# Trail Blazer

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## Nesika News on the web!

Our club has a new website to help tell the story of Nesika Lodge and to update members with news and photos as we begin the recovery process. We're also doing to this to raise donations from all friends of the lodge, so please share the link! www.NesikaLodge.com

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## 2017 Annual Meeting

Monday, November 13
Social hour: 6:30
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
Winona Grange
8340 SW Seneca St.
Tualatin, OR
(in the Tualatin Commons)
Map and directions are on page 3.

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**Upcoming Events**

| Date | Day | Event Description |
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| ---------- November ---------- | | |
| 1 | Wed | Morning hike - Class A/B |
| 4-5 | Fri-Sun | 10th Annual Backpack Seminar - Tyee |
| 6 | Mon | TCO Board Meeting - MMC |
| 8 | Wed | Morning hike - Class A/B |
| 13 | Mon | TCO Annual Meeting - Winona Grange |
| 15 | Wed | **Blazer Deadline** |
| 15 | Wed | Morning hike - Class A/B |
| 22 | Wed | Morning hike - Class A/B |
| 29 | Wed | Morning hike - Class A/B |
| 18 | Wed | Evening hike - Class A,B |
| ---------- December ---------- | | |
| 3 | Sunday | TCO Board Meeting - potluck |
| 6 | Wed | Morning hike - Class A/B |
| 13 | Wed | Morning hike - Class A/B |
| 15 | Fri | **Blazer Deadline** |
| 22 | Wed | Morning hike - Class A/B |
| 27 | Wed | Morning hike - Class A/B |

**Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org**

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

## 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.

**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

**Nov 1 (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: Audrey Perino, 503-522-9911, audrey53@comcast.net

**Nov 3-5 (Fri-Sun)10th Annual Backpack Seminar - Tyee lodge**
This year's speakers:

Erin Savor who has spent the last year touring the world on backpacks. She is a very informative and entertaining speaker.

Whitney LaRuffa who is the NW Long Distance Hiking Association President. He finished the CDT last year. He has completed the AT and will start the PCT in the next year or two.

Ron Moak will display his light weight tents, backpacks and umbrellas. He will set them up for anyone who would like to try them out for the night.

We will open the lodge on Friday at noon. Our cooks for the weekend are Karen and Roger Anderson.

The cost for the weekend is $60 which includes Program,

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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.

**Board Meetings:** 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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lodging, and lunch Saturday thru lunch Sunday. Those spending Friday night, add on an extra $15 if a member and $25 if a non-member,

We will be having the seminar at Tyee this year since we have experienced a tragic fire at Nesika. There will be tent sites and bunks. The dorms hold around 40. When you register let me know when you are coming and if you are tent camping or dorm sleeping.

Parking will be determined by snow level. If there has been little or no snow, some cars can park at the lodge (access via West Leg Road). All extra cars will be parked at maintenance area at base of Timberline road. Snow park permits will be required for those not parked at the lodge . We also have a parking lot (sno-park) on the right about a 1/4 mile up Timberline Road. I will have someone to meet and greet new comers there as needed at 9:00 Saturday.

To register: Register through Meetup at https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/243263937/. You must pay (via Pay Pal) when you register to hold your spot. Cost will be $60.00.

For more information contact Glen or Linda Conrad at 360-837-3787 or cell at 360-907-5096.

**Nov 8 (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.

Meet at the Hoyt Arboretum visitor center, 4000 SW Fairview Blvd. Parking is free on the street in front of the visitor center. Restrooms available.

Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com

**Nov 14 TCO Annual Meeting**
The annual member meeting of the trail Club will be held this year at 7 PM, on Monday, November 14 at the Winona Grange in Tualatin Full Details are below.

