



Trail Blazer

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July 2017

Upcoming Events		
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----- July -----		
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2	Wed	Evening hike - Class A,B
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23	Wed	Evening hike - Class A,B
25-26	Fri-Sat	Elk Cove Backpack Class A/B

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30	Wed	Evening hike - Class A,B
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		
Donations to Redwing Expansion - A special fund has been set up to pay the cost of building a porch and covered area behind Redwing. Those who wish can contribute by sending a check to the club at PO box 69061, Portland OR 97239-0061. Please mark the check "Redwing Expansion" to ensure it gets properly credited to the fund.		
Donations to the History Committee - A special fund has been set up to help pay the cost of the History office. Those wishing to contribute to the History fund can do so by sending a check to the club at PO box 69061, Portland OR 97239-0061. Please mark the check "History Fund" to ensure it gets properly credited to the fund.		
... and donations in general will not be refused. They will be put to good use. Remember, this is your club. If, like your editor, you can't contribute physically as much as you used to, there are other ways ... Ed.		
Events		
July 1 (Sat) Independence/Buena Vista Bike — Class B Bike 28-30 miles through the fields, rolling hills and farmland of Polk County. The ride starts at the Independence Riverview Park, Independence, Oregon. We ride west through Monmouth, south to Helmick State Park and east to the Buena Vista Ferry landing for a lunch stop along the Willamette River. We then ride north to Independence to complete the loop. Driving Directions: From Portland drive I-5 South towards Salem. Take the Salem Parkway Exit, then W on Hwy 22 over the Willamette River to Hwy 51. Go south to 200 S Main St in Independence. The park is on the left. Turn left toward the river. Parking is north of the boat ramp parking. Depart: Independence Riverview Park. Start time dependent on high temperature expected for the day. Contact leader. Leader: Allen Burrell, burrell@teleport.com , 503-288-3859		

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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 \$50 in dues for first household member, \$30 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a \$15 entrance fee.

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July 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.

We will meet at Friendly House, corner of NW Thurman and 26th ready to leave at 9:30 for Washington Park and Rose Garden. Leader: Nancy Overpeck, 360-836-5464, 503-806-2900, overpeck@wa-net.com.

July 5 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B

We will hike from 6 PM until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and dress for changeable weather. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign and pay the hike fee.

Cost: \$1 for Trails Club and Mazama members; \$2 non-members.

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

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Leader: Chaz Shaw, chaznw@gmail.com

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Lotte Schmitz, lotteschmitz@msn.com

July 7-9 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

Hi Fellow Trails Clubbers! We had to cancel the June work party due to snow but Tyee awaits us in July. We still have a long list of tasks so I am hoping for a good turnout.

For details, see the notice on page 6

July 12 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A

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.

We will meet at the visitors center at Powell Butte Nature Park, 16160 SE Powell Blvd., ready to leave at 9:30.

Leader: Linda Anderson, 503-318-2417, lindaor@netzero.net.

July 12 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A and B

We will leave at 6 pm and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and water. Parking is limited; so arrive early to find a spot, sign in and pay the hike fee.

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

Cost: \$1 for Trails Club and Mazama members; \$2 non-members.

A Hike: Approximately 4-5 miles, less than 500 feet of elevation gain.

Leader: Julie Dailey, dailey68@me.com

B Hike: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Bruce Seymour, bruceseymour65@gmail.com

July 13 (Thu) North Portland-Kelley Point Park Bike Ride - Class A

Moderately-paced, flat ride with a number of stops through North Portland. Bring a lunch for a picnic at Kelley Point Park. Total mileage around 20 miles. Please make sure your bike tires are pumped before you come. Call or email with questions. I don't ride in the rain or the excessive heat, so if weather is iffy, check your email and/or call my cell to check if ride is a go.

Meet: University of Portland, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd, 9:45 am for a 10 AM departure. Come in the main entrance off of Willamette Blvd and make the first right. Parking lot is right next to the soccer center.

