



# Trail Blazer

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September 2016

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| 14-16                                                                                               | Fri-Sun | Nesika Work Trip                                     |
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| <b>Scheduling is updated on web site <a href="http://www.trailsclub.org">www.trailsclub.org</a></b> |         |                                                      |
| <b>TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2</b>                                                           |         |                                                      |

## Events

### Sep 3 (Sat) Milwaukie-Lake Oswego-Oregon City Loop - Class C

This ride heads north from Milwaukie and crosses the Willamette River on new the Tilikum Crossing, whereupon we then take our bikes up the elevator to the Gibbs St. Pedestrian Bridge. We then head south through Lake Oswego, Marylhurst, and West Linn before crossing the Willamette again on the Arch Bridge as we enter Oregon City. From there, we make our way to the bike/ped bridge over the Clackamas River at Cross Park in Gladstone before heading back to Milwaukie on the Trolley Trail. Total distance is approximately 32 miles, with cumulative elevation gain about 1,500 feet. Optional lunch in downtown Milwaukie after the ride. Contact leader for more information.

Meet: 9:00 AM at Milwaukie Riverfront Park, McLoughlin Blvd and Washington St. (there is a traffic signal.) From the north, enter the parking lot on the next driveway after the signal. Coming from the south, take the turn lane before the Washington St. signal.

Leader: Dave Crout 503-460-9782, or [dave\\_sandy@comcast.net](mailto:dave_sandy@comcast.net)

### Sep 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

### Sep 7 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class A, B

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094, [chaznw@gmail.com](mailto:chaznw@gmail.com)

Class B Leader: Catherine Schiedler, [catherineschied@gmail.com](mailto:catherineschied@gmail.com)

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## Sep 8 (Thu) Willamette Park to Zoo and Back Bike Ride - Class A+

We'll ride from Willamette Park downtown 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, but I promise to go slowly and/or wait on the hills). 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 parking on Nebraska St. or other side streets, but you may have to look around.

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

## Sep 9-10 (Fri-Sat) Jefferson Park Exploratory Backpack Class B

We'll access Jefferson Park from the Whitewater Trail on the west side of Mount Jefferson. Our hike in will be approximately 6 miles or so one way with approximately 2000 feet of elevation gain. Jefferson Park is well known for its scenery. Once we get to Jefferson Park, we'll explore the area for the best campsites (Scout or Russel Lake?), and set up camp and explore some more if we wish.

To register: Contact leader by Wednesday Sept 7th at 8:00 PM.

Leader: Bill Yandon, 503-538-3643, Cell 503-887-2932, wkyandon@earthlink.net

## Sep 10 (Sat) Neahkahnie Mountain - Class A

This is day 1 of Coast and Hood Double Hike and Fun Weekend. We will have lunch in Manzanita and a stop-off at Short Sands. Distance: 3 miles round trip. Elevation Gain: 840 feet. Return to town about 5 PM, cannot guarantee return time.

Meet: 8:30am at North Plains McDonalds, 9975 NW Glencoe Rd, North Plains, OR

Register on Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/232956231/>

Leaders: Bonnie Cormier / Pamela Moore

## Sep 11 (Sun) Mountaineer Trail Loop Hike, Timberline - Class A

This is day two of the Coast and Hood Double Hike and Fun Weekend. We will eat lunch and relax at Timberline lodge. Distance: 3 miles round trip. Elevation Gain: 1100 feet Return to town about 5 PM, cannot guarantee return time.

Meet: 8:30 AM at Gateway/ Park & Ride

Register on Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/232956678/>

Leaders: Bonnie Cormier / Pamela Moore

## Sep 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

**Sep 14 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A, B**

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

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

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

**Sep 17-18 (Fri-Sat) Tyee Lodge Hike and Dine**

Enjoy late summer on the mountain and be surprised by the menu of a good home cooked dinner at Tyee. Breakfast will be provided on Sunday morning for those staying the night. Normal lodge fees apply. Meal fees may be slightly higher than usual.

