



Trail Blazer

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October 2015

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9	Mon	TCO Annual meeting
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15	Sun	Blazer Deadline
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25	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		

Events
Oct 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Larch Mountain hike/Nesika overnight - Class C Let's celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Larch Mountain Trail and the founding of the Trails Club of Oregon by climbing Larch Mountain. We'll celebrate at the summit and then hike down to Nesika Lodge where we'll spend Saturday night. We return to Portland Sunday morning. hiking 12 miles, 4000 feet gain, \$20 for members. Depart: 9 AM. Saturday from Multnomah Falls parking lot. Register on Meetup: http://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/222620392/ or with Leader Jeff Lawton, trailsclubtrips@gmail.com
Oct 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Pre- Museum Event - Tyee Join with Trails Club friends, enjoy early autumn weather and prepare to serve as club ambassadors for the museum, now scheduled on Sunday. Dinner feast includes meatloaf; baked potatoes topped with your choice of assorted fresh veggies; Spinach salad with strawberries, cucumbers and almonds dressed with lemon juice, oil and poppy seeds; and a moist gluten-free dessert (carrot cake). Breakfast includes Debbie's famous steel cut oats and George's traditional breakfast with meat/eggs. Festivities include walkabouts, gathering around the fire, renewing friendships and making new ones, along with a raucous game of Farkel lead by fearless leader Debbie Ralls. Register with Sylvia Milne historian@trailsclub.org or 503-653-1394. Please register by Wed, Sept 30
Oct 4 (Sun) Our 100th year celebration - Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum Plan to Meet-up with your Trails club friends and be present for this monumental event, sure to be a news room photo opportunity. Enjoy a piece of cake, take a short hike or stay later for a presentation on Oregon lookouts & Trails Club history. Plan to be a TCO Ambassador at this centennial event and introduce the public to our club and its history . Timing for cake cutting and media presence will be announced soon. Location: Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum See full details on page 5

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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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Oct 5 (Mon) Hamilton Mountain Hike – Class - B

We will hike to Hamilton Mountain. It is an 8 mile lollipop loop from Beacon Rock State Park. Hike is rated strenuous in Paul Gerald's *60 hikes within 60 miles of Portland*. Expect the hike to take 4 - 5 hours, pace will be leisurely to moderate. Elevation gain is 2,200 feet, so come prepared for the elements.

Departure: 8:30 AM from Ron's house:
1260 NW Bella Vista Court, Gresham, Oregon, 97030.
Call for directions if necessary. Please Register with leader Ron Silvis before actual hike day.

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

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, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Oct 7 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will leave at 6 pm sharp and 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: 5:50 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: Lotte Schmitz 503-234-1839,
lotteschmitz@msn.com

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

Enjoy a fall hike and then join us for a Middle Eastern (Lebanese/Palestinian) dinner at Tyee on October 10. The menu will be (more or less) homemade Arabic bread, falafel with relish and sauce, hummus bi-tahini, cucumber yogurt salad, Lebanese cauliflower with avocado tartar, baked kafta and baqlawa. Diners limited to 30 people. Dinner will be \$10 and breakfast, \$3. Usual day use or overnight fees apply.

Register by October 2 with Rebecca Knudeson,
rknudeson@gmail.com or 503-639-2234. Be sure to leave contact information if using voice mail.

Oct 11 (Sun) Alpine Outing Planning Meeting

Where shall we go next year? It's not too early to start planning for 2016. We need volunteers to step up to be the outing coordinator, the first and second week leaders, and the kitchen gods and goddesses.

When: Sunday, October 11, at 3 PM

Where: At the home of Susan Green and Gregg Baker,
2909 NE 20th Ave, Portland, OR 97212.

Oct 12 (Mon) Ape Canyon Hike – Class B

We will hike 11.6 miles out and back in Forest spared from adjacent 1980 Mt St Helens volcanic mud flow. Hike has an elevation gain of 1,300 ft taking us to perimeter of blast zone showing dramatic effects of the eruption. I will be doing an exploratory hike. Please see Meetup site for further information.

