



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events

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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2

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.

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.

Events

Sep 1-4 (Wed) Nesika Open House – Class A/B

We will provide drinks and snacks for the weekend. Come and enjoy day hikes and the peacefulness of the lodge. Bring your own food. Cost will be day use or overnight use. Plan on sharing the cooking and possibly pot lucking meals.

Register on the TCO Meet-up site

<https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/241789587/>

You can also call Linda Conrad at: 360-837-3787 or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Sep 6 (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.

This hike will be in Oregon City through parks and neighborhoods.

Meet and park at Clackamette Park, Main St. and Clackamette Dr., just west of 99E.

Leader: Erik Miller, 503-305-8240, erik@interactive-wealth.com

Sep 6 (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

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Raleigh. We leave at 6 PM sharp!

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

Leader: TBD

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

Leader: Gini Bateman, ginibateman@comcast.net

Sep 7 (Thu) Peninsula Park to Pier Park Bike - Class A
Please join me for an easy ride around North Portland. 15 miles round trip, flat, mostly on residential, low traffic streets. Bring a lunch for a picnic at Pier Park. Please make sure your tires are pumped. There should be beautiful roses at Peninsula Park!

Depart: 10 AM - Meet at the corner of N Ainsworth St. and N Borthwick Ave at the south end of Peninsula Park.

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

Call my cell if the weather is iffy—I don't ride in the rain!

Sep 9 (Sat) Morning Hike – Class A

Ken Kane continues his interpretive tour of downtown fountains he began last month. Join him for an urban hike which explores the fountains on the southside of downtown Portland. This hike is approximately 4.1 miles and will take three hours. For more details, go to: http://woodbloom.com/kenaud/downtown_fountains.pdf

Depart: 10:00 AM front of Carnegie Annex, 2909 SW 2nd Avenue, Portland

Leader: Ken Kane, ken@woodbloom.com, 503-522-9997

Sep 13 (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.

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

Leader: Glenda Chaite, 503-261-1355,
glenda@inbalanceservices.com

Sep 13 (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: Sondra, SondraT_17@hotmail.com

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

Leader: Rebecca Knudeson, rknudeson@gmail.com

Sept. 15th-17th: Nesika Work Trip

We will continue to work on finishing the deck on the women's dorm. We should start roofing the deck and getting the rails back on. We also plan to put in the new lights to the men's outhouse. The ditch is dug. It still needs the wiring laid in the ditch and connected to the lights. We can use all the help we can get. The brush on the road is growing again and we have not had enough volunteers to manage getting the brush cut back. We could also use a few more temporary water bars dug into the access road to the basin. We will have the gate open at 9:00 Friday morning, 6:30 PM Friday evening and 9:00 Saturday morning. Please Register on TCO Meet-Up site or call Linda Conrad at: 360-9075096 or email at lcgcrconrad@aol.com by Thursday PM.

Sept 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

The September Tyee Work Party has been re-scheduled. Bill Yandon will be standing in for Chaz to manage the activities. Some painting is planned so bring along some painting tools to augment what we have at Tyee. The stalls in the women's restroom, trim in the men's restroom and ping pong room will be painted. Tyvek and possibly siding will be installed on the front porch.

Meals provided: Sat Lunch, Sat. Dinner, Sunday Breakfast, Sunday Lunch (leftovers)

Cell Phone: 503-887-2932 wkyandon@gmail.com

Sept 16 (Sat) Canby Ferry Bike - Class C

Join me on a beautiful but challenging ride from Oregon City to Canby, across the Willamette, up and over Pete's Mountain to West Linn, and back to Oregon City over the Arch Bridge. This ride features the Oregon City Municipal Elevator, exploration of the Molalla Forest Road multiuse path in Canby, and of course the Canby Ferry. Add in scenic farmland and countryside south of the river, and great views north of the river, including an up-close look at Willamette Falls. Total distance is approximately 28 miles, with cumulative elevation gain about 1,500 feet. \$2 per bike on the ferry. Optional lunch at end of ride.

Contact leader for more information.

Meet: 9 AM at First City Cycles, 1757 Washington St., Oregon City. Located across Washington St. from the End of the Oregon Trail Museum, just east of Washington St. & Abernethy Rd.

Leader: Dave Crout 503-460-9782, or dave_sandy@comcast.net

Sept 20 (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.

This week we will go across the Sellwood bridge, do a loop through the cemeteries, back across the bridge and another loop through Oaks Bottom.

