



Trail Blazer

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September 2015

Upcoming Events			21	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
Date	Day	Event Description	28	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
----- September -----			Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
2	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		
2	Wed	Evening hike - Class A/B	Events		
3-7	Thu-Mon	Tyee to Nesika 100th Anniversary Hike/ Backpack - Class C			
5-7	Sat-Mon	Labor Day - Tyee Lodge	Sept 2 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B		
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8	Tue	Col River Hwy Bike - Moffitt Creek Section Class A/B	Leader: TBD. Watch here for updates or contact Kathy Pollock, 503-341- 9441, pollockkathy@gmail.com		
8	Tue	TCO Board Meeting - Mazama MC	Sept 2 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B		
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12-13	Sat-Sun	Hike & Dine - Tyee Lodge	Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh		
12-13	Sat-Sun	Indian Heaven Loop Exploratory Backpack Class B	Class A Leader: TBD		
15	Tue	Blazer Deadline	Class B Leader: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839, catherineschied@gmail.com		
16	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	Sept 3-7 (Thur-Mon) Tyee to Nesika 100th Anniversary Hike/Backpack - Class C		
16	Wed	Evening hike - Class A/B	Hike from Tyee to Nesika. 3 nights car camping and 1 night to camp on the trail. This is strenuous hiking. OK for people to meet us at different starting points to begin hike. Total of 66.7 miles. Maximum to Register is 12.		
19-20	Sat-Sun	Nesika Work Party	Date Mileage Trail Description		
19-20	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Party	Sep. 3 7.5 mi Start at Tyee 5:00 PM. Hike up Alpine Road to Timberline Trail. Car camp.		
23	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	Sep. 4 15 mi Start at Timberline. Hike slack pack to Lolo Pass. Meet and car camp.		
23	Wed	Evening hike - Class A/B	Sep. 5 15.3 mi Lolo Pass to Wahtum Lake. Slack Pack. Meet car and camp.		
30	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	Sep. 6 14.9 mi Wahtum Lake to Dublin Lake. Over-night BP.		
30	Wed	Evening hike - Class A/B			
----- October -----					
3	Sat	Our 100th year celebration begins - Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum			
7	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B			
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Sep. 7 14 mi Dublin Lake to Nesika: Billy Goat Trail, Moffett Creek trail, Horse Tail Creek, Franklin Ridge trail. Nesika and home.

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

Register With Leader: Linda Conrad 360-837-3787 or lcgcrconrad@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 5-7 (Sat-Mon) Labor Day at Nesika

Thanks to two club members who have volunteered, Nesika lodge will be open for the holiday weekend. Karen or Roger Anderson will be serving Sat dinner, Sun, breakfast and dinner. Monday breakfast will also be served. Dinners \$7, Breakfast \$3, bring your own lunches. Normal overnight and day use fees apply.

The upper gate will be opened at 10 AM Saturday. Let the cook know if you are meeting us there when you register and please be on time.

Register with: Karen or Roger Anderson 360-450-9199, p74852@gmail.com . Please register by Wed, Sept 2.

Contact Karen Anderson, or Barbara Jones, socialchair@trailsclub.org if you have questions or can help in any way. Your help will make this weekend a success!

Sept 8 (Tue) Col River Hwy Bike - Moffitt Creek Section - Class A/B

Heading west from Cascade Locks the bike trail takes us to a historic bridge over Moffitt Creek and a 1.6 mile segment of a recently dedicated (Sept, 2013) Historic Columbia River Hwy pedestrian/bike path. This ride will showcase a beautiful new path with restored views of Beacon Rock and scenic picnic/rest areas before reaching a nicely rebuilt bridge at McCord Creek, continuing to JB Yeon State Park Trailhead. Optionally some may continue on the Old Hwy, passing another restored tunnel at Oneonta Gorge, to Multnomah Falls before returning. Mileage: Cascade Locks/Yeon, 15 miles round trip (RT), or Cascade Locks-Multnomah Falls, 27 miles RT. Join me for a beautiful ride on a new jewel in the crown of Oregon's most magnificent historic highway now being brought back to life.

Depart: 10 AM Parking lot under the Bridge of the Gods at Cascade Locks, adjacent to the Charburger.