Departure: 8:00 AM from Ron's house 1260 NW Bella Vista Court, Gresham, Oregon, 97030. (Or alternate TBD). Please Register with leader Ron Silvis before actual hike day.

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

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 14 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will leave at 6 pm sharp and 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: 5:50 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,
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Oct 15 (Thurs) Adventures in Travel - Hiking in England

Richard Gaunt will present a program of hiking in Cornwall and the Cotswolds plus a peek at the filming location of the OPB series "Doc Martin". The Cotswolds are absolutely beautiful! You won't want to miss this program. Social hour 6:30 p.m., program starts at 7 p.m. Please bring a snack to share or \$1 donation to help defray costs. Guests are very welcome!

Location: Rose Villa Rec Hall, Fireside Room. See driving directions under "Meeting Places".

For more information, please contact Barb Jones, social_chair@trailsclub.org or call 503-819-8983.

Oct 17-18th (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

Come to TCO's home in the Columbia River National Scenic Area and participate in the spirit of volunteerism. We will be finishing up a few wood working projects, and getting the last of the wood in for the winter. There are a few sections of road needing gravel and clearing. We will also ask for help in planning for next year's projects on Saturday evening after dinner.

Register With: Glen or Linda Conrad @ 360-837-3787 or 1cgrconrad@aol.com.

Oct 17-18 Tyee Work Party

The winter is fast approaching and we need to make sure Tyee is ready for the season. The lodge is looking splendid and is mostly ready for an active winter schedule. I failed to be sure we had scheduled a September work party in the Blazer otherwise we could have skipped October. JCallista and Paul have graciously volunteered to purchase the necessary supplies to get us through winter. I will be looking for a cook, if needed. Also, this might just be a one day work party to set up the winter snow poles and window shields plus a few other things. If you can help on this weekend please give me a call to keep up to date with what is happening. Please forgive me for the confusion. George Milne; 503-572-8512; president@trailsclub.org

Oct 19 (Mon) Multnomah Falls to Wahkeena Hike – Class B

We will hike up Multnomah Falls to Waukeena Trail then 4 mile RT up and back to Angels Rest before proceeding down Waukeena Falls Trail to return Multnomah Falls Lodge. This hike total is 11 miles with an elevation gain of 1,600 ft.

Departure: 8:30 AM from Ron's house 1260 NW Bella Vista Court, Gresham, Oregon, 97030.

Alternate Departure:

9:15 AM from Multnomah Falls Gift Shop.

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

Or register with Hike leader Ron Silvis on Meetup site.

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 21 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will leave at 6 pm sharp and 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: 5:50 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: Eric Berg, ericwb@aol.com

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

Oct 28 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will leave at 6 pm sharp and 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: 5:50 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 Bateman, 503-475-8712,
ginibateman@Comcast.net

Oct 31 (Sat) Rim Rock Viewpoint Hike - Class B

Located off Hwy 35 on Mt Hood's generally drier east side. This out and back hike ascends the Oak Ridge Trail through varying terrain to spectacular (weather-permitting) views from a former lookout site located on Surveyors Ridge. Hope for nice weather. But be prepared for something else.

Hike: 7.7 miles w/ 2,360' elevation gain. Drive: 130 r/t miles

Depart: 8:30 from Lewis & Clark State park (I-84, exit 18)

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

Oct. 31-Nov 1st (Sat-Sun) Nesika Halloween Party

Come join us for a Halloween Party designed for the young and old. We will have games, decorations, haunted trick or treat set up on the trail. We could use some help; cooks, game designers, decorators. Cost for weekend is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. There is a cut rate family fee for lodging not to exceed \$30 for the night. If you are interested in helping or coming please register with: Linda Conrad at: 1cgrconrad@aol.com or phone at 360-837-3787.