Register by 9 PM on Wednesday, September 14, with Rebecca Knudeson: knudeson@gmail.com or 503-639-2234.

**Sep 16-18 (Fri-Sun) Nesika Work Trip**

The big job this month is getting the Quikrete into Nesika and hopefully pouring the front porch of main lodge. This is a big job. We can use all the help we can get. There will probably be some painting of cupola left to finish. We will continue to work on road maintenance. September and October are the months we put the wood in for winter and move the wood from playground to main lodge. To register call 360.837.3787, email to lcgrconrad@aol.com or sign up on TCO MEETUP by Wednesday evening. The gate on Larch will be open for those in need at noon on Friday and 9:00AM on Saturday morning. Be prompt.

**Sep 18 (Sun) Outings Planning Meeting**

Trails Club members interested in participating in Club Outings in 2017 are invited to attend an Outings planning meeting at the home of Susan Green and Gregg Baker. Bring your ideas and suggestions for all types of outings: a) traditional pack-in Alpine Outings b) Car camp outings c) Destination camp outings. You should research Alpine areas you want to pack into and packers we can hire, car camping areas where a cook tent and camp can be set up to day hike from and areas like Big Creek Camp or Nature-Bridge where housing and meals are provided. Destination camps and packers get reserved early so it is important to get moving on your outing ideas.

People who are interested need to participate in the planning and organization of outings or they ain't gonna happen!

When: Sunday, September 18, at 7 PM

Where: Home of Susan Green and Gregg Baker

2909 NE 20th Avenue (20th & NE Stanton)

Portland, OR

**Sept. 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. Leader: Ken Kane, 503-522-9997, ken@woodbloom.com. Watch the web site for updates and meeting place.

**Sept 21 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A, B**

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Joan Miller, gojo250@gmail.com

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

**Sept. 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. This hike will meet near the zoo entrance, in the area of the MAX elevators. There is paid parking, but to avoid that cost, do arrive on the MAX. We will start at the beginning of the Wildwood Trail and go up into Hoyt Arboretum, eventually making our way back to the zoo parking lot. Lunch will be at the Cascade Grill just inside the zoo gates. Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com.

**Sept 28 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B**

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Deb Ralls debbieralls@yahoo.com

Class B Leader: Gini Bateman,  
ginibateman@comcast.net

NOTE: The September 28 "A" hike is the last for the season. Please check the Trails Club schedule for April, 2017, when Wednesday evening "A" hikes will resume.

During October, 2016, only "B" level hikes will be scheduled.

**Oct 5 (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 5 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B**

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills.

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| <p>Please carry a flashlight or headlamp.</p> <p>Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).</p> <p>Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!</p> <p>Leader: Bruce Seymour, bruceseymour65@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Oct 12 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B</b><br/>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.</p> <p>For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.</p> <p>Leader: TBD</p> <p><b>Oct 12 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B</b><br/>We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills.</p> <p>Please carry a flashlight or headlamp.</p> <p>Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).</p> <p>Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!</p> <p>Leader: Lotte Schmitz, lotteschmitz@msn.com</p> <p><b>Oct 15-16 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike &amp; Dine</b><br/>Help us celebrate Oktoberfest at Tyee! Lori Leach will prepare a festive German-inspired menu. The event will be hosted by Barb Jones. See the website for late-breaking details.</p> <p>Contact Barb Jones, barbjones50@hotmail.com</p> <p><b>Oct 19 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B</b><br/>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.</p> <p>For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.</p> <p>Leader: TBD</p> <p><b>Oct 19 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B</b><br/>We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp.</p> <p>Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).</p> <p>Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!</p> <p>Leader: Leader: Bob Link, fanmanr@aol.com</p> <p><b>Oct 26 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B</b><br/>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.</p> <p>For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.</p> <p>Leader: TBD</p> <p><b>Oct 26 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B</b><br/>We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and</p> | <p>the West Hills.</p> <p>Please carry a flashlight or headlamp.</p> <p>Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).</p> <p>Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!</p> <p>Leader: Gini Batemen, ginibateman@comcast.net</p> <p>NOTE: The October 26 hike is the last Wednesday evening hike for the season. Hikes will resume in April, 2017. We hope you will watch the TCO schedule and join us next year!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Sep 8       | (Thu)      | Willamette Park to Zoo..... | Audrey Perino |                |
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| Sep 15      | (Thu)      | Oktoberfest .....           | Lou Sowa      |                |

