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To register see TCO Meetup and TCO website.
Call 360-837-3787 or 1cgrconrad@aol.com .
Susan Taylor will be cooking to meet vegan and gluten-free food requirements.

April 23 (Sat) Nesika Membership Hike - Class B+

A beautiful trek up from Multnomah Lodge to the beautiful Nesika Lodge, offering a babbling creek, lush woods and gradual elevation along the way. Trails Club folks will be at the lodge working so it will be open for our visit. Bring water and lunch or snacks. Approx. 8 miles rt, 1700-1800' elev. gain., moderate-plus pace.

Departing: 8:30 AM from Gateway Park & Ride Garage, or 9:15 AM from Multnomah Lodge by the gift shop

Leader: Jeff Lawton
trailsclubtrips@gmail.com (may substitute leader)

April 27 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

May 1 (Sun) TCO Banquet 4:30 7:00 PM

Please join your fellow outdoor enthusiasts at our Annual Trails Club of Oregon Banquet!

This year we are excited to announce that we will be holding a silent auction and we have a special guest speaker: Erin "Wired" Saver, well-known Triple Crown long distance backpacker. Erin has completed over 10,000 miles of hiking on major trails, including the thru-hiker's coveted Triple Crown.

This years Banquet will be held at Elephants on Corbett. See page zz for map and more details

May 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

May 11 (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

May 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.

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

Leader: TBD

May 20th-22st; (Fri.-Sun.) Nesika Work Trip

We will continue wood hauling, road work, trail clearing and start on Main lodge porch. We will continue with our fire break around the lodge. Bring weed whackers and brush trimming tools. If weather is nice we will do some painting on dorms and out buildings. Bring wood working tools to set up for July Roofing project. If you have a harness; we could use someone on roofs to sweep winter debris. We still need a cook if anyone is interested.

Meet at Larch Mountain Gate at 9:00 AM Sat AM. We will have gate open for 15 minutes. Then locked. If you want to come in on Friday to help set up let us know when you register.

To register: Contact Linda Conrad 360-837-3787 or lcgrconrad@aol.com

Register online at the TCO Meetup.

When you register let me know what day you are coming and how long you are staying.

May 21 (Sat) Multnomah Falls - Nesika Loop — Class B

Join us for the beautiful 8 mile round trip class B trek from Multnomah Lodge to the historic and tranquil grounds of Nesika Lodge. This hike offers beautiful waterfalls, babbling creeks, lush woods, and 1,800 ft of elevation gain taken at a moderate pace. Bring water, lunch and snacks. We will stay at Nesika for about an hour before the return hike to Multnomah Lodge.

Meet at Multnomah Lodge gift shop at 9:00a.m, return 3:00pm

Leader: Pamela Moore,
pmoor1@gmail.com, 503 860 8281

May 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. TriMet 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 (MMC) 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. Map of Rose Villa, follow route C or B to the Recreation Hall (Treasure House signs)

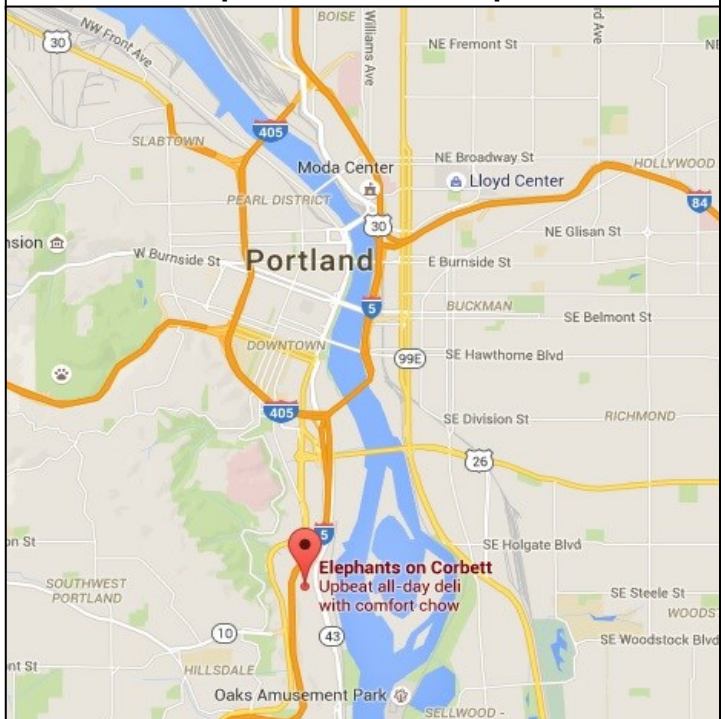
<http://trailsclub.org/events/Images/2014RoseVillaMap.pdf>