Nov 4 (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

Nov. 7-8th: (Sat.-Sun) Annual Back Pack Seminar

We will again have a great gathering at Nesika of backpackers and speakers. Erin Saver, just back from finishing the Three great hikes this year, has asked to do a presentation. I am also looking to have a presentation on canoeing and Shawn was spotted in CO on the AT and stated he would like to come back and do a presentation on the CDT. There will be giveaways, great knowledge from experienced backpackers and great pictures. Come and experience a good weekend with people who love to backpack. We will be setting up a hike leader to leave Multnomah falls on Saturday AM at 8:00 AM to come up to Nesika for the Seminar. The gate on Larch MTN road will be open at 9:00 AM Saturday for those who want to drive in. **You must pay to be registered.** Maximum is 50 so register early. Watch Blazer for a Pay Pal account to be set up by Cindy Lee. Register with Linda Conrad at: 1cgrconrad@aol.com or phone at 360-837-3787. Cost is \$50.00 for members and guests alike. This covers our speakers, meals and lodge fees..

Nov 9 (Mon) New Member Social

All new members since the last Annual Meeting, Nov. 2014, are invited to a New Member Social. The social begins at 6:00pm with sandwiches and salad, in the Fireside Room at Rose Villa. This is an excellent time to meet other new members, and ask your questions of the Board members and chairpersons. 7:00 is dessert and 7:30 is the Annual Meeting. You will receive an email with directions.

Questions? Contact Joan Miller, Membership Trustee. membershipchair@trailsclub.org or 503-524-056

Nov 11, 18, 25 (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.

Wilderness Outing 2016 Planning Meeting October 11, 2015

Where shall we go next year? It's not too early to start planning for 2016. Packers need to be reserved in November, so we have to decide on an outing destination, dates and leaders. Callista Snively has announced her well-earned retirement so we need volunteers to step up to be the outing coordinator, the first and second week leaders, and the kitchen gods and goddesses. We need your ideas, time and energy if you want a wilderness outing to happen in 2016. A planning meeting is scheduled for:

Sunday, October 11, at 3 PM

at the home of

Susan Green and Gregg Baker
2909 NE 20th Ave.
Portland, OR 97212.

Trails Club 100th celebration Our 100th year celebration is underway Save the date – Sunday October 4, 2015 Noon to 3 PM

Please join your Trails club friends and be present for this monumental event, sure to be a media photo opportunity. Enjoy a piece of delicious cake, take a short hike or stay later for a presentation on Oregon look-outs & Trails Club history. This is your chance to be an Special Ambassador: Introduce yourself to interested bystanders, share your club history with them and pass on one of the cool TCO business cards designed by our own Joan Miller. Benefit from taking the time to learn more about your Club's history and that of the surrounding area during this event sponsored by:

Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
88900 Government Camp Loop
Government Camp, Oregon

For museum information phone: 503-272-3301

Museum admission is FREE, although the 100th year presentation is limited to 60 persons and has a fee of \$10 to defray expenses.

TCO exhibits will be featured in the upper level show case (there is an elevator) and on the main level. The temporary exhibit upstairs was created by Nadine Morris and displays Summer Outing memorabilia. The downstairs exhibit located next to our new permanent display case features objects and mementos from 50 years of TCO Outings (1940-1992) curated by Lisa & Allie Osburn. In a drawer of our new curio cabinet, you will find a notebook with prints from Bill Sullivan's power point presentation, a history of the club and its volunteers written by Leonard Murphy & Sylvia Milne and a historical membership data base compiled by Vicki Wood.

Tyee Lodge will be open throughout the weekend of the celebration. See the Events section on page 1.

We are most grateful for the assistance of Lloyd Musser, the Mt. Hood museum curator for sending out press releases in late August to facilitate September coverage with local news sources and the Clackamas County Tourism webpage, an alternative meet-up tool for local events and outings.

A letter has been sent, under the name of our TCO President George Milne, to President Obama asking him to commemorate our Centennial as an outdoor club.