**Nov 15 (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: Judy Immesoete, 585-924-1660, jimmesoete@gmail.com

**Nov 22 (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: Wayne Schweinfest, 503-253-3073, WSchweinfest@msn.com

**Nov 29 (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.

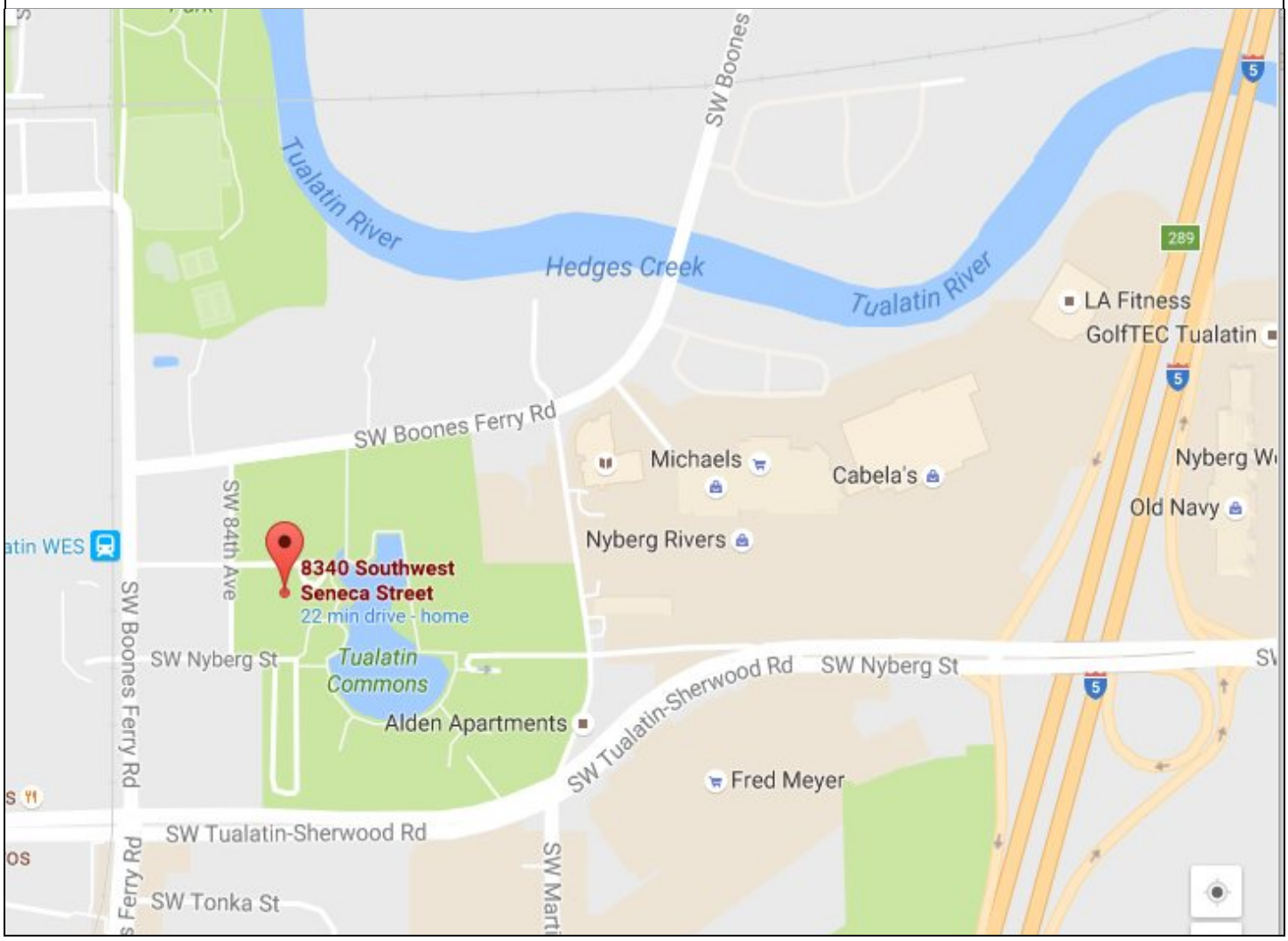
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| For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.<br>Leader: Sue Holmes, 971-212-9540, sueholmes28@yahoo.com | **Dec 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wed) Morning Hikes – Class A/B**<br>We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.<br>For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or check the web. |

## Trails Club Annual Meeting is Monday, November 13

The annual member meeting of the Trails Club will be held this year on Monday, November 13 at the Winona Grange in Tualatin, at 8340 SW Seneca St. in the Tualatin Commons. There are several nearby public parking lots in the Commons, limited parking at the Grange and some street parking on Seneca.