Meet in the parking lot at Sellwood Riverfront Park, SE Spokane.

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

Sept 20 (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: Julie Dailey, dailey68@me.com

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

Leader: TBD

Sept 24 (Sun) - Milwaukie-Redland Bike Ride - Class C

We will ride from Milwaukie to Oregon City using the Trolley Trail and River Road. We then do a loop by first having a climb and descent along Redland Rd into Redland, then take Hattan Rd to the Clackamas River, with a rider provided snack/lunch stop at Carver Park. We return to Oregon City via Clackamas River Rd. We then return to Milwaukie via a different route featuring Aldercrest Rd. Route is 32 miles, 1417 ft ascent.

Ride Route: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/24219643>

Register with leader via e-mail - may reschedule if bad weather.

Depart: 10 AM from Milwaukie Riverfront Park, off of McLoughlin Blvd and SE Monroe in Milwaukie.

Leader: Terry Lawson 503-8199250, lawson.terry@gmail.com

Sept 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.

This hike will be in Lake Oswego. Watch here for updates on meeting place.

Leader: Noreen O'Connor, noreenmoconnor@yahoo.com

Sept 27 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class

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.

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

Leader: TBD

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

Leader: Bob Link, fanmanr@aol.com

Oct 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.

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

Leader: TBD

Oct 4 (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: TBD

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

Leader: TBD

Oct 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Open - Mushroom weekend

Join us for a fun and educational weekend of hiking, mushrooms, and fellowship. Leah Bendlin, an avid Portland-based mushrooming expert and board member of the Oregon Mycological Society, will teach us the basics of mushrooms, with field trips, a presentation, discussions, and recipe sampling.

Saturday morning we will start at Multnomah Lodge and trek 4 miles up to the Trails Club of Oregon's Nesika Lodge. We will stay overnight at Nesika Lodge and start the hike back to Multnomah Lodge after lunch on Sunday. Nesika will be open by 10 AM Saturday and remain open until 2 PM Sunday. Lunch/Dinner Saturday and Breakfast Sunday will be provided with leftovers for Lunch on Sunday.

Cost for the weekend is \$45 for paid Trails Club members and \$55 for guests. This includes overnight lodging, 4 meals, and mushrooming activities.

Meet: at 8:30 AM - Multnomah Falls Lodge by the gift shop .

For full details and to register see the TCO meetup at <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/239490459/>

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

Oct 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.

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

Leader: TBD

Oct 11 (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.

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Leader: TBD

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

Leader: TBD

Oct 13-15 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

See website for upcoming details

Oct 18 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

Oct 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.

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

Leader: TBD

Oct 18 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B

Oct 25 (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.

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

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Leader: TBD

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

Leader: TBD

Oct 20-22 (Fri-Sun) Nesika Work Trip

See website for upcoming details.

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 instructions

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. Park near the Nature Center.

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule - 2017

Sep 7 (Thu) Willamette Park/Zoo

Leader: Audrey Perino

Sep 10 (Sun) Oregon City

Leader: Terry Lawson

Sep 16 (Sat) Canby Ferry

Leader: Dave Crout

2017 Nesika Work Schedule

Sep 15 thru Sep17

Oct 20 thru Oct.22

2017 Tyee Work Schedule

Sep 8 thru Sep10

Oct 13 thru Oct 15

Meetup Website

The Trails Club Meetup site 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.

September Historian's Blog

Excited that Leonard Murphy is back in the history office writing stories; I made a special trip to Tyee to photograph the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) plaque, honoring Una Davies (see photo).

Thanks to Leonard, we now all know the story and the women behind our PCT award system developed to promote the PCT. A Botany teacher at Reed and Multnomah, I am sure Una would have loved Celine's Artsy weekend, with people out in nature at Tyee, enjoying the beautiful flora along the creek. Though I came for another project, I am grateful for the opportunity to interact with artists inspired by Mt. Hood's natural beauty. Thanks to Celine for reaching out to members and guests interested in sharing their gifts with the club.

Along those same lines, an update of our work in the history office demonstrates how our TCO archives continue to support Oregon history. I just received an email from LaVaughn Kemnow, whose husband scanned a lot of our lookout collection this last winter, which he then added to his website. This is most exciting for those interested in researching our history online.