FWOC Conference at Menucha

The long-awaited Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) 2015 conference was held from August 28 through August 30 at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center near the bottom of Larch Mtn. Rd. Many TCO members were in attendance and helping to make the conference a success. President George Milne, elected as the new Chair of the Federation, reports on the conference later in this issue. Here are some photos from the conference. – Editor



TCO Members participating in the Convention's Historic Hike: Nancy Overpeck, Christine & Jane Olsen and also FWOC members Fred Krueger, Marianne Scharping, Maelagh Baker, Raelene Gold, John Rettig, Joan Zuber, Lynn Gibbons, hike leader. (Sylvia Milne, photographer)



Xander Demetrios, documentary presenter and Maelagh Baker, scholarship recipient, conferring with keynote speaker Fred Krueger, National Religious Coalition on Creation Care. (Sylvia Milne, photographer)



New TCO Member Eric Lichtenthaler, also Friends of the Columbia Gorge Board Chairman, shares his passion for the Convention's theme "Innovative Conservation" before introducing our Keynote Speaker, Fred Krueger. (Sylvia Milne, photographer)



Jeanette Kloos, President of Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway, shared a letter hand written by Sam Lancaster, TCO's first President, during his service to the Bonneville Dam project. (Sylvia Milne, photographer)

Eric's presentation may be reviewed in the TCO history office, along with those of Brock Evans, the FWOC representative in Washington DC, speaking on *Wisdom for Young Conservationists* and Fred Krueger on *A Successful Ecumenical Approach To Presenting Conservation positions to Government Agencies and Staff in Washington DC*

Also at Menucha



Sydney Herbert, Resolution Committee Chair, and Mike McCloskey, Conservation Policy Advisor, work together during the Sunday morning Menucha session with convention MC and newly elected FWOC president George Milne in the background.
(Sylvia Milne, photographer)

Meanwhile, Back at the History Office



Lisa Osburn is mapping out a hundred years of TCO Outings and fulfilling a dream of Lee Squier's to actually see on a map all of the places to which the club has traveled .
(Sylvia Milne, photographer)

Multnomah Falls Centennial



Historian Sylvia Milne and TCO Member Fendall Winston, joined Chet Benson, Rick Buck, and Lynn Burditt, USFS Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager, at the centennial celebration.
(Sylvia Milne, photographer)



Mary Bauman, inventories Board Minutes, while sharing work space with Leonard Murphy who researches club history to write about TCO's volunteer leaders.
(Sylvia Milne, photographer)

Trails Trodden -Tyee-Nesika Centennial Backpack

Sept. 3rd-7th: Total miles 68. 11 members and 2 non-members joined in a very hard trek, accomplished in 4 days and 1.5 hours. We averaged 16 mile days with elevation gains and losses of up to 3000 feet. We started at Tyee at 3:30 PM on Thursday evening and hiked up West Leg Road to Timberline road, reaching Alpine Campground at 5:00 PM.



Pamela Moore, Sharon Mallon Jones, Ronald Silvis and Joel Reitz.

We were met by our fantastic support team consisting of James Galbreath and Carolyn Van Orden. We were spoiled by gourmet-cooked meals waiting for us. Friday and Saturday we were able to slack pack. Friday morning nine of us traversed from Timberline Road to Lolo Pass.



Anissa Rahimizad . (Nader's daughter) crossing Zig Zag Creek

The Sandy river crossing was a bit of a struggle. We used a log for our first and second steps. Our third step was a jump to a rock into two waiting hands to give us the extra boost supplied by Joel Reitz and Bill Rude. Big Muddy was a bit easier. We had one log to hold onto while we walked on another log. Nobody fell in. We camped at Lolo Pass dispersal camping in the trees again met by a gourmet burger meal. On Saturday AM nine of us were on the trail by 7:30 AM and we traversed from Lolo Pass to Wahtum Lake.



At Left:
Left to right:
Sharon Mallon Jones, Simon Ray Cutter, Pamela Moore, Nader Rahimizad, and Bill Rude with Mt Hood in Background. We crossed three glacier creeks; Zig Zag, Sandy Creek and Big Muddy.



Simon in the red coat, Susan Taylor, Pamela Moore and Bill Rude hiking into Wahtum Lake via Wahtum Lake Road.