Directions: Southbound I-5: Exit I-5 at Tualatin-Sherwood Road and drive west less than a mile. Pass Martinazzi Road and turn right into the large public parking lot or turn right on SW Boones Ferry Rd. and go two blocks to Seneca. The Grange is on the right in 1.5 blocks.

Please try to arrive around 6:30. The meeting will begin at 7 pm. The Grange is located on the NW side of the large Commons pond.



## 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.

## 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 other search engines and entering "Trails Club of Oregon" into the search box. They get directed to some other website that isn't what they want.

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

## A Thread Worth Keeping - Leonard Murphy

One century ago local residents saw the unique beauty of our state and had the foresight to not only develop trails, so that any able bodied hiker had access to view points, but also preserve and protect the areas for enjoyment of future generations. Early on, with the strong efforts of Jacob Kanzler, a Portland civic leader, lands were set aside for public recreation in the Columbia River Gorge so they would not be exploited by private self-interests. Based on this ideology, in 1915 the Progressive Business Men's Club of Portland launched the Trails Club of Oregon.

Our club history reminds us of our active involvement in the preservation, management, and care of natural & cultural resources. In 1926 our Trails Club Schedule preamble defined among our purposes, fostering nature study and promoting outdoor recreation in the form of walks and outings. Before the Civil Conservation Corps programs began, our Club built foot trails to reach such points of interest as Portland's West Hills (1917), Eagle Creek, Oneonta Gorge and Angels Rest (1920s)

In 1932, our Club was one of fourteen charter members which initially formed the Federation of Western Outdoors (FWOC), founded to unite member clubs behind a shared conservation agenda. The Federation has now grown to 40 clubs/organizations representing 7 Western States. Annually at convention; each group submits and shares environmental concerns to be adopted as resolutions. The culmination of this is to educate the public and legislators voting on environmental bills.

Over the years, our conservation minded Club members have contributed in many ways. Fred Cleator envisioned the importance of the Pacific Crest Trail (1920) and Forest Park (1945), which others in our club like Norm Green and Ding Cannon helped bring to fruition. Our Federation delegates and attendees, during World War II, influenced the expansion of club building projects at Nesika, partly to accommodate a fair share of hosting FWOC gatherings. Ones which brought about the formation of the Forest Service Reserves we served. Later our conservation efforts supported the implementation of the Wilderness Act, the formation of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Klamath-Siskiyou National Monument, and the enlargement of the Mt. Hood Wilderness Area.

Club building projects were designed to blend into the Gorge's natural landscape and Mt. Hood's alpine setting. Early members carried building material up the Larch Mountain Trail during construction projects. Then later members traveled rugged logging roads and wooden bridges, navigating the last section of the journey via a narrow trail, first pushing wheelbarrows, and then later using a garden tractor with various trailers. All To keep the area surrounding our remote Nesika homestead pristine.

The thread of our club has continued from its inception, being to enjoy and protect our beautiful natural areas and be aware of the dangers that would impair or destroy this environment. Being an active member of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) has helped provide the clout to publicize and protect our landscape now and for future generations. Key to carrying on these earlier traditions is naming a delegate to represent our club at the FWOC Annual Convention and submitting any resolutions outlining our environmental concerns.

Currently, the Conservation Chair position is vacant. The object of a working and informed conservation committee is to help our club, through our Federation membership, become better stewards of our natural resources. Articles of Incorporation clearly encourage use of legislative process and Bylaws outline how the Conservation committee shall study conservation problems and issues, inform the Board of Trustees and the membership on such matters and recommend to the Board of Trustees such action thereon as it deems appropriate. Outgoing Conservation Chair Sydney Herbert left a rich legacy, recorded in some fifty emails. These 2016 actions are available upon request from the TCO archives. Serving can be rewarding in many ways.

## History Committee Annual Report—Summary

This last year, the Board voted at their November Board meeting to accept the History Committee's strategic plan to archive the Trails Club collection. Members of the History Committee remain dedicated to implementing the plan, keeping materials safe, centralized and in an easily accessible location.