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 Blvd. 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 the right about one mile past roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

Map to the TCO Banquet



Directions to the event are posted on the next page.

As usual, help in setting up, at membership tables, etc., and this year assistance with the silent auction is greatly appreciated.

Contact Susan Taylor at 503-453-5762

Directions to Elephants on Corbett,

Address: 5221 SW Corbett Ave.

From I-84 heading west:

Take I-84 and I-5 S OR-43/SW Hood Ave.
Take exit 299A from I-5S
Merge onto OR-43 S/SW Hood Ave.
Use right lane to turn slightly right onto SW Hood Ave.
Keep right to stay on Hood Ave.
Merge onto SW Macadam Ave.
Turn right onto SW Mitchell St.
Left onto SW Corbett Ave.

From US26 W heading east or I-405 heading south:

Exit Salem to US 26W, exit 1-C from I-405 S.
Take Barbur Blvd to the light at SW Corbett Ave.
Left on Hamilton, and then right onto Corbett Ave.

From Sellwood Bridge:

Turn right onto SW Macadam Ave northbound.
After about a mile, left at the light onto SW Boundary
Right onto SW Corbett Ave.

From Tigard:

Head NE on Barbur Blvd, toward Portland
Slight right to take the I-5 N ramp toward Portland
Merge onto I-5 N
Take exit 298 for Corbett Ave.
Turn right on to SW Corbett Ave,

RV sites: 38.15 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each add. person)

Lodge rooms: range from \$119.90 to \$136.25 for 2 people (\$10 each additional person)

FEES include the cost and transportation of food/beverages/supplies, which totals \$22 for adults and \$11 for children under age 12. If you attend the hike there is a \$1 fee for members/\$2 nonmembers.

TO REGISTER: 1) Contact Vicki Wood at Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net to inquire about lodging availability; 2) Mail a \$25 nonrefundable deposit and completed application/liability and medical form for each person to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 69061, Portland, OR 97239.

These forms can be downloaded from our website at www.trailsclub.org in the "outings" section under "Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River"; 3) The balance of your lodging fee is due May 23rd and is nonrefundable unless someone on a waiting list desires your accommodations.

This outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people. TCO is not responsible for providing or arranging your transportation to or from the outing.

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing and the \$25 deposit will be credited to your balance.

Trails Ahead

Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River

June 24-26, 2016 (Fri-Sun)

A few lodge rooms, RV and tent sites remain at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River for this 11th annual outing. The resort, which is about 300 miles roundtrip from Portland (midway between Sisters and Eugene off Hwy 126) has 2 mineral springs swimming pools and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at:

www.belknaphotspings.com for photos and details on the lodging choices. Recreational opportunities in the area include: hiking, mountain biking on the McKenzie River trail, fishing, boating on nearby lakes, whitewater rafting trips, golfing and other natural hot springs.

The outing is Fri and Sat nights, with an option of Sun night on your own. Sat and Sun breakfasts and Sat appetizers/campfire dinner will be provided. Fri night there is an optional potluck dinner. Lunches are not included. There will be a 7 mile loop hike Sat to view Sahalie Falls and Clear Lake.

LODGING OPTIONS (per night, including tax):

Tent sites for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) are \$32.70 near the outing group area or \$27.25 across the river on a footbridge

OLYMPIC PARK HIKING OUTING

July 10-15, 2016

We will stay at Naturebridge on beautiful Crescent Lake in the Olympic National Park in historic cabins with all meals provided and choose from a variety of A and B hikes daily. In the evenings we can meet in front of the fireplace or outside at the amphitheater.