We did well this day arriving at Wahtum Lake around 3:30 PM. Another gourmet meal from our wonderful support crew.. That is where the hard part started. No more trail support. Sunday, six brave members loaded up their back packs and traversed the 32 more miles from Wahtum Lake to Nesika in 2 days. The weather started out great, but around 10:00 AM we started getting rain sprinkles which did not let up till we reached camp that night at 6:30 PM. We got pretty cold up on Tanner Ridge before dropping down to Tanner Creek. Once at Tanner Creek, thanks to Bill Rude, we had a great camp fire to dry out clothes, sleeping bags and pads. Paul Cutter was able to set up two stoves and supply our group of now 5 with chicken Quesadillas. These were very welcome after our 3000 foot descent down Billy Goat (Tanner Cut-off) Trail.

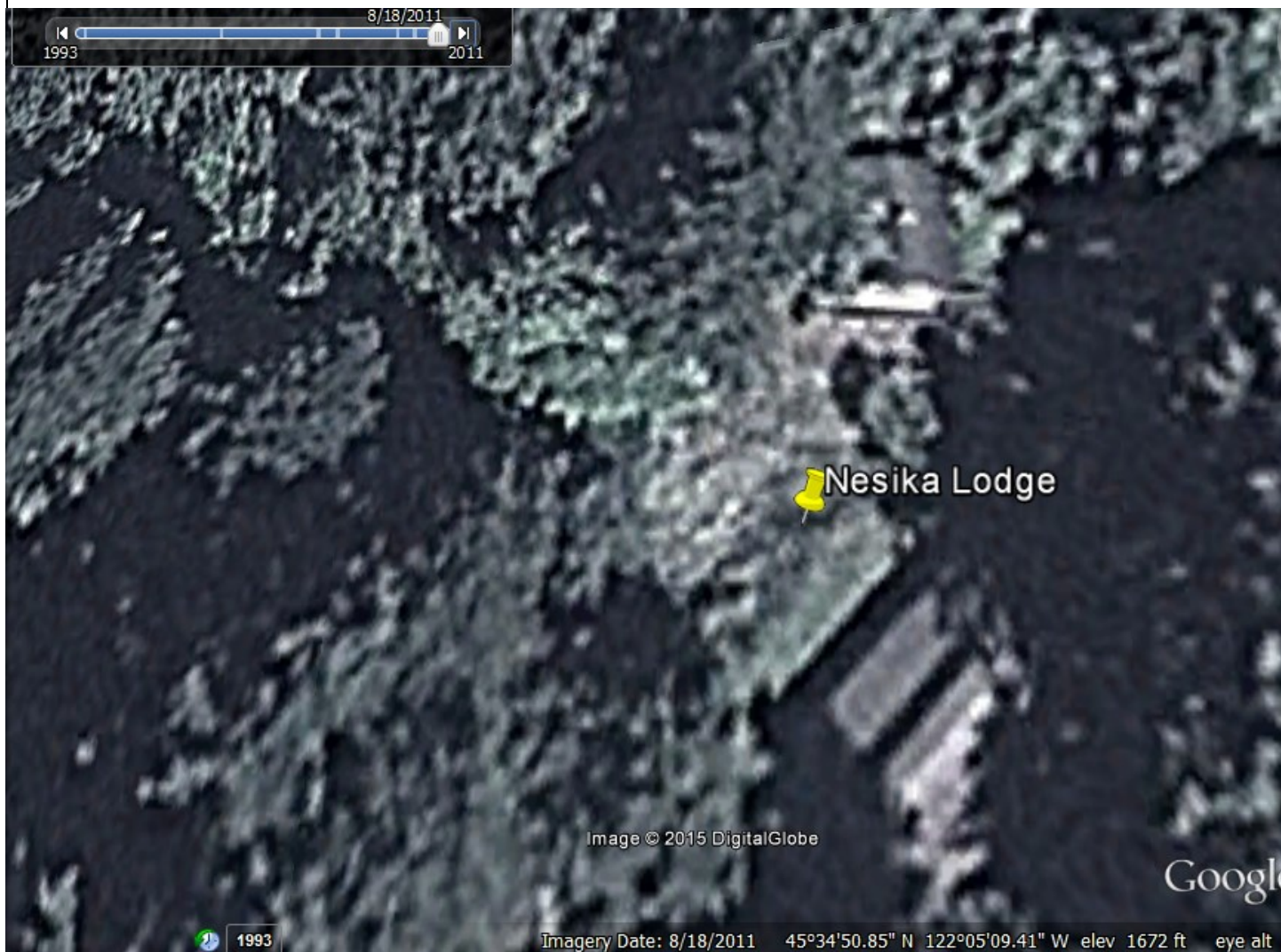


Paul Cutter on Left, Pamela Moore and Joel Reitz on Bell Creek Trail.