### Bicycle trip Ratings

To help you in choosing the difficulty of the ride, the following is suggested:

A for up to 20/25 miles without hills;

B for 20-40 miles with little hills;

C for longer and hillier rides.

### Let's Talk About

#### Happy Birthday, Jerry Reneau



Long time TCO member, Jerry Reneau celebrated his birthday with a small group of TCO friends at his residence at Cascadia Village assisted living in Sandy. Jerry was very involved in the rebuilding of Nesika Lodge and we all enjoyed reminiscing about that, as well as other past activities we shared together.

Present were:

(Front row) Patty Reneau, Jerry Reneau, Phil and Irene Crosby

(Back row) George and Sylvia Milne, Mary Bates (mother-in-law), Sherrie and Art Stangell, Fern Anderson, Jack Hamilton (Phil's grandson), Lynn Cochran.

Patty Reneau

### Waiting For Meteors

A group of Trails Club members got together in hopes of seeing the arrival of extra-terrestrial objects (the Perseid meteor shower) that collide with Earth's atmosphere each year around August 13. Remnants of comet Swift-Tuttle, the Perseids are one of the more reliable showers of the year, but they are sometimes significantly outdone.

Your editor remembers a shower in 1946 having a radiant in the constellation Draco, the peak rate approaching one per second. (I went out the next night to see if any stars were left! Gimme a break - I was only 5! )

Pam later reported:

Unfortunately we didn't see many showers but Rooster Rock was a wonderful place to spend the evening. Members of Rose City Astronomers and other clubs had their telescopes focused on the moon, Saturn and Andromeda galaxy. There was also a fantastic presentation that walked us through everything we were seeing in the night sky. Good friends, warm night, and a spectacular sunset over the water. Photo - Pam Moore)



### TCO Annual Picnic at Sellwood Park

The TCO picnic was held on Sunday, July 14. As is traditional, food and good spirits were in abundance, Two grilles were called into action and the grillers managed to keep up with the 37 healthy appetites comprising the gathering. Arleta Miller was the organizer, assisted by several other members.

Her comments:

What a lovely annual picnic, good conversation and of course all the great food...I can not express how thankful I am for your participation in making it a success. Our grill masters, Phil and Denise, did a super job and all the good food you all shared makes such a awesome event.

Thank you,  
Arleta

(Photos overleaf)

**Picnic at Sellwood Park - Continued**



A timeline was posted illustrating our century-long tradition of service to the outdoor community. Other storyboards illustrated TCO connections with other outdoor groups and to Portland.



Sated picnickers relaxing in the dappled shade.



Nice picnic, Arleta!

**Explanation for Trail Blazer Delay**

Your editor was on vacation in Alaska, intending to utilize modern technology, as he has done in the past, to prepare this issue. Technology apparently had other ideas, as my laptop display failed to produce any light shortly after I had e-mailed a shot of Denali (see below).

Arriving home last night, I struggled with the display, trying to get it to produce an output I could work with. This morning, after installing Microsoft Publisher on our home computer and working for an hour or so, I was amazed and baffled to see the laptop light up with the wrong display format, but it was making light! I fixed the display format and it now appears to work. All I can do is quote science fiction author Isaac Asimov: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic".



Denali on 17 August, 2016 - Ed.

It is my understanding that many visitors experience "Denali Denial" as a consequence of looking for the Mountain Previously Known as McKinley and seeing only clouds.