In addition, LaVaughn is getting ready to publish a Fire Lookout Book Series, to add stories to the facts her husband is collecting. She has asked permission to credit the Trails Club for the use of a picture of Olallie Butte, 1922 – Lee Album #2 and announced her plan to donate a copy of this book to the Trails Club. What a great way to share the history of our club with the public and potential members.

Personally, this September I am celebrating my fifth year as Historian and George's recovery from heart surgery. For both I am most grateful. My original goal was to tell stories of the rebuilding of Nesika, because of my personal involvement. Yet, what I learned is most important, the telling of all the stories associated with a club who two years ago celebrated 100 years of existence. Diversity over a life span is the key to longevity, as is a broad worldview and caring for what is best for the club as a whole.

Sylvia Milne, Historian, Trails Club of Oregon

UNA DAVIES - Leonard Murphy

Ever wonder why a special achievement award honors an individual by naming the award after that person. They must have done something special or perhaps donated lots of time and/or money.

Let us open the door and see if we can shed some light on the Una Davies Pacific Crest Trail High Miles Award. What does our Trails Club history office have available regarding this individual?

Miss Davies was born September 28, 1902 in Mitchell, Oregon. She corresponded often to her Aunt Nellie and Uncle Charlie Davies of Dayville, Oregon. She spent most of her life in the Portland metro area, graduated from Jefferson High School and Reed College in Portland.

She taught in the McMinnville Grade School system and later taught Botany and Social Science at Reed and Multnomah colleges.

Una joined the Trails Club in February, 1944, serving two terms as President in 1956-57. Her contributions to our TCO were numerous in many areas, heading up the conservation committee for several years and being a delegate to the Federal Western Outdoor Club. She was also active in work for preservation of the Redwood Park and Jefferson Wilderness.

She was an avid outdoors woman and skilled mountaineer, climbing almost every high peak in the Pacific Northwest. Una's life was the outdoors, trying her best to better understand nature as a biologist; imparting her knowledge of it as a teacher, enjoying it as a hiker and helping to keep nature intact as a conservationist.

Una's ability to hike with the best of men on the worst of trails revealed not so much her physical strength but her determination to put her whole self into a given goal and see it through. If a certain part of trail had to be done today then it would be done and with enough energy left over to help with the chores.

As a result of a Forest Service decision to reduce funds available for PCT maintenance, based on low usage of the trail, Una Davis and Fred Cleator had an exchange of letters for many months. Fred suggested "how about creating more usage of the Pacific Crest Trail by making a Pacific Crest Trail Award Program". In 1953 this idea became a reality.

Club member Ding Cannon hiked with Una for over 20 years. "Dozens of pack trips together." A quick glimpse of the 1968 Blazer shows that the record of miles hiked previous years had her at the top of the list at 1,080 miles. It was that year, 1968, that tragedy struck in the form of a violent storm in mid-September, taking her life in the primitive area of Goat Rocks of the Washington Cascades. The other seasoned TCO backpackers, Ding Cannon, Dale and Mary Ellen Cowen and Bernice Stearns, survived this ordeal of high winds, sleet and hypothermia. It was only appropriate that Una be honored by the naming of the Una Davies Pacific Crest Trail Award.

The 1968 Goat Rocks Tragedy - Leonard Murphy

On Friday morning, September 13, 1968, a party of five very experienced backpackers, all Trails Club members, Garnett "Ding" Cannon, Dale and Mary Ellen Cowen, Una Davies and Bernice Stearns, shouldered their packs, dropped their ponchos over the top and proceeded South on the Pacific Crest Trail from White Pass, Washington.

It was raining slightly as Dale dropped the registration card in the box at 10:30am. This was an unscheduled hike, not written up in the Blazer. It is doubtful any other club members were aware of this four day 34 mile outing.

The first day went well and they hiked into the area of Tieton Pass, some two miles short of their original objective for the day. They decided to make camp nearby where the water source was a spring close by. Shortly after 8 pm it commenced to rain and it rained hard at intervals through the night. The tarps made good shelters.

The next morning, Saturday, the Party was in high spirits, looking forward to the trip over Old Snowy Ridge with plans to camp at Snowgrass Flats that evening. Everyone wore ponchos and some were in short and hiking chaps. Everyone stopped for nibbles about 11:30 am. The wind became brisk as they approached Old Snowy Ridge, maybe 20 to 30 miles per hour and the weather now miserable with blowing fog and rain sweeping over the ridge.