Sunday AM we were up again early to head to Nesika after first ensuring our campfire was totally cold and out. We had a 3000 foot climb up to Nesmith Point from Tanner Creek. We reached Nesmith Point around 1:00 PM. With no time to climb to summit, we headed to Nesika on undulating trails consisting of Horse tail Creek trail, Oneonta Trail, Bell Creek Trail and Franklin Ridge trail leading down to Nesika. We all enjoyed the majestic old growth on the Bell Creek trail. One of our members remarked on the definition of undulating. We reached Nesika around 6:30 PM. One very tired group to the waiting help of our trail support consisting of James, Carolyn and Glen Conrad who conveyed our 10 very sore feet to the cars in the parking lot via the Monster Trailer. Thanks to all those who came on this great hike.

Linda Conrad - Centennial Backpack Leader

We are glad that Merrill Hugo followed up with Senator Wyden's office when we heard Nesika might be included in a Wilderness Area. Merrill, recruited Walt Garvin and his GPS. They determined the coordinates along the tractor trail. Ironically, the club's early efforts to hide the location of Nesika almost worked to our disadvantage. We are still working to solidify our access across USFS property. (see image below, courtesy of Google Earth)



An Elephant in the Room that Won't Go Away—Editorial

The next issue of the Blazer will report on the progress of the Road Access Committee in securing our right to access Nesika Lodge. Much of the land in the area is to receive or has already received a Wilderness Area designation. Staffing changes in USFS, together with fires, facility changes and closings have resulted in loss or corruption of their records relating to our access rights.

Similar recent issues regarding access and parking at our Tyee lodge have arisen.

Until about three years ago, our records were rather disorganized and scattered among a number of storage facilities, making retrieval difficult. Just as the IRS requires that we, as individuals, keep and maintain records, it seems reasonable that TCO, as a 100 year old organization should have a similarly vital obligation. - the Editor



Fifteen members and guests enjoying German fare for the September hike and dine weekend. Barb Jones was the cook, and had lots of volunteers to help prepare the meals. (Barbara Jones, photographer)



Election At Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting, we will be electing a new slate of officers. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Gerda Eck, has offered the following slate of officers:

Pamela Moore - President
Merrill Hugo - Secretary
Chaz Shaw - Tyee Trustee
Linda Conrad - Nesika Trustee
Jeff Lawton - Membership
Eric Berg - Trips Trustee
Christine Olsen - Social Trustee



Wed. hikers on Sep. 2, 2015, enjoying little-known (except for the locals) Wood(s) Park in SW Portland (Ken Kane, photographer)

Empty Boots



We are sad to announce the death of long-time member Marie Deuell, who passed away on the evening of September 13. A Golden and Life Member, Marie joined the club in 1963 and was active on several committees, serving as club treasurer in 1975-76. She was also an ardent participant in numerous outings. Details of funeral services will be forthcoming when appropriate. We all send our sympathies to her extended family. She has been a friend to all members and dear to our hearts. On Marie's behalf, the family will be donating many items to the club's History Collection. (1993 photo)

Draft Trails Club Of Oregon Board Of Trustees Meeting September 8, 2015

Minutes

George Milne called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. All current trustees were present. Art Stangell, Leonard Murphy, Phil Crosby, Vicki Wood, Chris Olsen, Jane Olsen, Nadine Morris, Mike Stupek, and Jean Stupek also attended.

The minutes for the August meeting were approved as distributed by email.