Leader: Allen Burrell, burrell@teleport.com or 503-288-3859

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.

Leader: TBD. Watch here for updates or contact Kathy Pollock, 503-341- 9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com

Sept 9 (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: Gini Bateman, 503-475-8712, ginibateman@comcast.net

Sept 10 (Thu) Willamette Park to Zoo and Back Bike Ride - Class A+

We'll ride from Willamette Park to Goose Hollow, MAX up to the Zoo and ride back down to Willamette Park. Most of the ride is on city streets and there are a bunch of hills, both up and down (so this is a fair bit harder than my usual rides). Between 15-20 miles. Bring \$\$ and/or a ticket for the MAX ride. We'll probably go somewhere for lunch after the ride. I don't ride in the rain or the excessive heat, so please check with me if the weather seems iffy.

Meet: 9:45 am for a 10 am departure, in front of Fulton Pub at 0618 SW Nebraska St., near the entrance to Willamette Park. There should be plenty of parking on Nebraska St. or other side streets.

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

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 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. When we enter the wilderness, we will have multiple exploring and camping options. Area is known for its lakes and also for mosquitoes, but hopefully in September most will be gone. Distance in will be between 4-5 miles depending on where we end up with about 1700 feet of elevation gain.

To register, contact leader prior to Wednesday, September 9th at 8:00 PM. Application form and Emergency Contact Information form must 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 (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 website for updates or contact Kathy Pollock, 503-341- 9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com

Sept 16 (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: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839, catherineschied@gmail.com

Sept 23 (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 hike will explore water features (fountains, etc.) in NW and downtown.

Depart: Check website or call leader for the meeting place.

Leader: Ray Amsinger, 503-442-9228, rayamsinger@hotmail.com

Sept 23 (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: TBD

Class B Leader: Bob Link, fanmanr@aol.com

Sept 30 (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: Marlys Edwards, 503-956-1630, marlysoe@hotmail.com . Check website or call the leader for the meeting place.

Sept 30 (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: TBD

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

Oct 3 (Sat) Our 100th year celebration - Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum

Plan to meet with Trails club friends and be present for this memorable event, sure to be a photo opportunity. Enjoy a piece of cake, take a short hike or stay later for a presentation on Oregon lookouts & Trails Club history. Be an ambassador, if you are so inclined.

Location: Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum

See full details at:

<http://www.trailsclub.org/events/announce.html#100th>

Oct 7 (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, check website or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Oct 10-11 (Sat-Sun) Hike-N-Dine - Tyee

Take a lovely fall hike and then join us for dinner at Tyee. The flavors will most likely be Middle Eastern or Mediterranean. Check back here for specifics about the menu. The cost of dinner will be \$10 and Sunday breakfast, \$3. Day use and overnight fees apply to members and guest. Limit: 30 registrants.

Register with: Rebecca Knudeson knudeson@gmail.com , 503-639-2234. Please register by Tuesday, October 6

Oct 14 (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

Oct 21 (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

Oct 28 (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

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

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

Then and now

On July 30, 2015, TCO President George Milne and I tested his bionic part (a new knee) while hiking at Panther Meadow, located at 7,450 ft. on Mt. Shasta, in California. We wanted to revisit the place where we were invited to be part of an annual sacred ceremony of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe in 2001, prior to the 2003 death of their healer Florence Jones. This scanned photo (2002) shows it in pristine condition, bubbling as it did during the ceremony and during a 2008 visit. In 2008 the natural stone retainer had been replaced with concrete block walls, yet not as tall as the ones seen in this 2007 video:



http://www.winnememwintu.us/mount-shasta/

We learned on this trip that the trail to the spring has been eliminated, so in consideration of the tribe, so we are unable to report on its condition.

Sylvia Milne, Historian
Trails Club of Oregon
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Let's Talk About

History Report to the Membership

The history committee celebrates the seventy four visitors to the history office since it opened in mid-January 2013. Starred volunteers have visited multiple times. THANK YOU!