For the most part, Trails Club Archives are located in Oak Grove on the Trolley Trail. The exception, collections, office equipment and historical documents which exceed the space we lease there. Two years ago, when the Board terminated a lease on one of the 3 office spaces in Oak Grove, Jeff Lawton offered storage space in his house. Upon recent notice of his move to Washington, we accepted an offer from Fendall Winston, who has storage space in his West Slope Portland home.

The good news, our growing collection has allowed the History Committee & adjunct members to write stories, based on research of original and copied documents, and to achieve unpredicted goals. Special thanks to all those donating collections and sharing resources, time and money to preserve our portion of Oregon history.

25 volunteers donated 688 hours, to archive written and digital history, interview, create exhibits, and provide technical assistance

We exceeded Board goal to self-fund TCO archival space by 50%

20 individuals and families (Fern Anderson, Charles Barrows, Brennfleck - 6 families in memory of George and Arlene, Angelo & Katherine Carella, Lynn Cochran, Phil & Irene Crosby, Sydney Herbert, Merrill Hugo, Kelly Marlin, Gerald Reneau, Thomas Shanley, Celine Stroinski, Fendall Winston) donated $8,220. The carryover of $2750 will be used in 2018

Jean & Michael Stupek ordered and paid for more than $500 in archival supplies to preserve TCO Outing Albums

Louis Sowa donated an external hard drive (valued at $75) with all his VHS conversions

George Milne, appointed by the Board fall of 2016, met with a non-profit tax accountant to research tax-deductible options. He reported his finding to the membership via a report found in the 2016 Dec Trail Blazer

Highlights of last year:

A "Friends of the Gorge" reception, held at the Oregon Historical Society, given to honor renowned photographer Peter Marbach, a new TCO member who featured a photo blurb on Nesika in the winter edition of The Gorge Magazine

Michael Stupek built two frames for photos donated to Nesika Lodge. One of the two photo hangs in the main lodge

An hour interview in the Trails Club Archives, with Multimedia Photo Journalist Michael Ober from KPTV, became a 3 min news story on the Eagle Creek Fire & survival of Nesika Lodge

David Bogardus and Fern Anderson using social media during the Eagle Creek Fire, alerting TCO members of interviews airing on channel 12 (George & Sylvia Milne, TCO archives) & Channel 8 (Glen & Linda Conrad, Newsroom)

Jeff Lawton used Facebook to connect people to a website he created largely to share Nesika history. The site showcases a story written by Fern Anderson and photos Randy Dietrich organized to chronicle the rebuilding of Nesika, along with photos from Glen Conrad's recent trip to view fire damage

Learning the Larch Mountain Interpretive Sign is now in a printable draft. The sign features two Trail Club photos (Eva Arrington & the second tower) from our archives. Sadly, they are missing a notation: courtesy of the Trails Club Archives. I've emailed a reminder to Chris Donnermeyer, MA, RPM (the person now in Marge Dryden's former position).

La Vaughn Kemnow, who is writing a book series on cultural stories of Fire Lookouts, asked permission to use information from the TCO Archive. In exchange she agreed to donate a set of her books

Submitted to the Trail Blazer:

Rare photo of Sam Lancaster at Crown Point – The Darrel Tarter Collection

Photo of the October 10, 1915 Oregonian headline, which announced the launching of the Trails Club of Oregon on the Larch Mountain summit and featured a photo of the Trails Club's 1st cabin – The Bill Sullivan collection

Photos of artists enjoying the natural beauty surrounding Tyee, during a weekend planned by Celine Stroinski, featured in the 2017 September Trail Blazer

Photo of the group attending the 2017 Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Convention, including current president George Milne, with a website link to a convention report

History committee meetings notes – Susan Keller

History of the Bicycle Committee – Louis Sowa

Historian Blogs – Sylvia Milne

Stories written by Celine Stroinski, Leonard Murphy, Louis Sowa, Christine Olsen, Sylvia Milne, Editor

Building of the Larch Mountain Trails – a Noble Endeavor, written by James Olsen, volunteer with Friends of Multnomah Falls, key research done in TCO Archives