Special diets can be accommodated. Cabins either have a bathroom inside or have a modern bathhouse with toilets, sinks and showers nearby. No one will have to climb up to an upper bunk.

Many hikes can start right from the cabins. We will also carpool and hike trails in the Hurricane Ridge and the Sol Duc areas. You can also bring your kayak or rent a boat to explore the lake, or venture by ferry to Victoria, BC.

Cost will vary depending on the number of participants from a low of \$425 to a high of \$450 for members (and members of Federation of Western Outdoor Club organizations). The non-member cost will be \$65 more than the member cost. The non-refundable outing deposit is \$200.

There will be a meeting to discuss hiking options, meet fellow participants and arrange carpools by May 22, 2016.

To sign up for this outing, download and complete the outing application and the medical form from the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org). Mail the completed forms with your \$200 deposit to Trails Club of Oregon, P.O. Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207

Checks should be made out to Trails Club of Oregon. You also can sign up for this outing through Meet Up (http://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/) and use PayPal to submit your deposit. Outing registrar is Diana Forester 503-288-7782 Outing leader is Gregg Baker. Questions? Call Gregg at 503-284-3223	Not sure? Send your info anyway! E-mail Jeff Lawton at: MembershipChair@trailsclub.org or send mail to: Trails Club of Oregon PO Box 69061 Portland, OR 97239-0061 Have you paid your 2016 dues? Our address changed this year and some folks sent dues to the old address and the Post Office failed to forward them. If your dues were returned, or if you haven't paid yet, please send them to: Trails Club of Oregon PO Box 69061 Portland, OR 97239-0061 Or use our online payment method at: http://trailsclub.org/events/PayPal.html#dues
Now Hear This!	
Do we have your current address and email? We will be printing the 2016 member directories soon. Please help us keep the directories up to date! If your address has changed since the 2015 directory, please let your club know. The same is true for your email address. We are trying to use email as much as possible to save paper and postage.	

Silent Auction at the TCO Banquet

Planning on joining us at the Trails Club Banquet on May 1st? Have an item in your closet that's really amazing, almost new or new and you can't use it? Donate your treasures to our Silent Auction! Contact Susan Taylor at 503-453-5762, neumesian@hotmail.com with a new or very gently used item, artwork, plants or even a gift certificate. Susan Taylor will showcase your treasures in their best light. Send a picture and a description, and then bring your items to the Banquet ready to go! Anything not sold will be returned to the original owner.

Here's an example of a gorgeous offering:

CONTENTS • Gruet Champagne • Gerard Bertrand Cote des Roses • Martinelli's Sparkling Cider • Set of champagne flutes • French Vanilla Decaf Tea • Lindt Sea Salt Chocolate bar • Ghirardelli Dark Hazelnut Chocolate bar • Ghirardelli Assorted Chocolate Squares • Cougar Mountain Chocolate Chunk Cookies • Spiced Apple Crumble Candle • Columbia View Lavender Lotion	After the Hike Basket of Indulgences
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Spring Has Sprung! Ken Kane snapped these photos on Wednesday Forest Park hike on March 16.



Ed. - These photos aren't very attractive in black and white, but some of them are quite striking in color, particularly the photo of the leaves above this text box.

We are encouraging a move away from the print Blazer by charging a fee to cover the costs of printing and delivery.

However, it is a pleasure to use the Blazer to inform members and present photos like these.

Left: Spring has sprung and all that, but be sure to wipe your boots!

How Cougar Rock Got Its Name - according to ...

Clarence Erwin Mershon – April 23, 1931 – May 10, 2013

Clarence was born April 23, 1931, in Portland and died May 10, 2013 after a brief illness. He grew up working on a farm in the Corbett area where his great-grandparent first arrived in 1881. He graduated from Columbian High School (now Corbett) in 1949 and while a student there, he enlisted in the Oregon National Guard. Later, during the Korean War, he was called to active service as a member of the 142nd Fighter Group, gaining the rank of sergeant.

Graduating from Portland State University in 1959, he later earned his Masters of Education from University of Oregon and then under a National Science Foundation Grant; he studied mathematics at University of Colorado, Boulder. He had a 30 year career as a teacher and an administrator with the Parkrose School District. His family often marveled that he remembered the names and faces of his students long afterward. He also worked many years at the Multnomah Kennel Club; first as the night office manager, then later as a racing official. He reported MKC racing results on local radio for many years.