*Arrington, Zoe; Bagley, Candy; Basinger, Glaydis; *Bauman, Mary; *Bauman, Wayne; *Beauchamp, Louise; Blue, Erin; Brickley, Jeannie; *Carr, Bill; *Campbell/Milne, Breanna; Clark Jay; Conrad, Glen; Crosby, Phil; Cordova, Ann Marie; Cordova, Olivia; *Davies, Julie; Dietrich, Kira; *Dietrich, Randy; Duell, Marie; Finn, Patris; *Garvin, Pat; *Garvin, Walt; *Dudley, Ann Marie; Gaunt, Richard; Herbert, Sydney; Houle, Marci; *Hugo, Merrill; *Hyde, Christopher; Jackson, Phil; *Jenkins, Carolyn; *Johnson, Brian; *Johnson, Max; *Jones, Barbara; *Keller, Susan; Larson, Randy; *Larson, Virginia; Lampert, Domini;

Lampert, Melisa; *Lee, Cindy; Lawton, Jeff; Langenes, Susan; McKinney Ann; McGeehan, Charlie; *Milne, Brooke; *Milne, George; *Milne, Matt; *Milne, Sylvia; *Miller, Joan; *Morris, Nadine; *Murphy, Leonard; Moore, Pamela; *Olsen, Christine; *Olsen, Jane; Osburn, Allie; *Osburn, Lisa; Pollack, Kathy; Poppino, Teri; *Ralls, Deb; Sowa, Lou; *Shanley, Tom; Sherard, Dee; *Stroninski, Celine; *Stupek, Jean; *Stupek, Mike; *Snively, Callista; Sullivan, William; Squier, Jonathon; *Squier, Lee; *Tucker, Jessie; *Lauer, Barbara; Wagstaff, Brian; *Winston, Fendall; Yandon, Bill; and *Wood, Vicki.

Leonard Murphy (research)

An archival system is finally emerging, thanks to Consultant Brian Johnson, Assistant Archivist for the City of Portland and our part/time volunteer historian. Similar to the rebuilding of Nesika, another long term club project, many barriers have been encountered and surpassed through member support. Though committee projects are being actively pursued. the Historian, not by choice, is still

the one with the greatest understanding of the whole project until the Accession Log is completely indexed.

Leonard Murphy is probably second, dedicating his summer to regular writing and research with special emphasis on member stories. Joan Miller is third, with all her efforts to create a presentation board reflecting our 100 years.

Others are knowledgeable in their project areas – Susan Keller early news articles, Vicki Wood the historic data base, Nadine Morris scanning the blazers and George Milne scanning Summer Outings slides and family photo albums. Close behind, Louise Beauchamp/Mary Bauman work on indexing Board minutes and most recently Lisa Osburn is mapping out summer outings with Allie Osburn, a potential member and history major.

Interesting observations, besides monthly board meetings, lodge work parties and hiking, the weekly gatherings to view pictures or learn has been the most consistent activity. The popularity of outdoor activities comes and goes. Conservation has been a thread throughout time. Committee reports have been consistent until recently.

Projects/Partnerships:

April 2015

Bill Sullivan interviewed TCO Historian and photographed historical documents and photographs in the TCO history office. He used 77 photos to create a power point for the 2015 annual banquet. Prints are currently being displayed in a notebook tucked into the drawer of our new glass cabinet at the Government Camp museum, with plans to duplicate the notebook for Nesika and Tyee. The notebook will also contain member stories and a list of past members, including charter ones.

Merrill Hugo visited the TCO history office to update the Nesika Access binder in preparation for a meeting with the USFS to discuss Nesika Access through their property.

Joan Miller worked with TCO Historian more than 20 hours to construct a centennial presentation board to display during Metro's May International Trails Symposium event. She previewed it at the TCO annual banquet.

Jerry Reneau introduced Bill Carr, retired USFS Archaeological Technician for the Estacada Ranger District to Trails Club Historian, who interviewed him in the history office. Since that time he has returned, be gifted us a limited issue book on the history of the Bridal Veil lumber company, internal reports for use of history office staff and precious photos, including one featured in the 1915 Oregonian article describing the launch of our club.

Jean (Townsend) Stupek and her husband Michael began volunteering in the TCO history office after the banquet. To date, Jean has helped review her parent's collection and contributed to stories written in their honor. Michael has inventoried Graham's map collection and TCO building plans. They have loaned and donated items to the Government Camp Museum exhibits.