As the Party continued beyond Elk Pass the wind increased considerably and visibility reduced to about 50 feet. Bernice was forced to get into her wind proof trousers as rain was turning to hail. The wind sweeping up the steep hill on the east came up under their ponchos, blowing them straight up into the air. Other times the Party were forced to the ground to prevent being blown over. The ponchos soon became more of a hindrance than a help, since they provided no protection from the driving rain and hail. They then tucked their ponchos between their backs and their packs. The temperature was estimated between 34 and 38 degrees, with the chill factor much colder.

A short distance after climbing over a rock slide, Mary Ellen came upon Ding Cannon severely shaking all over. Dale was close behind and rushed up to observe Ding's eyes were narrow slits and his blue hands were puffed up to most unusual size. Dale asked Ding if he was having a heart attack. Ding finally mumbled very slowly "I—think my heart—is O.K." Dale told Mary Ellen "we are going to have to get Ding down off the ridge and into the protection of the timber as soon as possible." It was five minutes after one at that time.

After much discussion, the four other members determined that it would be impossible to get Ding over the summit to Chambers Lake which would be uninhabited, plus an addition 15 or 20 miles by road to White Pass Highway. The two, Dale and Bernice, decided it was best to get to McCall Basin, most of which was downhill and off the ridge as soon as possible. Meanwhile, Mary Ellen had placed Ding's hands under her arm pits and was massaging his body with her hands and legs in an effort to restore circulation. Mary Ellen recalled later that Una was standing quietly nearby.

Re-crossing the rock slide became a serious concern because of the combined weight of three persons so close together. Ding continued to drop his ice ax as it was difficult to hold his grip. Occasionally he would walk up into the upper side of the trail, causing him to stumble and fall down. Ding's pack had been left behind beside the trail as it was impossible for Dale to get close enough to hold Ding up from behind on the narrow trail. When it had been decided to discard Ding's pack, Bernice and Mary Ellen had removed his plastic-wrapped sleeping bag, grabbed his wallet and a pair of long pants - all of which were wet.

Bernice proceeded back down the trail looking for a place to put Ding in a sheltered spot - where he could be placed below the trail out of the full force of the wind. About 10 to 15 feet beyond, Bernice saw Una walking aimlessly ahead. Bernice caught up with Una and explained that Ding would probably have to be left there. Una did not appear to comprehend stating that she could still walk. Bernice led her down off the trail out of the wind, and Una asked, "Where am I."

At that point, Una collapsed to the ground. Bernice removed Una's pack, laid out her sponge and sleeping bag next to those for Ding. Then Bernice went back and helping Una from the ground, leading her to her sleeping bag, and removing her boots and wet jacket. Una mumbled, "What are you doing?" Then she appeared to go to sleep - not speaking again.

It now appeared impossible to continue on the trail with two persons disabled and the others tired and near exhaustion. The three able bodied hikers placed Una and Ding in their sleeping bags, bundled them closely together, covered them with three tarps and all the clothing that could be spared. Before Bernice, Dale and Mary Ellen left for help, they spread a large sheet of heavy plastic over Una and Ding - tucking the ends under their feet and sides.

It was now about 4:00 pm and the three, chilled and shaking badly, started down the trail. About 6:15 p.m. they encountered Richard Gordon bedded down in a small lean-to tarp. Informed of their demise and physical conditions he volunteered to go for help.

About noon the next day, two volunteer searchers located a slight lump in the drifted snow. Ding responded to their calls as he was awake and somewhat alert. Una was found to be half out of her sleeping bag, dead. Forest Service personnel were notified. They had a station wagon waiting and the ambulance arrived soon after.

There were many newspaper articles about this tragedy in the weeks ahead. Ding had frostbite and exposure which were treated at the Valley Memorial Hospital in Yakima.

The question to be answered was – how can this be resolved. Five able-bodied, very experienced back packers with all the proper clothing and equipment ended up in a predicament in which all five could have died from hypothermia. Normally, mid-September is ideal for hiking, the hikers knew the terrain, had the food and clothing and yet rain increased in force, sleet developed, and there were high unpredicted winds with major drops in temperature. The human body, so wonderfully made, can withstand just so much. Breathing in cold air and with extremities exposed, the body starts shutting down quickly, often with symptoms not readily recognized.

Modern weather forecasting today may have forewarned the hikers of possible dangers in the high country or maybe not.

Arts Weekend at Tyee (Aug. 4-6) A generally unstructured workshop in a beautiful setting.

Joy Hansford , viewed the path to the lodge (below, left) and was inspired to paint what is shown on the lower right.