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

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

The main goal of this work trip is to get the women's dorm deck rebuilt, continue pouring cement for the posts, road maintenance, clear trails, reroof generator shack, painting, build benches in front of lodge and on Point. We will open the lodge on Friday. Please register on TCO Meet up site. Please state when you are coming and how long you will be staying for the weekend. The gate on Larch at 10 mile marker will be open at 9:00 AM Friday, noon Friday, Possibly 6:30 PM Friday, 9:00 AM on Saturday.

We can use all the help we can get to get the deck and posts on Women's dorm replaced and rebuilt. Thanks for all the help. It is greatly appreciated. Linda Conrad..

Any questions call 360-837-3787 , text to 360-907-5096 or email to 1cgrconrad@aol.com

July 18 (Tue) Inter-state Bridges Ride - Class B

We will ride a 28 mile loop from James Gleason Boat Ramp on Marine Drive over the I5 bridge through downtown Vancouver (possible stop at Vancouver Saturday market), up Fruit Valley Road to Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. We will ride BBC Trail to 92nd Ave. and then to I205 for our return to James Gleason Boat Ramp. Some of the ride will be on multi-use paths and some on roads. Bring snacks and water. Check meet up for updates including weather cancellation.

Ride with GPS route:

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/20162485>

Confirm participation on TCO meetup or by emailing leader.

Depart: 10:00 AM - James Gleason Boat Ramp on Marine Drive.

Parking: There is a \$5 parking charge. Free if you have an annual permit.

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

July 19 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

Leader: TBD

July 19 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A and B

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

Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and water. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign in and pay the hike fee.

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

Cost: \$1 for Trails Club and Mazama members; \$2 non-members.

A Hike: Approximately 4-5 miles, less than 500 feet of elevation gain.

Leader: Donna Covi, dcibike2@aol.com

B Hike: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Gini Bateman, ginibateman@comcast.net

July 22 (Sat) Milwaukie-Lake Oswego-Oregon City Loop Bike- Class C

This ride heads north from Milwaukie and crosses the Willamette River on 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. While in Oregon City, we'll make a short detour to First City Cycles Bistro for a break. 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 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, dave_sandy@comcast.net

July 26 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: Leader: Gail Georgenson, 520-256-5691, gail.georgenson@gmail.com.

July 26 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A and B

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

Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and water. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign in and pay the hike fee.

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

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Leader: Julia Mace, juliamace1993@gmail.com

B Hike: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Rebecca Knudeson, rknudeson@gmail.com

July 28-29 (Fri-Sat) Paradise Park Backpack - Class B

We will hike into Paradise Park on the west side of Mount Hood from Timberline Lodge via the Timberline and Pacific Crest Trail. Views are great along the trail and hopefully the flowers will be just coming out. Mileage hiking in is about five miles with about 1000 feet of elevation gain and one small creek crossing of the Zigzag River. Camp will be set up near where the old Paradise Park stone shelter once stood.

If we can arrange a car shuttle, we will come out down the Paradise Park trail, all downhill and approximately six miles.

Register with leader by Wednesday July 28 at 8:00PM.

Leader: Bill Yandon wkyandon@gmail.com

Home phone 503-538-3643 Cell 503-887-2932

July 27 (Fri) Willamette Valley Bike Ride - Class A/B

This ride will utilize the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway south of Champoege State Park. There are two routes with same beginning and end pieces, with the longer route adding 16 additional miles in the middle. The route is largely flat on rural roads with scenic distant views of the Cascade foothills. The shorter ride is 27 miles and the longer one is 43 miles.

E-mail leader to indicate that you are planning to ride (The ride may be rescheduled if weather is poor), which length ride you plan to do, and for directions to the start point.

Depart: 10 AM, St. Paul, Bankers Cup parking lot.

Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250
lawson.terry@gmail.com

Aug 2 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

For the starting location of this week's hike, check website or wait a month for details.

Leader: TBD

August 2 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A and B

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

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\$2 non-members.

A Hike: Approximately 4-5 miles, less than 500 feet of elevation gain.