As a Mazamas member, Clarence climbed the peaks of Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams and St. Helens. A man of many interests and talents, Clarence was an avid runner, enjoyed ballroom dancing, karaoke, and had a passion for history. In retirement, he published several books recording stories and history of East Multnomah County and the Historic Columbia River Highway. His children are working to shortly publish his last manuscript, "The Settlement in Multnomah Basin", an excerpt of which follows, with permission from his widow and high school sweetheart Colleen Mershon, whom he married in 1950.

Clarence and Colleen joined the Trails Club in 2006.

The excerpt:

Road Builder, George Paugh, a large, robust man, normally worked as a logger, but he also nearly single-handedly completed the road into the Multnomah Basin. On one occasion, Paugh, exploring the Basin, decided to climb a monolith in a very rugged area that provided a good view of the Columbia River Gorge.

In order to reach that rocky pinnacle, Paugh had to traverse a hogs-back formation. He found a fallen tree lodged against the monolith that provided hand holds to help him make the climb. Paugh laid his rifle at the base of the tree before he proceeded to climb the promontory. As he neared the summit, he spotted three cougar "kittens" lying in a rock-crevice den. Then, unfortunately for Paugh, "mama" came bounding up the tree behind him, trapping him at the top. Unarmed, he faced a man vs. cougar clash for survival. In the limited, rocky outcrop "ring" the cougar slashed at Paugh repeatedly and then lunged at him. Paugh used the cougar's momentum to hurl it over the cliff to its death. Bleeding from many wounds on his arms and torso, Paugh descended from the monolith, retrieved his rifle and sought help. The following day, loggers who worked with him walked to the scene and rescued the three cubs, which were taken to the Portland zoo. Whether the "match" actually took place on the monolith overlooking the Gorge is problematical. It likely occurred on a smaller promontory situated on the path leading to the landmark. However, because of the battle, this rugged, geologic feature became known as Cougar Rock.

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Excited by the focus on history as seen in recent Trail Blazers, Colleen arranged for the Trails Club historian to speak on our club history during the upcoming April meeting of the Crown Point Community Historical Society.



**Then -** Trip to Nesika Lodge, May 12, 1935 It says:

On Cougar Rock - Morris, Betty, Woodrum, & Nancy.  
(From the TCO Archives—Ed)



**Not so then -** May 24, 2009 -

Grandson Simon Underwood and Taylor Roghair on Cougar Rock. Nesika was open for Memorial Day - Ed.

**April 2016**

# **Historian's Blog:**

Who would know there would be so many distracters to the original long and short term goals proposed to the board, who in 2013 leased work space for the history committee? At the time, it seemed pretty straight forward, with all of the club's historical documentation inventoried and available to the committee in one place. We had potential work space, an active committee and motivation with the upcoming centennial year. Based on the inventory we received, it appeared materials were almost ready to scan for ease of access. However, after consulting with the archivist hired in 2007, we found this was not the case. At that point, he roughed out a road map of next steps and offered to answer questions via email and resume his consulting when we finished arranging and describing our collection - the base for replicating electronically and providing a searchable product.

Upon setting up the office with a great deal of donated goods, the history committee began creating portable displays, relevant to both club and individual accomplishments, for special centennial events. In the midst of this, we faced reducing our footprint by one small office space. This prompted members of the history committee to attend the September Board meeting, present their active projects and lobby for keeping the space. In response, some Board members asked history committee members for a box and picture count to determine volume of the collection. In the middle of downsizing, what we did accomplish is this. We reviewed contents of boxes to be stored at Jeff Lawton's house, extracted relevant historical documents – including information on the inactive Memorial Endowment committee, and rearranged an already crowded work space, just in time for an open-house after Christmas.