On the land tour and cruise, we received only a sprinkle one morning and much sunshine.

**Facebook: Editor Assimilation**

Your editor recently was forced to give in and got a Facebook account in order to get some photos for the Blazer.

I still feel that it is not a decision to be taken lightly, but for those who are interested:

To access the Trails Club Facebook site, just type "facebook" into your browser's address (URL) line and then type "Trails Club of Oregon" when Facebook comes up.

Press the "join group" button

You will find out many of the recent goings-on. For example, the TCO Facebook site was the source of the Rooster Rock photo,

## Future Outings Planning Meeting !!!!!

Trails Club members interested in participating in Club Outings in 2017 are invited to attend an Outings planning meeting on Sunday, September 18, at 7 PM at the home of Susan Green and Gregg Baker at 2909 NE 20th Avenue (20th & NE Stanton) Portland, OR. Bring your ideas and suggestions for all types of outings: a) traditional packin Alpine Outings b) carcamp outings c) destination camp outings. You should research Alpine areas you want to pack into and packers we can hire, car camping areas where a cook tent and camp can be set up to day hike from and areas like Big Creek Camp or NatureBridge where housing and meals are provided. Destination camps and packers get reserved early so it's really important to get moving on your outing ideas.

Those interested need to participate in the planning and organization of outings or they ain't gonna happen!

## The true value of members

Recently, the question was asked why we sometimes try to cut the cost of lodge events to make them more affordable for families. We do this both to attract new, younger members and to make lodge events attractive to existing members with children.

The true value of a member is not in payments for a meal or an overnight stay. The true value is in attracting and retaining members who will become active in the club - as hike leaders, cooks, committee members or chairs, work party volunteers or members of our board. Our organization depends on much more than dues and fees to thrive, it depends on the active participation of volunteers. Younger members, and their children, are the future of our club. In recent years we've been doing more for families with this in mind.

Jeff Lawton, Membership Trustee



Portland State is having their 50th anniversary of their outdoor program. Portland State graduates who were members of the program and would like to celebrate their anniversary should contact:

Ann Marie Hingley  
Outdoor Program Coordinator  
Campus Rec  
Enrollment Management & Student Affairs  
Portland State University

(503) 725-8768  
ahingley@pdx.edu  
www.pdx.edu/recreation

(I thought the logo was pretty cool - Ed. This is to inform TCO members who might have participated in PSU's outdoor program. It started the year after I graduated)

## Single-Track Bikes -- Continued from last month

TCO is a member of FWOC, the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, which published the following in 2013:

Sydney Herbert, our Conservation Chair, sent me a link to the following FWOC resolution:

**Resolution #6: Oppose Single Track Bicycling and Shared Trails in Portland's Forest Park**

Background: Portland's Forest Park, over 5,000 acres, is the largest forested municipal park in the nation. Mature, second growth mixed coniferous and deciduous forest with numerous streams and an old growth area provide hiking, jogging, nature study and bicycling recreation for more than 1 million people annually. There are more than 30 miles of bicycle paths already in the Park. Many paths are designated for hikers only, but bicycles intrude and threaten the safety of hikers and the integrity of the ecosystem.

Why would the Federation concern itself with a city park? This is a wilderness park, a true hiking experience. Many more people than residents of Portland use it. It provides a connecting corridor to the Coast Range for wildlife. It provides a laboratory used by many schools and colleges for their students and the research of their professors.

The Park was promoted and founded by Trails Club and Mazama members. The Trails Club leads hikes twice a week in the Park which are open to all and has for many years. The press for single track bicycling is only one variety of "extreme sports" which substitute physical thrills and speed for the passive uses detailed in the management plan.

The management plan was adopted in 1998, and, by ordinance, has the force of law. The plan was prepared in fulfillment of a requirement of the Land Use Law of 1973.