Leader: Sondra, sondraT_17@hotmail.com

B Hike: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Catherine Schiedler,
catherineschied@gmail.com

Aug 5 (Sat) Umbrella Falls Hike - Class A

This 4.7 loop hike gains 600 feet and visits a lovely waterfall. The hike is scheduled as part of the art weekend at Tyee but is open to all.

Meet: 9:30 AM at the Government Camp Parking Lot (where the restrooms are). Call me or text me at 503-422-8896 if you are joining us.

Leader: Diana Forester 503-422-8896
diana_forester@msn.com

Aug 4-6 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Arts Weekend

Tyee open Friday and Saturday nights. Bring your arty stuff, reserve bunks, dinners for Fri eve, Sat breakfast, Sat dinner and Sunday breakfast. Lunches are on your own. Stretch out with our artsy yoga instructor to help wake up if you like. Hike to Umbrella Falls, 4.4 miles Sat at 9:30 AM from Government Camp rest area at Summit Ski hill with leader Dianna Forester if you wish. Get the beautiful flora, mountain, lake, creeks, lodge on paper or any media.

Register with: Celine Stroinski 503-239-6950 or
celinemoongodess@gmail.com

Reserve by Wed, Aug 2, 2017 by 9 PM. Please bring cash or checks to pay.

Aug 9 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

For the starting location of this week's hike, check website or wait a month for details.

Leader: TBD

Aug 9 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B

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Leader: TBD

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: TBD

Aug 11-13 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

Check website or next month for details.

Aug 16 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. For the starting location of this week's hike, check website or wait a month for details.

Leader: TBD

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Aug 18-20 (Fri-Sun) Nesika Work Trip

Details later on website or in next issue.

Aug 18-20 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open

Join us for a fun summer weekend at Tyee Lodge which will qualify you for Trails Club of Oregon membership. There will be a variety of activities to choose from, including hikes, swimming, and outdoor games. We ask that each guest bring a picnic side dish and we will hold a pie judging contest with a blue ribbon - bring us your best! Tyee will be open by 4 PM Friday and remain open until 2 PM Sunday. Dinner Saturday and Breakfast Sunday will be provided with leftovers for Lunch on Sunday

For full details and to register see the TCO meetup at <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/239497103/>

Questions: Please contact host Pamela Moore 503-860-8281, pmoor1@gmail.com

Aug 23 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or

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Leader: TBD

Aug 23 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B

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Leader: TBD

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: TBD

Aug 25-26 (Fri-Sat) Elk Cove Backpack - Class A/B

Elk Cove via the Vista Ridge Trail. Watch here for details.

Leader: Bill Yandon

Aug 30 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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Leader: TBD

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July Tyee Work Party

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Sign up at TCO meetup site: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/239968077/>

We will provide food and lodging is free for work party participants. Please confirm your participation by July 3rd because we need to purchase food.

Meals provided: Sat: Bkfst, lunch, dinner
Sun: Bkfst, (possibly lunch)

Charles Shaw - Nesika Trustee (Task list continued overleaf)

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Tasks include:	Clean Shower	Wash windows
Test Emergency Lights	Clean Stove and Ovens	Take down Avalanche Signs
Test Smoke Alarms	Clean Refrigerator	Check Bridges for soundness
Test Fire Hoses	Clean Kitchen and Supply cabinets	Check trail ropes
Check Fire Extinguishers for Svc.	Inventory consumables	Add non slip surface to steps
Have Furnace Serviced (Honke)	Check Decon traps	Inspect/repair south side fire escape
Have Oil Tanks Filled	Change Opening/Closing Notes	Finish front porch
Examine Exterior for Damage	Burn Pile	Put away Avalanche signs
Check Roof for damage	Remove storm windows	Put up screen doors

Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TCO 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 the roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule - 2017