This year, after upgrading our scanning equipment and completing a "box" inventory to satisfy an earlier board request, we were excited to resume work on arranging and describing our collection. Then we learn the Board tabled a vote not to fund work space for the History Committee in 2017 and formed a "History Inventory Committee" to make an inventory and create a strategic plan. We invited Susan Taylor, the proposed chair, to meet with Celine Stroinski and me in the history office. She was very impressed with our progress and offered to help PDF and possibly OCR our single scanned issues of the Trail Blazers. In order to provide the appropriate software to accomplish this task, the history committee consulted with our archivist, who recommended Adobe Acrobat Pro DC software. Though not a projected expense, with the help of Rebecca Knudeson, we were able to secure a reduced rate, which saved our budget \$330. Now, scanning will resume as the software is installed and volunteers are trained.

In the meantime, to prepare for organizing our collection, Celine Stroinski visited the Mazamas archives and spoke

with their new staff. He recommended a 3rd edition manual with detailed steps on setting up a small archive which would support an electronic world. What we learned, even more important than making all our documents keyword searchable, the importance of forming natural groups of papers in collections. Similar to a book, this process helps keep integrity of the context. This process will require re-viewing information not currently assigned an accession number.

It is hard to project a timeline for archival completion. It takes time to inventory and digitize historical information. As an example, Carolyn Jenkins volunteered for years inventorying and scanning newspaper clippings for the Mazamas. Also another volunteer has worked for years digitizing the important information in those clippings. Only fairly recently has that digitized information reached a large enough volume to make it really accessible and useful for research.

We are fortunate Carolyn became interested scanning TCO Trail blazers and then returned to the Mazamas archives to work on inventorying and scanning some from the Ken Becker collection (he donated a collection to the Mazamas before we had an active repository). She has completed up through 1940 and will finish scanning earlier ones. We are extremely grateful for our Mazamas partnership over the years and their help in setting up our current archives.

With the changes we've made and the addition of the scanner and software, the history committee is eager to resume their work.

Sylvia Milne - Historian

## **TCO History Committee Meeting**

February 20, 2016

Sylvia reported the following:

1. The History Committee has a new scanner (Epson V550) that is capable of scanning to PDF files and allows adding pages or photos. Training will be provided, once it is set up.
2. Sylvia met with Pam Moore, TCO President. Pam wants the History Committee to set measureable goals and provide an inventory of how many boxes of documents and photos are currently in the TCO History Office. Sylvia and Celine Stroinski have completed a five page inventory. Pam sees the value of collecting the stories of the TCO from long time members.
3. This History has a mandate from the Bylaws to maintain the TCO history.
4. The TCO needs to have a system of long term storage.
5. An optimal system would be a digital one that can be searched.
6. Sylvia met with Susan Taylor and showed her the

storage system used in the office, including archival boxes and computers. She offered to PDF and OCR the scanned Blazers.

7. Carolyn is finishing up the part of the Becker collection that is at Mazamas. The collection includes materials from 1928 to 1940.

8. Sylvia had a conversation with Randy, manager of the building that houses the TCO office. He has a business that helps business set up systems to store and retrieve information in digital format. She showed him what the History Committee was trying to accomplish with the Blazers by scanning them. He will provide an estimate of what it would take to make the Blazer collection searchable.

9. At the last meeting, the Board was going to vote to not fund the History Committee after the end of the year. This was tabled.

10. It was noted that the TCO paid Virginia about twice what they are paying for rent of the current office per year.

11. Other suggestions from TCO member include:

- a. Get collection digitized before it rots.
- b. Get it into storybooks.
- c. Get parts of it into museums.
- d. Some members want a museum at Nesika.

12. Showed photo of tower at Larch Mountain taken at the time Nesika was started.

13. A museum at Corbett is being developed. If you shop at Fred Meyer and have their card, you can sign up to have 2% of what you spend at Fred Meyer donated to the Corbett Museum.

14. We are still working with the U. S. Forest Service on the Interpretive Sign at Larch Mt.

15. An article, "Sherrard Point" by James M. Olsen, was featured in Focus on the Falls, the Spring of 2016 issue of the Friends of Multnomah Falls newsletter, was shared with the committee.

16. The TCO History Committee has established around 25 partners in the community for building and sharing history.

17. Ann Nixon, Ding Cannon's daughter, helped her dad compile a scrapbook about Una Davies, which now belongs to Ding's grandson. Also, Gladydis Basinger donated a 1915 book by Sam Lancaster.