An organized, vocal and persistent group of cyclists is lobbying, successfully for sharing trails with hikers and building their preferred "single track" trails less than 3 ft wide. The plan requires 8 ft trails. The bikers are trying to get the Parks Dept. to rule that a 3 ft trail is not a non-conforming use and will not require an amendment to the plan and thus, no public process.

**Resolution:** The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs opposes trail-sharing and single track bicycle paths in Portland's Urban Wilderness Forest Park.

You can access a petition at: <https://www.change.org/p/mayor-charlie-hales-make-forest-park-safe-again> - Ed.

**AND ...** in 2008 a one-half mile on single-track trail was built (used) at the junction of Firelane 5 and Wildwood Trail.

You can see how it looks after eight years in a video at: [https://www.change.org/p/mayor-charlie-hales-make-forest-park-safe-again/u/17596739?tk=zMKVVothQW-baTRpb7dfXMWn0KHH-Gxn-xXpBPwGulU&utm\\_source=petition\\_update&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.change.org/p/mayor-charlie-hales-make-forest-park-safe-again/u/17596739?tk=zMKVVothQW-baTRpb7dfXMWn0KHH-Gxn-xXpBPwGulU&utm_source=petition_update&utm_medium=email)

This is why readers should use the web Blazer. Not only do you get color pictures, but you also don't have to do all that typing you just click on the link - Ed.

**AND ...** another link, this time if you want to learn more about Baden-Powell scouting:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baden-Powell\\_Scouts'\\_Association](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baden-Powell_Scouts'_Association)

**From our Conservation Chair, Sydney Herbert:**

Proposed Resolution  
Support for Establishment of a Douglas-fir National Monument

From Resolutions Committee (PSH)  
08-6-2016

National Parks and Monuments have been created to protect iconic species such as Redwoods, Joshua trees and bald cypress. A proposal to create a National Monument to protect Douglas fir on 500,000 acres in the Middle Santiam drainage of the Willamette National Forest is being developed. Some of this land is already in protected categories. The purpose would be to maintain all existing Old Growth forest and to restore that which has been logged.

The FWOOC has supported old growth reserves in several resolutions, e.g. Resolution 2 1993:

"Federal forests in the Pacific Northwest should be managed with an emphasis on ecosystem management, watershed protection, long rotation schedules for managed forests, and the willingness to adopt principles of modern conservation biology in all aspects of forest planning. The centerpiece of planning should be designation of ancient forest permanent reserves that are protected from all logging, thinning, and salvage." And, Resolution 2 1994:

"FWOC opposes that portion of the Administration's Forest Plan for the Pacific Northwest and Northern California which would allow further logging of old growth timber that would destroy native species of plants and animals and cause further damage to the salmon population. ....The Clinton Administration is also urged to establish an Ancient Forest System in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California consisting of all existing old growth on federal lands that would remain inviolate from all thinning, salvage and logging in the region."

The present proposal goes beyond preserving existing old growth, it would restore some logged lands. National Monument status makes the reservation more permanent than that of a ten year forest plan. Restoration work could not be undertaken under a Wilderness Act designation.

National Monuments may be created by Congressional act, or by Presidential proclamation.

FWOC supports the creation of a Douglas-fir National Monument in and near the Willamette National Forest, Oregon.



**Wedding of Aaron Ashenfelter and Susan Taylor**

The wedding party arrived at noon, Saturday July 30th at the Larch Mountain gate for escort to the parking lot and then the hike to Nesika..

Susan and Aaron were married at Waespe point surrounded by friends and family. The weather was perfect, comfortably warm and wind-free.

Dinner and cake were served in the lodge after the ceremony.

Photo - Randy Dietrich

**Ex-TCO President George Milne (Now FWOC CEO) poses with two Baden-Powell Scout Leaders**

The Baden-Powell Service Association (BPSA) is a "Scouting for Everyone" organization that welcomes all genders and doesn't have many of the membership restrictions that cause can some young people to feel shut out.

BPSA people have expressed an interest in the Trails Club and could become a valuable source of younger members and contributors to TCO.