Nadine followed up on our partnership with the Government Camp Cultural Center, along with me in facilitating our 2001 donation of \$5,000 during the museum's plea for help in raising funds for an elevator.

May 2015

Leonard followed up on a 2014 history committee goal to install an interpretive sign at the Larch Mountain Summit where the Trails Club was launched October 3, 1915 by the Portland Progressive Business Men's Club. He contacted and spoke with Marge Dryden, Archaeologist & Historic Preservation Specialist for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, at her USFS headquarters in Hood River, regarding the installation of an interpretive sign on the Larch Mountain Summit to commemorate our club history and share information on the three lookouts (1914, 1923, 1940).

Sylvia Milne met with Marge Dryden and other USFS employees, following a TCO meeting set up to discuss Nesika access over USFS land, to further our conversation regarding the installation of an interpretive sign on the Large Mountain Summit. Fortunately, the project has been on the USFS bucket list and the thought of us offering to produce and purchase the sign met with their approval.

Susan Keller and Sylvia Milne organized by year all our printed news articles (1914 – 1920s). This establishes club activity not available from Board minutes wiped out in a 1920s fire. Still fragmented, a comprehensive list of all the available news articles during that time frame.

Joan Miller, along with Sylvia & George Milne, volunteered to host a TCO booth for the International Trails Symposium event sponsored by Metro.

Leonard and Melva shopped for a glass curio cabinet to display a rotating exhibit of TCO history and arranged for its delivery to the museum.

Nadine Morris, Sylvia and Leonard met with Lloyd Musser, curator of the Government Camp Museum to set up displays in both their feature exhibit area and our permanent display case. Our renewed partnership facilitated the museum offering to plan a 100th year event on Saturday October 3, 2015, advertised to the public.

Reserve the date! Don't miss an opportunity to help our membership committee recruit new members by sharing your TCO experience with those in attendance.

June 2015

Mary Bauman brought yet more TCO Board Minutes found stored at her home (basement/garage) and began inventorying them.

Bill Carr returned bearing more precious gifts.

Leonard donated ODOT reports on the historic highway on behalf of a former employee.

Sylvia researched and produced a Board packet of early TCO involvement in the establishment of Forest Park (foot and pony trails in 1917 plus 1940s efforts of Member Fred Cleator and President Harold Mace who presented a Pioneer Trail sketch to Portland City Council, jump-starting the City Club research involving Ding Cannon). She also attended City Club event on Forest Park history, resulting in contact with their historian, who is researching their history of an upcoming 100th anniversary.

Jane Olsen sorted multiple copies of Bill Sullivan's photos, inserted them into archival sleeves and placed them in notebooks being assembled for both lodges to present Trails Club history, member stories and membership data.

Sylvia & George Milne attended the TCO Belknap Outing, including extended vacations before and after the planned outing. They interviewed past Board President Angelo Carella by the campfire to write a brief bio.

July 2015

Sylvia prepared a 3-page packet for the board to review the interpretive sign proposal, including a photo of another project in the national scenic area, a quote for professional design services (\$1,560) and one for fabrication and mounting services (\$6,020). Considering whether or not to proceed with both design and fabrication of an interpretive sign, the Board agreed to sign off on only the design. However, that will add another \$300 to \$500 to the total project because of costs which could be shared when contracting the design and fabrication at the same time.

Tom Shanley provided overdue technical support - hard to

designate time in a busy schedule.

Melva Murphy arranged a lunch meeting to introduce TCO Historian to our youngest Life Member Candy Bagley, who received the gift from Ken Martin as a baby. Candy offered to deliver a new exhibit and our 1942-1945 report of TCO involvement in managing lookouts during the war to the Government Camp Museum. The lookout exhibit is a favorite, but to this point had no mention of TCO involvement. The Curator will update records prior to our centennial.

Vicki Wood is close to completing data entry for the historic data base.

Lisa & Allie Osburn visit the history office to research data for mapping out 50 summer outings from 1940 -1992 (no outing planned during WWII years).

Leonard rescued plywood panniers from his garage, that were built by Lee Squier in the 60s to carry summer outing supplies on pack animals, creating a new museum exhibit on TCO Outings.