18. There is the Arrington log of all TC members who stopped by their home in the basin in the early years of Nesika.

Sylvia asked each committee member at the meeting to tell why they were interested the TCO history, what project they were working on and their progress.

1. Mary Bauman is interested because of her 50 years of membership in the TCO and having known and worked

with many of the "old timers" who made the club what it is. She is working on an inventory of the meeting minutes from 1980 – 1989 (80% complete). If the club will support the History Committee, she is willing to continue inventorying the minutes from the 1970's and the 1990's. She accompanied Sylvia on the field trip to check out the basement space that Fendall Winston has graciously offered for storing TCO history documents if the Board does not want to fund the office after 2016. It would require carrying everything down a flight of stairs and there would not be much work space. Considering the age of the committee members, it would not be ideal.

2. Louise Beauchamp is working on the inventory for the minutes from the 1920's forward.

3. Jessie Tucker said that she would be able to help in the future. She is concerned that everything be stored where it will be safe and won't deteriorate.

4. Barbara Jones thanked Sylvia for all of her work on the TCO history. She suggested sending a list of the projects that the committee is working on to the Board. Also, invite the Board Members to participate on a project. Jeff Lawton is already working on a project to photograph the Nesika Ledger so we have a digital copy in much higher resolution than the old microfiche copy.

5. Carolyn Jenkins has been working at Mazamas, going through materials donated by Ken Becker. This collection includes a collection of Trail Blazers prior to 1940 that she plans to scan so they can be added to the collection that has already been scanned in the TCO History Office. Mazamas have hired an archivist to organize their records. Once all the Blazers collected by the History Committee have been scanned, a list of missing Blazers will be published in case members might have some of the missing issues.

6. Nadine Morris said she is on the TCO History Committee because she considers TCO History as an important part of Oregon History.

7. Christine Olsen said she started in the TCO in 1987. After she met Susan, Dallas and Willey and heard the story of Una Davies, she realized the importance of recording and saving TCO history. She talked about the club briefing that took place after Una Davies died on Goat Rocks. She is working on stories of early trips, such as how Gladys was able to finish the Oregon PCT because of help from the PCT Committee.

8. Jane Olsen would like the History Committee to be able to continue their projects and would be willing to help. She feels the history of the TCO is very important.

9. Jean Townsend Stupek donated large archival boxes for maps, including Forest Service maps. She also provided a lot of history of Graham and Jeanette Townsend, who were early members and active most of their lives.

10. Susan Keller's project involves the Multnomah Basin, above Nesika. She has a geologic map of the basin from around 1910, but the date needs to be verified. She has been consulting a book at the Gresham Library by Mr.

Woodward, who has compiled 6 papers on lumber mills on Larch Mountain. She learned that people working in lumbering at that time were very middle class, not backwoods, as determined by an archeologist. The original Palmer Mill was a large settlement with a school house and a boarding house. There is an article about a fire on Larch Mt. by a 6th grader. Sherrard pushed to open Larch Mt. Road for fire protection. Susan would like the History Committee to have the interpretive sign as one of our goals or priorities. The total cost has been estimated at around \$6,000. The History committee unanimously recommends that the TCO work with U. S. Forest Service to produce the interpretive sign for the top of Larch Mt. near the parking lot. The sign would feature the lookouts, the building of the Larch Mt. trail and the establishment of the TCO, which was very involved in the building of the trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Mary Bauman

**Trails Club Of Oregon  
Board Of Trustees Meeting  
March 14, 2016**

Draft Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Board members present were: Joel Reitz, Randy Dietrich, Jeff Lawton, Cynthia Lee, Linda Conrad, Chaz Shaw, & Pamela Moore. Absent from the meeting were Eric Berg, Merrill Hugo and Nader Rahmizred.

Guests attending the meeting were Chris Monti, Susan Taylor, Phil Crosby, Celine Stroinsky and counsel, Art Stangell

Chris Monti attended the meeting to explain the benefits of moving our Fidelity account to Vanguard.

Pamela Moore appointed Chris Monti to serve as head of the investment committee. Other committee members will include Jeff Lawton, Linda Conrad, Cynthia Lee and Joel Reitz.