Jul 1 (Sat) Buena Vista Leader: Allen Burrell	Aug 10 (Thu) Banks/Vernonia- Leader: Allen Burrell
Jul 6 (Thu) Cascade Locks/Yeon/MultFalls Leader: Gerda Eck	Aug 19 (Sat) Old Germantown Rd Leader: Dave Crout
Jul 9 (Sun) Willamette Valley Leader: Terry Lawson	Aug 24 (Thu) Trolley Trail/ORCty Leader: Gerda Eck
Jul 13 (Thu) Kelly Pt Park-\ Leader: Audrey Perino	Aug 26 (Sat) Puget Island Leader: Chaz Shaw
Jul 18 (Tue) Inter-state Bridges Ride Leader: Chaz Shaw	Sep 7 (Thu) Willamette Park/Zoo Leader: Audrey Perino
Jul 22 (Sat) Trolley Trail/Lake Oswego Leader: Dave Crout	Sep 10 (Sun) Oregon City Leader: Terry Lawson
Aug 3 (Thu) Bike-n-Dine: Springwater to Boring Leader: Audrey Perino	Sep 16 (Sat) Canby Ferry Leader: Dave Crout

2017 Nesika work schedule

Jul 14 thru Jul 16	Sep 15 thru Sep17
Aug 18 thru Aug 20	Oct 20 thru Oct.22

2017 Tyee work schedule

Jul 7 thru Jul 9	Sep 8 thru Sep10
Aug 11 thru Aug 13	Oct 13 thru Oct 15

Meetup Website

The Trails Club has a Meetup site that allows event planners to organize TCO events on-line. While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club web site (www.trailsclub.org) , some events, especially those that are planned on short notice, may appear only on the TCO Meetup site at: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/> Ed.

TCO on the Web

Some folks have experienced difficulties when going straight to Google, Bing or some other search engine and entering "Trails Club of Oregon" into the search box. They get directed to some other website that isn't what they want.

Remember - www.trailsclub.org in the browser search box (URL box) always works. Ed.

2017 TCO Directories

The 2017 membership directories are now available. Initial distribution was done and the banquet, and we will continue to distribute them at club events over the next few months. We will not be mailing those not claimed until later in the year in an effort to reduce costs. The directories cost about as much to mail as they do to print.

This year we will also be offering the directories in electronic form. Electronic distribution is not quite ready, but will be available through the web site soon.

If you know you will be unable to pick up your directory at a club event, and want it soon, please drop us a note at membership@trailsclub.org.

Backpack Event with Linda Conrad

July 1-13 (Sat-Thu) Cumberland Pass North Class C

As a Long Distance Backpacker I have always enjoyed linear hiking. That is hiking from point A to Point B. I am looking for 2 to 4 people to include at least one to two other women to hike with me in Colorado doing the southernmost 120-130 miles.

I am currently asking around for a shuttle driver. We would give the shuttle driver use of the car for no charge. The Shuttle Driver would need to provide their gas for extra travel outside of getting us to and from the trail heads and resupply at Wolf Creek Pass. We would fly out of Portland to Denver on July 2nd or late afternoon of July 1st and fly home on July 13th.

For more information, please contact Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com and see:
http://www.trailsclub.org/events/backpack.html#cumb_bp

North Cascades Outing July 22-29 (Sat-Sat)

North Cascades National Park hiking week/car camp. We'll stay at Upper Goodell group camp. It has a large covered area with 8 picnic tables, one restroom, water available in a nearby campground.

16 people max. \$30 member, \$35 non-member for the week with a limit of 16 people. Send the application, liability, and medical forms to the Trails Club PO box with your payment.

Forms can be found on the Trails Club web site < <http://www.trailsclub.org/events/outings.html> >

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Historian's Blog — July 2017

Interestingly enough, the club is at a crossroads with historical documentation. On one hand, there are those who want immediate access to the club's archive, yet some of those same people are not currently contributing records of club activities to the archives. Then there are those who would rather receive club news electronically, and though easier to access, many are more motivated to catch up on club news when a hard copy shows up in their mail box. Hmm...