Treasurer's Report

Balance	8/31/2105	\$10,080.12
Beginning Balance	8/01/2015	\$12,187.04
Deposits		\$1,930.50
Checks/withdrawals		\$4,037.42
Ending Balance	8/31/2015	\$10,080.12

President's Report

George announced that he had been elected as president of FWOC. Our club had sponsored this year's convention at Manucha. We hosted six FWOC members at Nesika who were very impressed with our lodge.

Vice President's Report

Joel reported a few changes in the calendar with Tyee being used October 3 & 4 for the opening of our exhibit at the Government Camp Museum.

Membership Trustee's Report

Joan read Marcella T. Boles, Melinda "Mindy" L. Deaver, and Steve T. Jones for the first time.

Gail S. Georgenson and Judy Immesoete were elected to membership.

Publications Trustee's Report

Randy noted that the Blazer was on schedule again this month. He also noted the absence of work trip notifications in this month's issue.

Social Trustee's Report

Barbara said there were 12 participants at the picnic, 5 at Tyee for labor day, and 11 at Nesika for the holiday.

Richard Gaunt will present the program at the October Adventures in Travel. Rebecca Knudsen will cook for the Hike and Dine at Tyee October 10 & 11.

Nesika Trustee's Report

Glen reported three applications for keys. He announced completion of the alterations to our three bridges. He told us that preparations for replacing the culvert near the "mule shed" were underway.

There was no report from Tyee. Callista will be taking inventory for winter supplies and will make necessary purchases.

Unfinished Business

The nominating committee report was accepted by the board (Randy moved/Cindy seconded). The nominees to be voted on at the annual meeting are:

Pamela Moore -President

Merrill Hugo- Secretary

Chaz Shaw-Tyee Trustee

Eric Berg- Trips Trustee

Christine Olsen- Social Trustee

Jeff Lawton- Membership Trustee

The December board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 8 at Rose Villa.

There was a brief discussion on the bylaws ballot for the annual meeting.

New Business

Lisa Osborn introduced a group of members who have been working on the club's history project and then had them give their personal experiences regarding the project.

Leonard Murphy was the first to speak. He says he has visited the office about 45 times. After being a member of the club for about 35 years he has learned much about the club's past and its leadership from his recent exposure.

He welcomes the office as a safe and available place to go.

Lisa Osborn described her project making a corkboard record of the location for all the club's outings in Oregon and Washington over the last 50 years. She has also learned much recently about the club's history.

Vicki Wood has made approximately 35 visits to the office. She has developed a spread sheet for the charter members with names and other information. She was delighted to discover her great uncle was a charter member.

She is also developing a spread sheet showing all of the club members for the first 100 years.

Chris Olsen who joined the club in 1987 is working on the club's role promoting and developing the PCT. She has gotten great satisfaction handling club artifacts from the past.

Jean Townsend Stupek has learned a lot about her parent's club activities from the archives. She is impressed by the club's activities in world war II.

Mike Stupek has also gotten a lot from handling club artifacts.

Jane Olsen is a 30 year club member. She has received a lot of verbal stories about the club and thinks a project to bring all of the stories together is marvelous.

Nadine Morris has been an 18 year member and has served on numerous club activities. She has visited the office 45 times and has worked over 100 hours. She has scanned our Blazer collection. She has used the materials in the office to prepare the Government Camp exhibit.

Lisa Osborn then summed up. She thinks we should lease the office space for another 3 years. She wants the board members to visit and have Silvia Milne show us around. She thinks the office is important to provide a social opportunity and an activity for some older members. She also feels the office is essential to our promotional activities.

There was limited discussion on the cataloging of the collection. It was unclear as to the nature of the catalogue and how the project is being approached. Lisa was unable to define the physical size of the collection. She agreed to give us this information at a later date.