We are fortunate to have a group of volunteers who understand that the past is a key to future success and are moving us forward to accomplish the short and long term goals established January of 2013 at a special meeting of the Board. Also, Bob Naish, a retired USFS employee, has expressed interest in joining the history team in September.

Sylvia Milne, Historian

September President's Message

The summer seems to be passing so quickly it is often difficult to keep current on everything happening and all of a sudden the time is here. The Nominating Committee continues to interview potential Board members for the November Annual Meeting election. Some of the positions have members agreeing to have their name nominated. However, there are still some positions still open as potential candidates are weighing their options. Some upcoming events that I encourage members to participate in, if able, include:

- Tyee to Nesika backpack September 3rd through September 7th. Details are in the Blazer and on the web. There are opportunities to join the hikers during at least three over night car camps during the event. For specific details contact Linda Conrad.
- The Government Camp Cultural Center and Museum is holding an event on October 3rd to honor the Trails Club of Oregon. The museum is planning and doing the promotion for the one day event. We currently have two displays featured in the building and TCO members are working on another wall display featuring summer outings. The museum is open from 9-5 . Exact times for speeches and presentations are being determined and will appear in the October Blazer and on the web as soon as they are determined. The Trails Club, many years ago donated \$5000.00 towards the elevator installed in the museum.

And, please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on November 12th.

Sincerely,
George Milne

It Seemed Like a Good Idea At the Time

"Top Spur trailhead to Timberline Trail and down the Ramona falls Trail to the Ramona Falls trailhead. Two cars. Want to try it?" Ron Silvis enthused (he enthuses a lot - I mostly like that about him).

I rise late, and when I found Ron, he hadn't yet had breakfast, so we took care of that and headed up to Lolo Pass Road. I dropped my car off at the Ramona Falls trailhead and we headed up to the Top Spur trailhead in Ron's truck, starting the hike at 11:15.

I'm not a fast hiker. I had an occlusive stroke about five years ago that affected my balance - my brain doesn't easily figure out what my feet have done.

The hike started uphill through a maze of tree roots exposed by spring meltwater. We reached the junction with Timberline Trail and got some nice views of the Sandy Glacier with a pretty waterfall flowing out of it. Later we found that we would be crossing that glacial stream and your Wednesday AM hiker (me) spent some anxious moments figuring out how to do that.

The trail was marked with stone cairns where we had to work our way over large rocks. We crossed Muddy Fork twice, then got up to high ground through a variety of greenery which included pooped-out beargrass and pretty red elderberries.

The then trail degenerated to a track cut into tuff, reacquainting me with my acrophobia. I was still ok until



Waterfall just below the Sandy Glacier at about 2PM on 1Aug2015. We will be crossing the Sandy River in about one-half mile on the way to the Ramona Falls Trail

Photo by Phil Crosby .

we came around a ridge where I saw two places where the trail had fallen away. Ron worked his way over the (washouts, fallouts?) and said that there was at least one more past the next ridge. He figured maybe we should go back the way we came. I, of course, agreed.

On the way back, we re-crossed the streams (noting that the streamflow in late afternoon on a hot day is noticeably greater), nibbled on some food and I got most of the wet gravel out of my boots, Ron refilled his water bottle from a safe-looking stream (no ill effects later), and the bladder in my pack later ran out of its cherished store of Nesika spring water. No cell phone coverage but I got a nice photo of Mt. Hood showing great colors near sunset. Later we got cell coverage and I called to let my concerned wife know that we were ok.

Near sunset! That meant making it down the Top Spur trail in waning light while avoiding all those roots! Braille-ing our way back (and after my second butt-plant), I pulled off my backpack and had to put on my headlight for the last few hundred yards while Ron nimbly ran down to his truck. It was 10:15. At that point our 7-hour hike had lasted 11 hours!

Lessons learned: Start early. Carry more water than you think you'll need. Check out a hike in advance of publishing it. Know your limitations and those of others. Completing a hike is less important than surviving the attempt.

I value the experience. Thanks, Ron!