**Historian's Blog - Trails Club member involvement with Forest Park**

As I wrote several years ago in August, the thought of losing the natural beauty of Forest Park to satisfy a few thrill seekers (single – track bicyclists) is heart wrenching. According to the Oregonian, our club has been involved with Forest Park since 1917, when we first built "Foot & Pony Trails" in the West Hills. Similar to the Columbia River Gorge, the park is composed of a similar ecological health, wildlife habitat and has a unique ability to provide for quiet, reflective and spiritual experiences. As it stand now, Forest Park supports about 70 miles of recreational trails, of which 28 are open to bicyclists. Unfortunately, illegal cycling on narrow, pedestrian-only trails goes unchecked, jeopardizing the safety of hikers and the 1903 Portland Park Master Plan, an Olmsted Landscape Legacy.

Early on, the second president of the Trails Club, Henry R. Hayek, Chair of the Larch Mountain Trails building committee; and Paul Keyser (TCO member 1918-1976, Portland Parks Superintendent 1917-1949, and City Planning Commission advisory member from inception in 1923), were intimately involved with advocating for saving the West Hills as a park. Yet not until 1944, when Ding Cannon chaired a committee of the City Club, did the West Hills receive "park status" when a study showed the soil could not support building or heavy usage.

In 1945, Harold Mace, Trails Club President, under advisement of Paul Keyser & Fred Cleator, wrote a letter to the Portland City Council on behalf of the club to initiate a "a Pioneer Park Project." Unable to implement the West Hills recommendations through the City Club, Garnett E. (Ding) Cannon, active in the Trails Club and president of the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs, started a program of action under the auspices of the Federation. The meeting of a diverse group of citizens, known as the "Committee of 50," formulated a plan to effectuate the proposed park. Trails club members active included: G.E. Canon, Vice Chair; Kenneth Martin; Fred Cleator, USFS; and Dale Cowen, Treasurer. Three years later, the City of Portland dedicated the West Hills as Forest Park.

Over the years, many Trails Club members helped maintain trails in Forest Park, yet in 1960, Bruno Kolkowsky's dedication to building trails stood out. Sixteen years after Bruno received his Portland Park Award; Ding Cannon was awarded the Portland Beautification Association Award for preparation of a management plan for Forest Park...rewritten nearly twenty years later as land use law. In 1988, Ding's final contribution, a living memorial in the heart of Forest Park to honor 10 of the park's deceased founders. TCO members included: Paul Keyser, Dale Cowen, and Ding the next spring.

In 1998, a 50th Anniversary edition of a book on the development of Forest Park, written by Thornton T. Munger in collaboration with C. Paul Keyser, gave special acknowledgment to Fran Koenig, TCO member (1967-2008), and a Wednesday Hike Leader for nearly 20 years who invented a devise to measure trail distance. After the Trails Club inherited the scheduling of Wednesday morning hikes, through the perseverance of Julie Davies, Gerda Eck added evening hikes. So besides planning and caring for Forest Park, club members have led hikes on Wednesdays for over 40 years.

Sylvia Milne, Historian  
Trails Club of Oregon

### September Historian's Blog

Swinging between two worlds...one of continuing an archival project begun in 2008, and stopping occasionally to celebrate milestones and to share information stored deep within records being organized... the history committee is preoccupied with yet another activity, funding space to continue this pursuit.

Driven by concerns of draining our club investments, former President George Milne, in tandem with the Crosbys, has stepped forth to research the formation of a 501{C} {3} Trails Club History Foundation. When accomplished, this foundation would reward member donations with a tax credit and volunteer hours would qualify as in-kind donations when applying for grants to accomplish specific projects. One example being our centennial story.

Recently, as the history committee reviewed Julie Davies collection, we discovered a gem, Angelo Carella's history of the Social Committee. It definitely shed light on the club's evolving cultural which began with an educational committee and a library having a member's downtown business address. Over the years it became entertainment, which then morphed into social activities. So maybe our second hundred years will bring us back full circle to education?