She inquired about the board's position on the Larch Mountain informational sign. The board is in agreement we should continue with the development of such a sign.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Merrill Hugo

President's Message

Starting on August 27th, 2015 the Trails Club of Oregon hosted the 2015 Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs annual convention at Nesika and the Menucha Conference and Retreat Center in Corbett, Oregon. Bill Yandon and Ron Silvis led three FWOC members from Multnomah Falls to Nesika on Thursday afternoon. I drove a couple of representatives that could not make the hike. Glen Conrad fed us all and those attending were extremely complimentary of his menu. We showed Randy Dietrich's Nesika building video in the evening. Those present, already in awe of the entire facility, expressed their fascination at how we maintained so many active members working to complete the lodge over the years.

They went back to the convention with much praise for their adventure. Sylvia Milne put in a lot of time as the convention coordinator and program organizer. The theme was "Innovative Conservation". The speakers all made very pertinent presentations on Salmon in the Columbia, the Historic Columbia River highway, Coal and oil train potential threats to the Columbia River, getting youth active and interested in nature, the importance of being involved and how to broaden our base of support for legislative action. Thirteen members of the Trails Club attended and/or participated in this year's event.

Two years ago I was challenged to justify our efforts as a club towards conservation and environmental issues. It was suggested that because these subjects were not precisely defined in our Article of Incorporation or Bylaws and that we should abandon those efforts. My response was that we are continuing the record of our founding members regarding such issues.

The Trails Club of Oregon has expressed support or opposition to several issues in the past. Examples are:

- In the year of our formation, 1915, the Trails Club recommended the Multnomah, Oneonta and Eagle Creek watersheds be protected.
- In 1925 the TCO protested the building of a power plant at Spirit Lake.
- During 1926 the TCO protested against a road being built over the Skyline Trail.
- Also in 1926 the TCO protested changing the Yellowstone boundaries and the building of a tram-way from Cloud-Cap Inn and Tilly Jane campground to the top of Mount Hood.
- In 1930 we supported a proposed bill that would provide Federal Aid to States to form new State Parks.
- In 1932, realizing the need for broader support, members of the Trails Club and Mazamas recruited twelve other outdoor organizations to attend a meeting at the Mazama building resulting in the formation of the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs, later to become the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. The member clubs were then able to address their issues of concern under the umbrella of FWOC.
- TCO championed the formation of Forest Park, with Ding Cannon leading the way.
- Together with other FWOC organizations, TCO supported passage of the Wilderness Act in 1965.

In 1935 the Trails Club hosted the first of many conventions at Nesika. Over 60 delegates made the trip into the lodge for that convention. Use of the water from Multnomah Creek for a log flume was the main issue of that convention.

Currently, FWOC members are expressing opposition to the proposal for privatization of all public lands excepting National Parks and National Monuments. This effort to circumvent the Wilderness Act by giving those lands to the states or private corporations redefines how those lands will be used to the detriment of the general public. This concern is most prevalent in Nevada at this time

I accepted an invitation at the convention to be nominated as President of FWOC and was elected to serve in that position. There will be many challenges to overcome and my goal is to broaden the overall base of FWOC to include other types of organizations involved in conservation. I am proud of the active role the Trails Club of Oregon has taken with FWOC over 83 years and look forward to continued support from our members.

On another topic, there are two events planned on October 3rd and 4th to mark our founding date. One is an overnight backpack trip from Multnomah Falls to the top of Larch Mountain, led by Jeff Lawton, with a follow-up event at Nesika. Jeff has researched and understands the events that lead to the building of the Larch Mountain Trail and the formation of our club in 1915.

The Mount Hood Cultural Museum in Government Camp has planned an event to honor our centennial on Sunday, October 4th. You can copy the following link to paste in your browser to view the Oregon Live article by Terry Richards about the event or go to our website under 100 year celebration.

http://www.oregonlive.com/travel/index.ssf/2015/09/trails_club_of_oregon_to_celeb_1.html#incart_river

We are planning an overnight at Tyee on Saturday, October 3rd for those interested in an early start for the Sunday celebration in Government Camp. Refer to the event article in this issue of the Blazer.

I hope you will take an opportunity to participate in one of these events.

George Milne

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 would be made for printed copies of the Blazer. Junior member dues would decrease from \$25.00 to \$ 5.00 per year.

Membership Notes - October 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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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 snowshoe 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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