Phil Crosby, Editor



I turned around and shot this photo of Mt. Hood about 1/2 hour before sunset from Timberline Trail. The color was due to the smoke in the air. The junction with Top Spur is about a quarter mile away.

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I'm Melting! I'm Melting!

Members Gary and Joan Ragan recently took a picnic lunch up Gnarl Ridge from Tilly Jane Camp Ground. Elliot Glacier and surrounding areas so barren of snow and ice.

Reported by Leonard Murphy



Graham Edward Townsend

Graham, one of John and Edvarda Townsend three sons, was born in 1912 in Roseburg, Oregon. His father was a West Coast Merchandise Broker and Salesman of Irish descent and his mother was a grade school teacher of Norwegian descent. Before 1920, Graham and his family moved to Portland, settling near Council Crest.

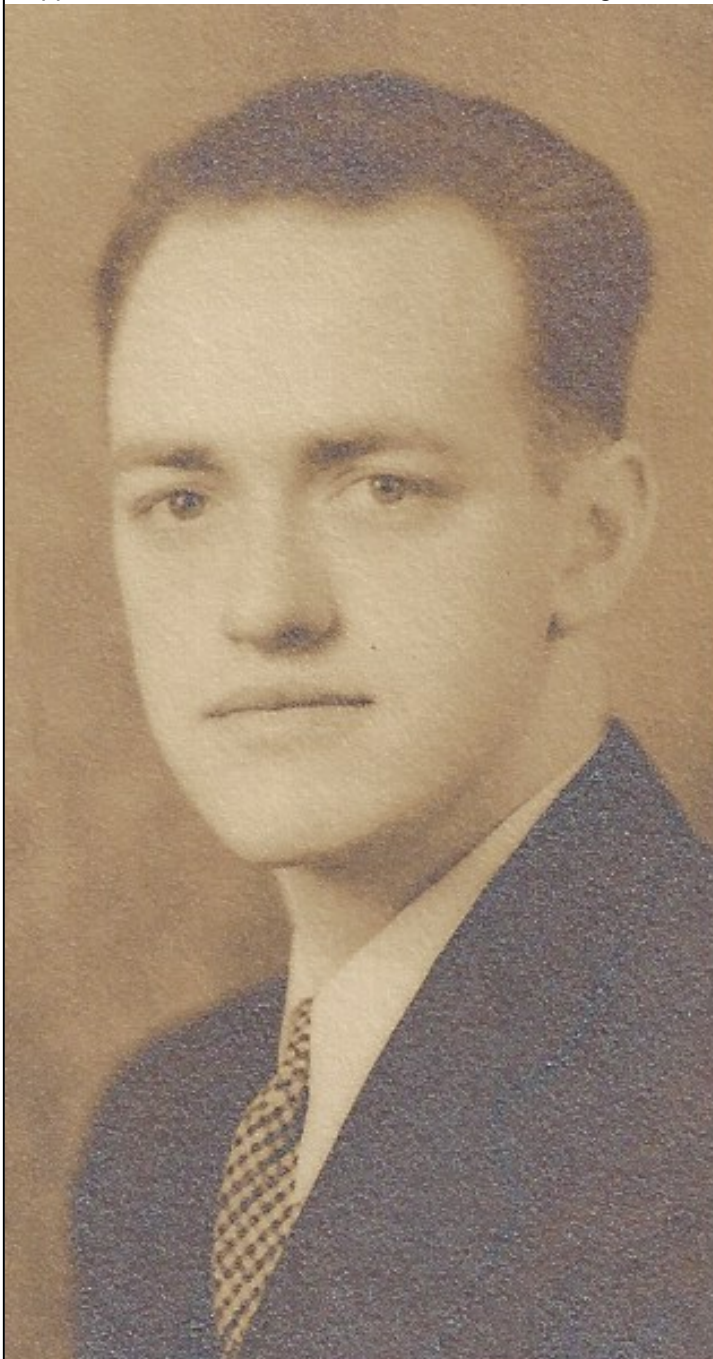
After his mother's death in 1922, Graham and his two brothers were raised by his two unmarried high school teacher aunts and a beloved nanny, Mrs. Cheadle. During that time, Graham and his brothers began delivering newspapers on their bikes in the steep southwest Portland hills. They developed both a strong work ethic and love for biking. They told stories of bicycling from Portland to the Oregon Coast on dirt roads.