Just for fun, let's follow the path of Leonard Murphy, a member of the History Committee, who wrote a review of the PCT book for this issue of the Trail Blazer. First, on my recommendation, he read my library copy of the book, causing him and his wife to donate a newly purchased copy to the archives – Thank you, Thank you. In addition to the book review, he became inspired to write several more stories. One relives his own mother's perseverance to complete the Oregon section of the PCT with his help and that of the backpack committee, and another about Ding Cannon's Goat Rocks experience, based on his review of Ding's scrapbook, recently donated by his family.

And you might ask, what triggered my immediate interest and pursuit of this portion of our club history?

First, Tom Shanley notified me of an Oregonian review on the latest PCT book last November. Excited to learn of how the book might portray the club's past history of involvement with the Pacific Crest Trail, I checked with my Oak Grove library for availability of the book, putting my name on a long waiting list. In the meantime, Celine Stroinski offered to check out a copy from her local Portland library. So ultimately, what did I find? Much to my surprise and disappointment, as Leonard mentioned in the end of his review, our name appeared only once.

That motivated me to research Trails Club archives and approach Nadine Morris, a student of Oregon history. She agreed to review the club's PCT hike records and report back on the recorded mileage. A daunting task, similar to that of Vicki Wood developing a historic data base of membership from our membership cards, Nadine is still counting.

Wanting confirmation of our involvement with the PCT, I located photos from Norm Greene's slide collection of the 1965 event he led where the Trails Club posted PCT markers on the last 18 Oregon miles before the California border. Then I decided to review and count the PCT mileage cards to report how many members are recorded as hiking on the PCT. This is what I learned. Trails Club PCT mileage cards indicate the club has introduced more than 400 members to hiking on the trail. A quick review of the Oregon and Washington PCT Mileage cards indicates 1953 as Norman Greene's first trip on the trail, most likely among the earliest miles recorded. In the process I noted California mileage only credited to 4 TCO members: Jane Beaver, 983.4 miles and Bob Highland with 1012.4 miles in 1976, along with Bruno Kolkowski and Paul Sawyer who completed 1,630.3 miles in 1977 on the California portion of the PCT, after first completing all the trail miles in Oregon and Washington.

We did not find hard copy mileage records for many whom we've honored on our plaque at Tyee, it appears all of the records are not in the archives. An archivist at the Oregon Historical Society reminded me, only that which is donated by an individual or an organization can be included in the official records. **Hopefully, a past backpack chairperson or club member will read this and discover they still have pages in their possession.** Our motivation is to round up stray cards. We would like to scan them in order to donate electronic images to a PCT archive being formed by Barney Scout Mann, co-author of the book Leonard reviewed. As with our donation of a wartime fire lookout report and framed photo to the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center, we would secure our rightful spot in Oregon history.

Sylvia Milne, Historian

Book Review - "The Pacific Crest Trail: Exploring America's Wilderness Trail"

Mark Larabee and Barney Scout Mann

Review and related TCO information by Leonard Murphy

For the able-bodied, there is no better way to explore and experience the western rim states than to hike the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). To feel the trail underfoot, to breathe in the fresh air and to feel the excitement and wonder of what may be around the next bend is well worth the pounding of the heart and perspiring of the brow.

The Trail covers about 2,650 miles. It's generally best not to do it all in one year. It is better to plan the logistics and chew up segments one, two or three at a time. The soul, mind and body can then be rejuvenated. The logistical planning also enhances the excitement of sections to come.

This wonderfully illustrated book, published with the approval of the Pacific Crest Trail Association, is titled "The Pacific Crest Trail: Exploring America's Wilderness Trail". Published in 2016, it provides much valuable information and thus is a good resource. My intent as a reviewer is to add some missing information to the history as told by the authors.

Several well-known names appear in the history books of those who explored and shared experiences so that followers may enjoy our western territories. There was the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804-06 from St. Louis to Astoria. John Charles Fremont became known as "The Pathfinder" as he explored and mapped the west in the 1840's and John Wesley Powell with his brave men who floated down the Colorado River in 1869.