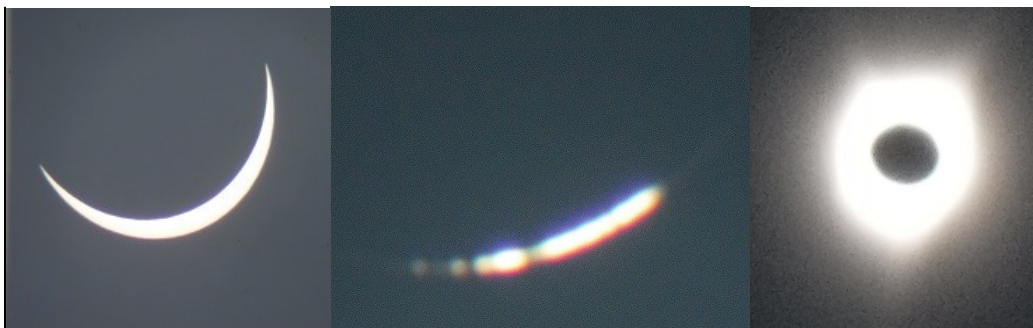


Marti Farris decided to work on her pine-needle basketry.



Breaking My photos of an impressive phenomenon, taken in Jefferson, OR.

The first two were taken with a projection scheme involving a spotting 'scope on a tripod projecting on whiteboard. The middle shows Bailey's Beads. - Ed.





Robin Berry, inspired by the views around Tyee, painted these and gave them to TCO as a remembrance.



Celine Stroinski commented, "There were 17 staying at the lodge, 10 guests including 2 children, one of which looked like a mini-me of George Milne. Hmmm, Then the daddy looks like him also. Kinda like those Russian nesting dolls."

Charlie Adams picked and cooked up the blueberry pancake breakfast and pies. Diana Forester gave the perfect kiss of love to next morning's eggs. Thank heavens, Theresa Ryan remembered the hors d'oeuvres and made beautiful plates of temptation which we ate while sitting on the bridges, cooling off."

It was hot, but...

that didn't deter our intrepid Wed. AM hikers from hiking Oaks Bottom and up to the overlooking bluff.

Photographer Ken Kane said, "Turned out to be not too bad. Linda Anderson led us on a nice neighborhood walk with some cool houses and gardens."



Nesika Report for August:

First, I would like to thank the club for allowing Glen and me to manage the maintenance at Nesika. Every work weekend we have small committee meetings to discuss how to complete the current projects and prioritize future projects. The current projects we are working hard on are; the decks on the women's dorm and new lighting going down to the men's outhouse. Wiring is frayed and at least 50 years old. Glen and I love Nesika and consider it our second home. We feel we want to promote an inclusive environment at our lodge. We invite everyone in who passes by to come have lunch, cookies, coffee and we have asked all our volunteers to give a tour to our guests. In doing so we have acquired many new members in the last 6 years. We also receive donations to our lodges for projects.

Since Glen and I have been Lodge Trustees, all the buildings came due for their 30 year roof replacements. In the process of replacing the roof on the women's dorm we found that all 10 of the deck posts were rotten where they connected to the ground and tied into the roof. All are coming down and the roof and posts are currently being replaced. The women's dorm is usable but currently not code because the upper deck has no rails and if the upper dorm were to be used there aren't two legal exits from the upstairs. We also have the roof supported on V shaped two by fours supporting the deck while we replace the posts. We can only do every other one per work trip. The men's dorm roof is in poor condition. It will need replacing next year.

Our access road into Nesika needs some heavy maintenance. Many of the members are just too scared of the road to drive in because of its steepness, narrowness and slope. When requesting my budget for the lodge this year I guessed at a figure of \$5,000 dollars. I was told to go get an estimate and the board would work with me. An estimate from, "Cat Works" out of Battleground was completed by an Engineer. Cat Works has worked for us before on the Multnomah Creek Bridge and were able to get permits for the work from the Forest Service. The 0.6 mile section of road needing attention is between Peterson Creek and Big John Creek. The engineer evaluated the road. He is experienced in the maintenance of old logging roads. The following evaluation was made:

1. There is a large amount of organic material on the road needing removal. It cannot be thrown over the bank. The hillside cannot be dug into to widen the road.
2. The road needs around 10+ yards minimum of gravel.
3. The road has narrowed in two places, so it needs to be cut down a foot to gain back the road width for code.
4. The road needs more water bars to get the water off the road faster.
5. The dump trucks cannot go past the green gate because of the narrowing of the road.
6. A front end loader will be needed along with another backhoe to repair the road.
7. The major cost is hauling the rock and the equipment to the site.
8. It is not feasible to do this by hand. Too much back-breaking labor.