Graham attended Benson High School where he excelled in Mathematics, English and Science. After graduation, he attended Oregon State University where he scored high on tests and earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. A member of the Delta Chi Fraternity, he enjoyed being part of their rowing teams. Graham began his career with the Army Corps of Engineers while Bonneville Dam was being built (1935-38). Then he worked for several years in Forest Grove as an engineer before settling in with Portland General Electric where he served as their head accountant in the downtown Valuation Department for forty plus years.

In 1937 Graham joined the Trails Club, where he enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, such as mountain climbing, hiking, and winter sports. Near the end of his first year with the club, he met Jeanette on a climb up Mt. Jefferson and married her two years later. That same year, he agreed to chair a Summer Outing, the first of its kind since 1918, and to lead his first climb up Jefferson with Darrel Tarter and Ray Ellis. Under pressure to make a honeymoon happen on his only week of summer vacation, Graham tried to back out of his responsibilities as Outing Chair.

However, Ding Cannon, recognizing Graham as the true engineer he was, offered to manage the Summer Outing on site if Graham would plan it. Thus, Graham and Jeanette enjoyed a short honeymoon, joining their Trails Club friends for a few days at the end.

Throughout their married life Graham and Jeanette were strong Trails Club leaders, working in a variety of supportive, creative and innovative roles, including service



to the greater community. The years of World War II ignited the patriotic fire like no other era. America's volunteers actively participated on the home front by being involved in efforts such as working with the United States

Forest Service, training and maintaining the USFS fire lookouts as spotters and identifiers of possible enemy bombers.

In 1942, as Trips Trustee, Graham Townsend, with spouse Jeanette and their first two children, Paul and baby Anne, were examples of this war effort. Graham, along with some sixty other trails club members, maintained forty different lookouts throughout Oregon instead of planning and attending outings from 1942-1945. Graham and Jeanette served the Barlow Guard Station for a total of 5 weeks during those years and to furnish their own food, often fished and picked berries.

After the war, Graham and Jeanette served the club in many capacities, including helping to build Tyee, working high up on the roof. Later they helped June Weber clear trees to open up Tyee's view of Mt. Hood and donated bamboo poles marking the safety zone. Throughout the following years, they served on the Lodge & Property committee, began a Trails Club Teens group, started Pre-Ski Spree, taught ski lessons and introduced the Winter Carnival and the Bend Ski Trip. In 1981, having climbed Mt. Hood, Jefferson, Adams, St. Helens, and Rainer, Graham taught TCO members to climb near Silcox Hut on Mt. Hood. In 1986, Graham and Ding Cannon were both awarded the coveted Henry Waespe Award club recognizing their dedication and accomplishments. Six years later, Jeanette received this same award.

Graham Townsend was known by all of his family, friends and coworkers to be an honest, gentle, kind and extremely caring and generous man having a passion for sharing equipment and recruiting new members. In particular, 42 years ago at age 16, his third child Jean remembers her dad advocating for her Jr. Membership, when a hike leader cancelled her qualifying hike due to rain. Graham led the hike and as often happens in Oregon, the weather was beautiful.

Graham and Jeanette celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary at Tyee lodge on April 1, 1990 with family and lifelong friends from their neighborhood and their second family, the Trails Club. Their anniversary celebration occurred less than a month before Graham died from cancer at age 78.

Since April, excited by the ability to donate family Trails Club records to a repository, her daughter, Jean and husband Mike Stupek have served many hours after work to archive information. Consequently, their parents' stories will be among those at the Government Camp Museum, Jeanette's skates are on display there and Mike has inventoried Graham's map collection and TCO Lodge blueprints.

Story references: Anne Townsend Smith, Jean Marie Townsend Stupek, and TCO archives.

Written by Sylvia Milne, TCO Historian



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Trails Club Of Oregon Board Of Trustees Meeting August 11, 2015

Minutes

George Milne called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All members of the board were present except for Callista Snively who had resigned her position earlier in the day.

The Trips Trustee position is still vacant.

Philip Crosby and Art Stangell attended.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as distributed.