In Mid August, members Celine Stroinski and Debbie Ralls utilized the TCO summer picnic in Sellwood Park as a venue to display an amazing clothes line exhibit of Trails Club involvement with the Eagle Creek Camp Ground. Included was mention of TCO families who served as Forest Service Reserve volunteers during the war years, in lieu of planning and attending club recreational outings. A definite reminder of the club's past interest in community service.

Huge thanks to the more than 46 different people who have donated a variety of resources to the Trails Club history project. Special thanks to Arleta Miller and Barbara Jones who, in the absence of a social chair, upheld our Trails Club picnic traditions dating back to 1916.

Sylvia Milne, Historian  
Trails Club of Oregon

### Hosting opportunity

Do you love spending time at Tyee? How would you like to get paid for your time at Tyee? Occasionally, the Mazama lodge overbooks and asks us to host some of their members. They pay the standard member fees and a separate \$100/night stipend to the host. You must be a Tyee lodge key holder.

Contact Mya Dunn White to put your name on a list of Mazama hosts. [integritydoc@aol.com](mailto:integritydoc@aol.com)



#### Trails Club of Oregon Board of Trustees Meeting draft Minutes August 8, 2016

Pam Moore called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

All trustees except Eric Berg were present. Art Stangell, counsel, Phil Crosby Blazer, editor, Sylvia Milne, historian, Leonard Murphy, Walt Garvin, Glen Conrad, Jane Olson, George Milne, Nadine Morris, Celine Stroinski, Tom Shanley, and Raisa Budrevich also attended. The minutes for the July meeting were approved. Joel privately suggested a minor editorial change which was made.

#### Treasurer's report:

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| Cash balance.....        | 7/31/2016.....  | \$12,622.55 |
| Beginning balance .....  | 7/1/2016.....   | \$16,704.74 |
| Deposits.....            | 428.25          |             |
| Checks/withdrawals ..... | 4,530.44        |             |
| Ending balance ..        | 7/31/2016 ..... | \$12,622.55 |

Tyee trustee's report: Chaz reported a good work party at Tyee with a number of Baden Powell scouts providing considerable help. The Baden Powell group would like to use our lodges for their outings. They plan to enroll as members to facilitate this use. One of their members would like to use Tyee for a small group orientation to George Fox University.

Chaz has found suitable combined steel and plastic oil tanks which he would like to install in the wood room. He moved that we authorize \$2400 for the tanks. Motion carried The new porch should be finished at the August work trip

Nesika Trustee's report: Linda told us the women's dorm reroof was done quickly and well. She said that the siding on the cupola had deteriorated and needed to be replaced. Doug Atterbury and his sons started on the project and plan to finish it in August. The roofing over the women's dorm porch will need to be renewed. The front porch slab should be poured in September. Linda moved to issue a Nesika key to Tim Kutscha. motion carried.

(continued overleaf)

## THE TRAIL BLAZER - September 2016

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| <p><b>Membership Trustee's report:</b> Marguerite Rogers, Joyce Tolley, Bitsy Broughton, Vickie Palmer, Loraine Moon, Shannon Walker, Erik Miller, and Raisa Budrevich were read for the first time. Aaron Bech, Ahmed Amad, Bonnie Cormier, Carol Odomski, Catherine Cline, David Gaddie, Sam Gaddie, Doug Gay, Sharin Buechler, and Susan Stratton were elected to membership.</p> <p><b>Publications Trustee's report:</b> Randy said the Blazers had arrived on the second of the month.</p> <p><b>Old &amp; New Business:</b> Nesika will be open for a Thanksgiving event 11/24-11/27 There will be a Halloween party at Nesika on the weekend before Halloween including a seasonal dinner. There was an inconclusive discussion concerning the appropriate fee. Celine said "we don't have to do everything on the cheap." Were we purposefully looking for poverty stricken members? She felt we were overdoing frugality.</p> <p>Pam then reviewed our Marketing and Retention Program We can use additional rack cards. Always need more</p> | <p>photos on Facebook. Should be thinking about updating website. Maya and Deb Ralls have been finding more people to open Tye.</p> <p>Chaz made a plea to find a Social Trustee.</p> <p>Randy urged the board to carefully read Sylvia's reports to the board and compare the items there to the objectives she has set for the history office.</p> <p>We need to compare these objectives to the bylaw section concerning club history. He feels strongly that the board has not properly considered the history office activities because it has preconceived ideas of what the office should be doing,</p> <p>Randy will be distributing relevant materials sometime soon.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted</p> <p>Merrill Hugo</p> |
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### Membership Notes - July 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.