It was moved by Cynthia Lee and seconded by Randy Dietrich that our endowment fund with Columbia ThreadNeedle be merged with our Fidelity account when we switch our account to Vanguard. The Endowment fund will be notated as a ledger line item in order to keep the balances separate.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

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| Beginning balance:  | Feb. 1, 2016 ..... | \$11,874.87 |
| Deposits:           | .....              | \$6390.94   |
| Checks/withdrawals: | .....              | \$3619.71   |
| Ending balance:     | Feb 29, 2016 ..... | \$14,646.10 |

It was further noted that our accountant has our paperwork for filing our corporate income tax for 2015. Our accountant has retired and we will be seeking a new CPA beginning next year.

Vice President's Report:

Joel reported that there were no new lodge usage requests.

Tyee Trustee's Report:

Chaz reported for Tyee that DEQ will be satisfied with frequent checks of the creek for oil seepage. Further details will be worked out when the snow has cleared.

Nesika Trustee's Report:

Linda reported for Nesika that there are still trees down on the road that prevent driving in beyond the green gate. The Forest Service has removed some hazard trees this year and may try to remove some boulders that have fallen on the road as well as some of the downed trees. Thirty people have signed up to help for the April 2 road clearing work trip.

Membership Trustee's Report:

Jeff reported for membership that there were no first or second readings. He will be sending out another reminder to folks who have not paid their dues.

Publications Trustee's Report:

Randy reported for publications that we now have a new Dropbox. He explained his vision of giving each trustee a folder to keep updated. Randy will provide a tutorial for Dropbox use for the Board at a future date.

Old Business:

Pam suggested each Board member come to the meeting with an idea for building membership. As we went around the room each idea was noted on a giant post-it to be brainstormed further at a later meeting.

It was moved by Cynthia Lee and seconded by Linda Conrad that the Nesika registry be returned to Nesika. Glen Conrad has offered to purchase a dry-box for storing the registry. Linda Conrad supplied information on silica gel that can be used to reduce moisture. There was board discussion and agreement that the registry belonged at the lodge for visitors to enjoy.

New Business:

Art requested a check to get started with costs associated with the Nesika road survey. Jeff Lawton will provide the GPS coordinates.

Jeff Lawton proposed we have two speakers for our Annual Dinner. Erin "Wired" Saver will speak on her Triple Crown. Jeff will follow up with Chuck Rollins of the Crown Point Historical Society to see if he would be available to give one of his talks during the dinner.

Pamela presented banner ideas. Randy motioned and Linda Conrad seconded that we allocate \$100 to purchase a table banner and a spider stand banner.

The History Committee emailed minutes of their meeting to the Board for review.

Susan updated the Board on progress with the silent auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Lee

## Empty Boots -

### In Memoriam

Fay Akerson (Ward), a long time member of the Trails Club, passed away on January 9, 2016 at the age of 95.

Fay joined the Trails Club in the mid 1940s and regularly participated in Trails Club hikes and outings though the mid 2000's. As a Trails Club member, Fay discovered many of her loves, including mountaineering, climbing, skiing, hiking and her husband.

In the 1940s and 50s, Fay summited all of the Cascade peaks, except Mt. Rainier and Mt. Baker.

The latter climb was aborted within 50 feet of

the summit due to worsening weather. Mt. Hood was always special to Fay as she met her future husband, Donald Akerson on a Mt. Hood climb that was also called off due to weather.

Fay moved away from the area in 1955 but rejoined the Trails Club when she returned to Oregon in 1976. During the years that followed, Fay led many Trails Club hikes and enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. Prior to Fay's passing, a nurse asked her what rappelling down a cliff was like? A twinkle lit up her eyes and she responded, "it was wonderful!".

Fay is survived by her two children, David and Eileen, their spouses and three adventuresome granddaughters. Eileen and I would like to thank the Trails Club for all of the wonderful adventures and memories you created for our mother.

David Akerson



## Membership Notes - March 2016

**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 Monday 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](mailto:membership@trailsclub.org) for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

### First Readings:

none

### Second Readings:

none

### Resignations:

none

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## April 2016

### 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](mailto: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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