We do not have the knowledge or the means to do what needs done to repair our road. We need the road for the safety in fast exits from the lodge in case of fire and we need the road to provide material for the lodge repairs. If we wait 5 years, we will lose the road. A proposal of \$48,000 dollars is our current bid. This is by a company that has worked with Multnomah County before and has gotten our permits for road work. They are also experienced in old road maintenance and repair. We must put this money back into the road to ensure we have access to Nesika Lodge. No access, means no repairs. I have been asked to get two more bids. I will try to do this before the next board meeting.

I would like to think that all club members love our lodges as much as Glen and I. I would like to think that a maintenance fee or maintenance donation would be gladly donated. Please send donations to the Trails Club of Oregon; state donation for lodge maintenance. Thanks for your time. Linda Conrad, Nesika Lodge Trustee.



Dues Change Proposal - Board of Trustees

At our August meeting the Trails Club board decided to ask the members for a change to our dues structure. We would like to increase the dues for members over 65 years of age to \$ 50 and to do the same for additional members at the same household. This will give us a uniform dues structure for all regular members.

To do this we will need to amend the by-laws at the annual meeting. The amendment to the by-laws would strike the second and third sentences from section 2 f. of the current by-laws.

Draft Trails Club Of Oregon Board Of Trustees Meeting August 7, 2017 Minutes Pam called the meeting to order at 7 PM at the Mazamas building. Marcus Tulley, Phil Crosby, Glen Conrad, and Art Stangell attended. Raya Budrevich did not attend. Minutes from the July meeting were approved with one typo correction. <u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Cash Balance6/30/2017 \$20,535.07 Beginning Balance6/1/2017 \$23,395.01 Withdrawals/checks.....3,808.35 Deposits 948.41 Ending Balance6/30/2017 \$20,535.07 <u>Nesika Trustee's Report:</u> Linda presented a two page statement detailing needs at Nesika which is included as an appendix to these minutes. Linda moved that a \$50.00 lodge maintenance fee be added to every member's yearly dues to include golden and life members. This fee can be reduced by \$10.00 for every work trip weekend attended by the member. A lengthy and vigorous discussion followed during which the points that this would more than double many members' dues and did not recognize contributions our golden members had made. Pam tabled the motion. Merrill moved to revise the dues structure to make the dues for seniors the same as regular dues. Randy moved an amendment to make the dues for a second member in a household equal to regular dues. The amendment carried. Linda moved an amendment to raise the regular dues to \$60.00 per year. The motion failed.	The main motion carried. Merrill will prepare a by-laws change and a suggested ballot to change the dues structure. <u>Nesika Access:</u> Art Stangell briefed us on the current status of our effort to get an easement for our road and what he would like to do to continue our effort. Merrill moved we reaffirm our appointment of Art as our agent and authorize him to continue with his efforts to acquire a recorded easement. Motion carried. <u>Social Trustee's Report:</u> Susan said plans for the August 27 picnic were coming along fine and set a time from about 11to 3. She is donating the \$100 she received from the Mazamas to the Trails club. <u>Publications Trustee's Report:</u> Randy has had very limited feedback on our changes to the distribution for the Blazer. Raya continues working on the web site. <u>Membership Trustee's Report:</u> Jeff read Daniella Mosely for the first time. Pete Recksiek, Nancy Good, Christina Faytich, Michael Demshki, and Jenifer Mountain were elected as members. <u>Tyee Trustee's Report:</u> Chaz reported continuing work on the front porch and repairs to the wood chute concrete. There is some snow and ice damage to the roof which he is checking out with a contractor. A French drain will be installed on the east side of the building before winter. He asked us to consider whether we are overextended with two lodges and should we consider selling one of them. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M. Respectfully Submitted Merrill Hugo
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Membership Notes - August 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.

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

First Readings Daniella Moseley 3872 SE Belle Oak Ave. Hillsboro, OR 97123 503-816-3598 swissmom3@yahoo.com	Second Readings None New Members Michael Demshki Christina Faytich	Mary Beth Felix Nancy Good Jennifer Mountain Pete Recksiek
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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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