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| <p><b>First Readings:</b></p>                                                  |                                                                              |  | Shannon Walker                                                         |
| Bitsy Broughton                                                                | Vickie Palmer                                                                |  | 382 Woodside Dr                                                        |
| 2530 SE 26th Ave #408                                                          | 107 SE Whitney                                                               |  | Longview, WA 98632                                                     |
| Portland, OR 97202                                                             | Camas, WA 98607                                                              |  | <a href="mailto:swalker3@peacehealth.org">swalker3@peacehealth.org</a> |
| <a href="mailto:bitsybroughton@sbcglobal.net">bitsybroughton@sbcglobal.net</a> | <a href="mailto:8292stardust@gmail.com">8292stardust@gmail.com</a>           |  | 360-560-2025                                                           |
| 925-330 3985                                                                   | 360-608-1433                                                                 |  | Sponsors: Sondra Tootell, Pamela Moore                                 |
| Sponsors: April Martinez, Tim Kutscha                                          | Sponsors: Mindy Deavers, Pamela Moore                                        |  | (Joined on FA weekend at Nesika)                                       |
| (Joined on watercolor weekend at Nesika)                                       | (Joined on FA weekend at Nesika)                                             |  | <b>Second Readings:</b>                                                |
| Erik Miller                                                                    | Marguerite Rogers                                                            |  | Ahmed Amad                                                             |
| 2133 Johnyne Ct.                                                               | 5031 SW Orchid Street                                                        |  | Aaron Bech                                                             |
| West Linn, OR 97068                                                            | Portland, OR 97219                                                           |  | Sharin Buechler                                                        |
| <a href="mailto:erik@interactive-wealth.com">erik@interactive-wealth.com</a>   | <a href="mailto:rogers.marguerite@gmail.com">rogers.marguerite@gmail.com</a> |  | Catherine Cline                                                        |
| 503-305-8240                                                                   | 503-892-3885                                                                 |  | Bonnie Cormier                                                         |
| Sponsor: Pamela Moore                                                          | Sponsors: Tim Kutscha and April Martinez                                     |  | David Gaddie                                                           |
| Lorraine Moon                                                                  | (Joined on watercolor weekend at Nesika)                                     |  | Sam Gaddie                                                             |
| 2906 Westview Circle                                                           | Joyce Tolley                                                                 |  | Doug Gay                                                               |
| Lake Oswego, OR 97034                                                          | 2355 SW Cedar St #10                                                         |  | Carol Odomski                                                          |
| <a href="mailto:lorraine.j.moon@gmail.com">lorraine.j.moon@gmail.com</a>       | Portland, OR 97205                                                           |  | Susan Stratton                                                         |
| 510-612-4837                                                                   | <a href="mailto:joycetolley@gmail.com">joycetolley@gmail.com</a>             |  | <b>Changes: None</b>                                                   |
| Sponsors: Mindy Deavers, Sondra Tootell                                        | 917 287 6560                                                                 |  |                                                                        |
| (Joined on FA weekend at Nesika)                                               | Sponsors: April Martinez, Tim Kutscha                                        |  |                                                                        |
|                                                                                | (Joined on watercolor weekend at Nesika)                                     |  |                                                                        |

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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](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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