Credit for the idea of a recreational trail along the crest of the cascades must go to Theodore Solomons who, as a young man in the 1880s-1890s, made numerous expeditions into the high country of the Sierra Nevadas carrying a bulky camera and accessories to make known the wonder of that part of the Pacific Crest Trail. Solomons later took others on expeditions and named several of the peaks, influencing California legislatures to appropriate funds for the construction of a trail in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, later called the John Muir Trail, honoring the environmentalist.

Another trail blazer, Fred Cleator, was the first to journal his vision of a crest trail from Mexico to Canada. Born in 1884 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, he realized his dream when he hired on as an employee in the newly-created U.S. Forest Service in 1908. His career over the next 35 years included Forest Ranger but evolved to include responsibilities for planning recreational developments within the US National Forests. He is also known for his development and preservation of the largest city park in the United States, Forest Park, in Metro Portland.

Fred was never "desk bound" and his love of the out-of-doors became a great asset when he joined the Trails Club of Oregon in May of 1944. Early on he suggested to TCO leaders that the club become actively interested and involved in promoting the Pacific Crest Trail, as it is now named, both for the enjoyment of members and to assure preservation of this trail for public use. He later alerted TCO members that some Forest Service Supervisors were passing up recreation funding for the PCT due to lack of use, spurring some members of the club to promote hiking on the PCT.

How was the PCT promoted within the Trails Club?

Innocently, it started in one of the exchange of letters between Fred Cleator and longtime TCO member and very active hiker Una Davies, in which Fred asked Una "How about a Pacific Crest Trail award for a TCO member?". "This would not be a substitute for the Summer Outing, merely a special trail hiking with regulation." And did it become special!

Una discussed this idea with others interested in Pacific Crest trails. A few months later in January of 1953, Fred recommended contacting the USFS about trail conditions, the signing of trails, etc. By then Fred had become a recreation consultant for the Washington State Parks and was well known in the Trails Programs. The PCT traversed through mostly USFS lands and needed a "heads up" for agreement and understanding.

After much planning and corresponding with other clubs to develop similar interests regarding the PCT, a committee was formed of nine members. Members of this first committee included "Ding" Cannon, George Franks, Una Davies, John Hook, George Blinco and other TCO members. Soon after, Ding Cannon suggested giving awards, which were and approved as follows:

- 1 – High Miler Awards – A plaque given for most miles by an individual in each year, with their name on the plaque.
- 2 – State Award – A plaque given for covering the entire system in Oregon or Washington.
- 3 – Mile Award – A card for anyone who hiked 30 or more miles in increments of ten - 30 miles, 40 miles, etc.

The awards were to be presented at the Annual Banquet. Participation of hiking the PCT in the following years led to further recognitions. Chevrons began to appear on backpacks, indicating miles hiked. Badges of honor were for amounts of 100, 250, 750 and 1,000 accumulated miles, with no time limit for those accomplishments.

A sidebar to the above, I joined the TCO to assist my mother, Wilma Small, in the last segment needed for completing the all Oregon award. She wore her best dress and was very excited to receive her recognition at the Annual Banquet.

The Pacific Crest Trail Committee had many duties and met on a regular basis insuring accurate and timely reports informing others of the descriptions of the upcoming hikes so that would-be hikers could schedule and know when and where to coordinate with others for transportation, etc. The hike leader would then inform the committee of condition of the trails, miles hiked, names of participants, monies received.

Special recognition should go to Pacific Crest Committee chairperson Norm Greene, assisted by his wife Mary Lou, for they were great spokespersons and role models for our club. There was a realignment of the trail in Southern Oregon of some 18 miles, which passed through Weyerhaeuser land. Also some trail crossed USFS and/or BLM administered areas. Norm developed and maintained collaboration partnerships that led the way for the actual construction and signing of this work more than 50 years ago over a 4th of July weekend.

Of special interest to some older Trails Club members, the TCO Petrie family has connections to the Relay Boys, the first recognized promoters of the Pacific Crest Trail. The book describes this event on pages 32-37.