Norm Greene's involvement in helping to complete the last section of Oregon's Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)

Fred Cleator's vision for creating Forest Park & the PCT

Gladys Basinger's completion of both the OR & WA PCT

Outing at Belknap: 12th year. Organizer: Vicki Wood

Una Davies – who perished on Goat Rocks

Herman Erren, TCO 14th President, known for revitalizing the Trails Club by initiating 3 committees: Outings, Membership & Education (now History)

Eagle Creek Development & the Forest Service Reserves

Trails Club centennial story of conservation

Horror stories of mountain climbing – Anne (Cannon) Nixon, who donated her father's memos of his Goat Rocks near-death experience

History Committee Achievements:

History committee submitted a nomination for Arthur Stangell to receive the Henry Waespe award

Assisted Fire Lookout Guru Ron Kenmow with scanning fire lookout photos he located in Trails Club historic photo albums. His finding and research are now available on his website (ronkemnow.weebly.com)

Interviewed Louis Sowa. He performed home conversion of our VHS Collection, which included early climbing footage & outing planning, plus Gerry Reneau's interview with Darrel Tarter.

Numbered historical album pages – Jessie Tucker

Repaired and Scanned Martin Album, containing a report by Ding Cannon and photo documentation of the Club's involvement in the Forest Service Reserves

Oriented Jeff Thomas, volunteer Mazama archivist, to the Trails Club archives. He researched Beacon Rock and USFS Lookouts. He shared Petrie family background information and encouraged us to contact the PCT Archives to share the Trails Club's history of involvement, promotion and usage of the trail

Researched Trails Club PCT records, between 1951 and 1981, minus the years of 1952, 1972-73. Documented the fact that during those years, Trail Club members hiked 78,434 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail. Nadine Morris, Historic Researcher

Created an alphabetical list of 286 names representing those who traveled through the basin and stopped at Eva Arrington's place & signed her wooden room divider. Stored in the women's dorm at Nesika, it perished in the recent Eagle Creek Fire.

The list: transcribed by Melva and Leonard Murphy

Documented with wall photos at both lodges, the location of member achievement plaques

Developed the following:

Archival system to store photos from magnetic pages (Jane Olsen, Jessie Tucker, Sylvia Milne)

Exhibits (2) for the 2017 Annual Banquet, with a pictorial timeline of TCO's early involvement of promoting the Gorge (Sylvia, Nadine Morris & George Milne). Highlighted key fire lookout photos and descriptive newspaper articles now available online at ronkemnow.weebly.com

Replicas of a booklet, compiled by Darrel Tarter, to thank Henry Waespe for building the stone wall at Bickel Point (Jane Olsen, Sylvia & George Milne)

Focus for Next Year:

Continuing the archival preservation of our club's history with focus on Outing Albums and their journals

Organizing and condensing electronic files

Develop photocopied booklets of original photos from Randy Dietrich's CD, depicting the rebuilding of Nesika

Scanning projects include:

Ding Cannon notebook

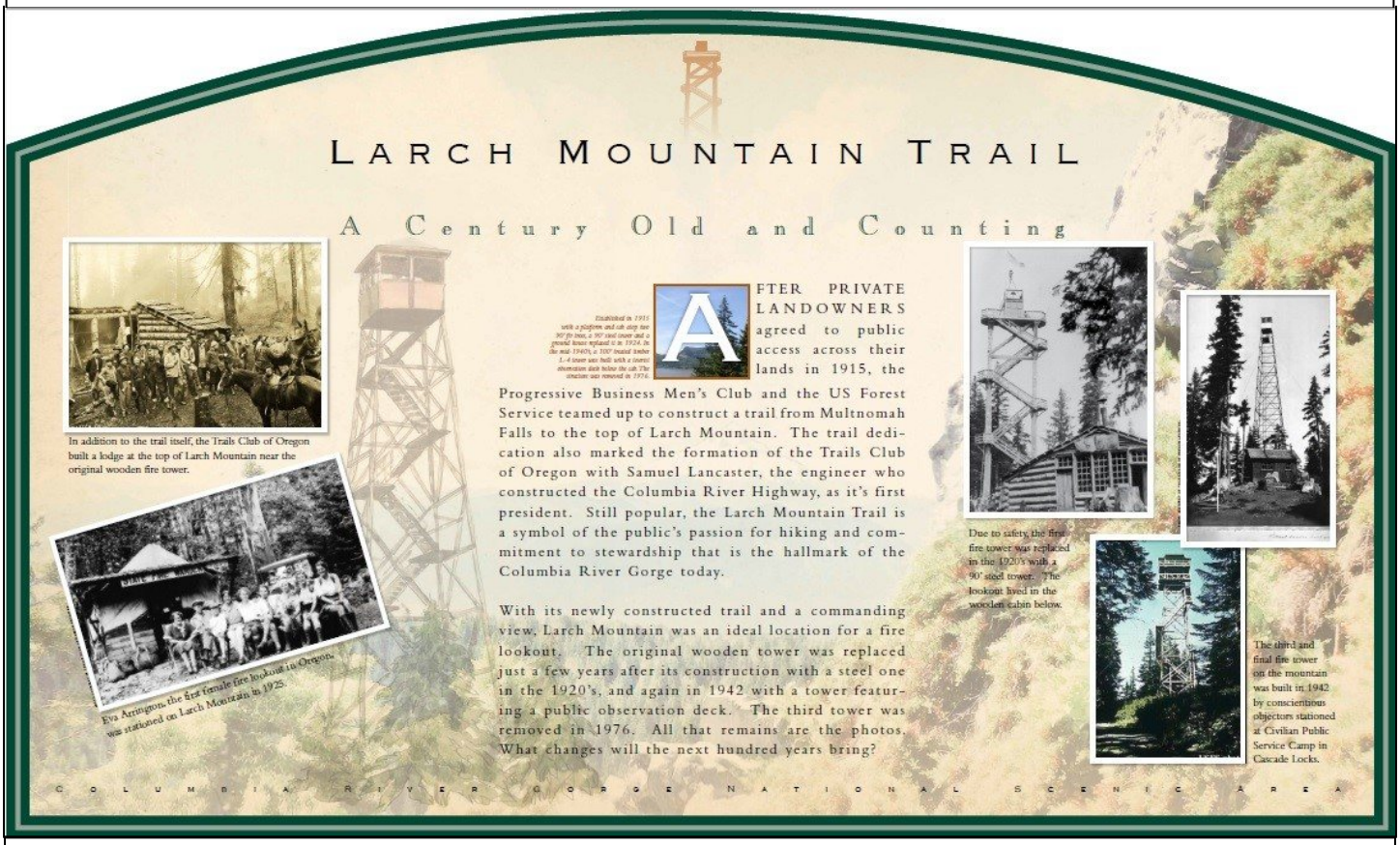
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Member mileage cards for PCT – 6" stack

Darrel Tarter's 1930s trip reports

Stories may include these former Presidents:

Angelo Carella (1979-80); DP Wells (1922); Art Stangell (2004-05); Melvin Becker (1938), Randy Dietrich (2010-11); Gerda Eck (2002-03)




Above - The latest Larch Mountain Trail sign representation, although where to put it has become a subject of discussion. The Forest Service designed the sign, we contributed two photos/edits and the USFS will decide where the sign is placed.

Photos from the new WWW.Nesikalodge.com website (Thanks, Jeff) Photos - Glen Conrad



