for most members. Henceforth, the Events Calendar will contain a full month's look-ahead.



Great Photo - Great Hike!

Pictured are Joyce Rasmussen, Ann Dudley, Daniel Reich, Jude Dunn, Ron Silvis and Cheryl(?). Extraordinary effort by all because this was a hike that supposedly couldn't be done because of a landslide. Trail was mistakenly reported to be closed. Up the strategically placed fallen tree we went. A real CAN DO attitude exemplified by all, especially Joyce.

Photo by Joan Miller

**Trails Club Of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
July 14, 2005**

Preliminary Minutes

George Milne called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. All trustees attended except Randy Dietrich and Barbara Jones. The Trips Trustee position is vacant. Phil Crosby represented Publications and Leonard Murphy represented History.

There was a brief conversation concerning the bridges on our road.

George said he has started to think that we should form a foundation to hold some of our assets and engage in fund raising. He also would like to investigate changing our status with the IRS. There was general approval for further investigation of both items.

He appointed Gerda Eck to the nominating committee

Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance	6/30/2015	\$14,053.26
Beginning balance	6/1/2015	\$18,795.66
Deposits		3,838.11
Checks & withdrawals		8,580.51
Ending Balance	6/30/2015	\$14,053.26

Nesika Trustee's Report

Glen said we had an excess of 30 members at the June work trip. The road has been brushed on both sides down from the green gate and some tread work has been done on bad spots. A retaining wall constructed from old RR ties was built near Red Wing where the interim wood shed was removed and the area backfilled.

Nader Rahimizad has donated a gas BBQ to Nesika. It will be kept on the lodge's back porch.

The 4th of July event was a success with a couple of young families with kids attending.

The board likes the idea of reversing the pattern of use in the women's dorm placing families on the lower floor and

reserving the upper floor for the women.

Publications Report

The Blazer arrived at members boxes very late this month. It was mailed late as a result of a number of communication problems. Phil plans to extend the calendar to include all of the subsequent month so members will have a calendar of events when the Blazer arrives late.

Social Trustee's Report

Barbara emailed a report showing 35 people at the 4th of July event and 16 at the June hike and dine. There will be a picnic at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest August 22.

Membership Trustee's Report

Beverly B. Drott and Lori Balbi were read for the first time. Matthew E. Laas was elected to membership.

Approximately half of the directories have not yet been distributed. They will be mailed out at a cost of \$.71 each.

Tyee Trustees's Report

Callista told us that the June work trip had been cancelled since so few had signed up. 20 people signed up for the July work trip which will be led by Pete Nelson.

History Committee

Leonard Murphy presented a report which was e mailed to the board.

Old Business

Details regarding the Centennial event(s) were discussed, but no definite conclusions were reached

New Business

George distributed a proposal for a plaque to be placed on the site of the original Trails Club structure at the top of Larch Mountain. It proposes about \$1600 to prepare the copy and \$ 9000 to erect the plaque. George would like to raise funds for the project. The board is generally supportive of the idea.

Respectfully submitted
Merrill Hugo

Membership Notes - July 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.

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Second Readings:

Matthew E. Laas

Changes:

Leah Sullivan

Name change to: Leah Janssen

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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

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