George told us that Linda Conrad would not be leading the preparations for our centennial celebration this fall. We will have to postpone the celebration and retrieve our deposit from the City of Camas.

George found a contractor to excavate and place the culvert near the Mule Shed. Glen Conrad thinks this is the way to do the job.

There was further discussion concerning the advisability of placing the club's investment assets into a foundation. We need more information and legal advice.

George said the Columbia Gorge Commission had met earlier in the day to consider their recreation plans. He had not been able to attend but he will advise us of any plans that concern the club.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash balance 7/31/2015	\$12,187.04
Beginning balance 7/1/2015	\$14,053.26
Deposits	1,867.50
Checks/withdrawals	3,733.72
Ending balance 7/31/2015	\$12,187.04

Randy Dietrich moved and Merrill seconded to appropriate \$600 to cover the expenses for our conservation committee to attend the Federation Of Western Outdoor Clubs annual convention.

Motion carried.

Vice President's Report:

Joel Reitz reported no significant changes in the calendar.

Membership Trustee:

Gail S Georgenson and Judy Immesoete were read for the first time.

Lori Balbi and Beverly Drottter were elected as members.

Joan announced that all of the directories have been distributed. Of the 234 which had been mailed, 3 were returned. It costs less than a dollar to mail each one.

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<u>Publications Trustee's Report:</u> Randy was happy that the problems with mailing the printed Blazer have been solved and the copies of the printed Blazer arrived early this month. <u>Social Trustee's Report:</u> Barbara Jones reported that the August hike and dine had been canceled. Nesika will be open over Labor Day with Karen Anderson cooking. Barbara Jones will be hosting and cooking at Tyee that weekend. Barbara will be cooking a German meal for the September hike and dine. <u>Nesika Trustee's Report:</u> Glen said there were 15 at the July work trip. Longitudinal tread planks were installed on the Big John and Multnomah Creek bridges. The maple tree near the women's dorm has been felled. <u>Tyee:</u> Steve Brown will be in charge of the August work trip and Richard Gaunt will be taking care of the September work trip. <u>Old Business:</u> Merrill moved and Randy seconded that we approve spending \$1,500 for the design of a Larch Mountain informative plaque. The board will be able to see the draft for the design before submission to the Forest Service. The board reconsidered the proposed dues restructuring it had developed at the July 22, 2014 special meeting and decided to change the \$15.00 dues increase for senior members to a \$5.00 per annum increase to \$30.00 per	annum. The other recommendations from 2014 remain. These should be published as a proposed by laws change in the September and October Blazers. There was a brief discussion on the long term future for the history office. We need to agree on the aims for our history program and optimum ways to achieve them. Respectfully Submitted Merrill Hugo
	Dues Change Explained Your board felt in early 2014 that our dues revenue was falling behind inflation. We had a special meeting in July at which we decided to propose to increase dues generally by \$5.00 per year. We also thought there should be a charge for the printed Blazer to defray the costs of production and mailing and to encourage greater use of the on line version. At another time we decided to decrease the dues for junior members in an effort to recruit more young people. At the annual meeting you will be asked to vote on a bylaws change increasing the dues from \$45.00 to \$50.00 per year. Dues for additional members in the same household would increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per year and the dues for members over 65 would increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per year. A charge of \$15.00 per year will be made for printed copies of the Blazer. Junior member dues would decrease from \$25.00 to \$ 5.00 per year.

Membership Notes - August 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: Gail S. Georgenson 9630 NW Miller Hill Dr Portland, OR 97229 520-256-5691 gail.georgenson@gmail.com Sponsors: Audrey Perino and Richard Gaunt Judy Immesoete 6208 NE 21st Ave. Portland, OR 97211 585-924-1660 jimmesoete@gmail.com	Sponsors: Audrey Perino and Nancy Overpeck Second Readings: Lori Balbi Beverly Drottart Changes: Marti Farris mjfhikes@gmail.com BarBara Madsen 5180 NW Neakahnne Ave 23 Portland OR 97229-1933	June Smelser 1840 NE Grant St Hillsboro, OR 97124-3568 Sheryl Wagner 1304 NE 63rd St Vancouver, WA 98665-0207
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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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