Basically, the first exploration of the entire PCT, from Mexico to Canada, was proposed April 1935 to the Boy Scouts by Clinton C. Clarke. Consumed by organizing their first National Jamboree that summer, the Boy Scouts declined. About the same time, Clarke's involvement with the first-ever Pacific Crest Trail System Conference, sponsored by the Sierra Club, allowed him to share a similar proposal to YMCA executives who adopted and organized the idea.

There were 144 YMCA relay boys, who came from 28 different YMCAs from San Diego to Seattle. Each team carried and handed off a leather logbook containing parchment pages with contact information for each participant. The record shows there were 40 teams, each one hiking a minimum of 50 miles, starting on June 15, 1935 and reaching the Canadian border on August 5, 1938, some four years later. The Portland YMCA sent out the most - eight teams.

However, according to the book, the only Trails Club involvement in promoting the PCT was an article in our December 1948 newsletter regarding a trip proposed by Joseph C. Wampler of Berkley (not a Trails Club member), which did not materialize. As you can see, we did much more. — Leonard Murphy, Past President, TCO



Norm Greene at the state line in 1965



Cooling off in Johnson Creek - 1965

North Portland Wed. AM Hike - JUNE 7, 2017

Starting from the Kaiser Hospital complex, we passed through some interesting areas. We spiraled up a ramp to a pedestrian overpass crossing I-1 near Going St. (clockwise going up, then counter-clockwise going down, putatively to unwind) and encountered a tiny park with interesting sculptures.



Eric Miller on a stool on a stool.





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**Trails Club Of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
June 5, 2017
Minutes**

Pam Called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Linda Conrad, Chaz Shaw, and Raya Budrevich were absent. Lynne Cook, Art Stangell, Phil Crosby and Sherrie Stangell attended.

The minutes for the May meeting were approved as distributed. The board affirmed the accuracy of the May minutes concerning the tracking of fees.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash balance4/30/2017 \$23,079.45
Beginning balance4/1/2017 \$18,412.11
Deposits6,016.86
Checks/ Withdrawals1,349.52
Ending Balance \$23,079.45

The annual banquet had an ending balance of \$359.48. Well done Susan.

Publications Trustee's Report:

Randy says there will be no mass mailing of Blazers in July.

Twenty three members have requested paper Blazers and Randy has identified another 19 members he feels should continue to receive paper copies. He intends to order a print run of 50 with Impress to accommodate these folks. He will make adjustments as feedback develops.

Raya would like all of us to look at the website and offer comments.

Membership Trustee's Report:

Jeff had no first readings.

Nicholas Wilkerson and Stephen Pinc were elected to membership.

Jeff has been using his personal credit card for our meetup expenses. We urged him to use the club's debit card.

Pam will be taking over some responsibility for meetup in the future.

Social Trustee's Report:

Susan told us we had 69 people at the banquet. The auction went well and we had a surplus of \$359.

Susan needs help with Adventures in Travel and the summer picnics. Any members who would like to help with these should contact her.

Old Business:

Joel went over our needs for hosts at the lodges for various Mazamas visits and some volunteers came forward.

A need for a more formal way to register lodge keys was expressed. Randy will include a field in the data base for a member's key status.

Art Stangell has not heard from the Forest Service about our easement request.

New Business:

An informal discussion concerning the bid for road work. The Board arrived at a consensus that an expense of this magnitude can't be considered at this time. A further reason for not contracting the job is that our relation with the Forest Service calls for us to keep use of heavy equipment on the road to a minimum. With hand work and careful disposition of spoil we can avoid conflicts with the Forest Service.

We think that a weekend date for the annual meeting would be better than our current Monday date. We need a by-laws change to allow for a change in date and Jeff will be preparing a by-law to allow for this.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully Submitted
Merrill Hugo

Membership Notes - May 2017

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.

First Readings
None

Second Readings
None

New Members
Stephen Pinc
Nicholas Wilkerson

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, snowshoe, 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

Leader: Name, Phone, and/or email.

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