The gravel trailer and propane shed survived



View from Waespe Point



Looking northeast up the hill from the lodge



Basement of Red Wing

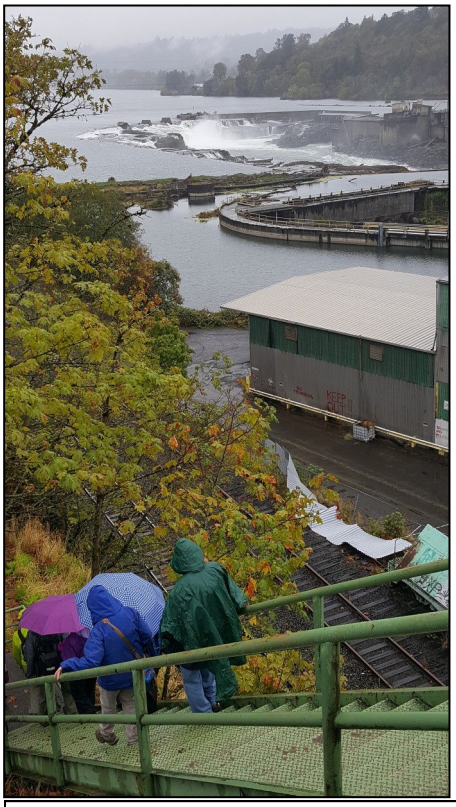


The women's dorm. The chimney had been standing, but later a tree knocked it down.



**New Life!** Bear grass sprouting from ashes of the Eagle Creek Fire. Photo courtesy of US Forest Service

**Wet Wednesday Hikers Exploring Oregon City - Oct. 11** Historic hike was led by Erik Miller






## Repeated from last month's Blazer

## By-Laws Change Proposal

The board feels that a mid-day annual meeting on a weekend might be better for a large portion of our membership. We need to change the bylaws to make such a meeting possible. The following bylaws change will be voted on at this year's meeting.

Change this article from:

Section 1. Annual Meetings: The annual meeting of the members of this Club shall be held in the Portland Metropolitan area, at a place selected by the Board of Trustees at 7:30 P.M. on the second Monday of November of each year.

to

Section 1. Annual Meetings: The annual meeting of the members of this Club shall be held in the Portland Metropolitan area, at a place selected by the Board of Trustees within three days of the second Monday of November of each year.

**Editor's Note:** The following petition, first posted in the October Blazer, has collected sufficient signatures to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting .

**Proposed Trails Club of Oregon Bylaw Changes**

Respectfully sponsored by Sherrie Stangell, per Bylaw Article IX, section 1, the undersigned Trails Club members propose a reinstatement of the Lodge and Properties Trustee position. This administrative position governs a Lodge and Properties Committee with two subcommittees overseeing our lodges, Nesika and Tyee. Abandoned in 2013, this Trustee position served our club well for more than twenty five years.

Nominated for the Lodge and Trustee position is Walt Garvin, who held the Trustee position for five years, and possesses the professional credentials to effectively deal with the governmental agencies and regulations relevant to the properties.

This change will restore the current Nesika and Tyee Lodge Trustees to chairperson positions, reinstating Article VII, Sections 1 and 6 as written in the 2011 TCO Bylaws.

Signees: (approximately 30 as of the time of this issue - ed.)

## Planned Vote By the Membership

When the board met on September 11 all present agreed “we should plan to continue to have a lodge at Nesika and will attempt to restore the property as best we can”. The board would like reassurance that this is the will of the membership. We plan to have an advisory vote at the annual meeting asking if we should undertake the recovery process.

**Argument in opposition to the Bylaw Change proposed by Sherrie Stangell per Bylaw Article IX, Section 1**

In 2013, the Trails Club of Oregon President, Richard Gaunt requested a Bylaw Change which was passed by a popular vote at the annual board meeting. The Bylaw change placed two Trustees on the Board of the Trails club of Oregon. One for Nesika and one for Tyee. This was done to give the Lodge Committee Chairmen a voice on the board. Before it was just a Property Manager who was not required to attend, direct or come in contact with the members who attended work trips or participate in the work trips. The Lodges Property Manager over both lodges handled the paperwork and spoke for both lodges.

Currently each Lodge Trustee works with the knowledgeable members and engineers of the club. The Lodge Trustees work alongside of the Lodge Work crews to complete needed repairs on the lodges and grounds. They listen to suggestions of the members and prospective members of the club to improve our relationships and thus our lodges. The Lodge Committee Trustee has been able to communicate the needs and suggestions of these active members and active prospective members of the club to the board.

Glen and I have appreciated the ability to communicate as Trustees directly to the board the needs and suggestions of the active and active prospective members to the board.

This bill being proposed again will remove the voice of the Lodge Trustees from having input as to decisions and suggestions being made for all club members.
Linda Conrad, Nesika Lodge Chair

**Argument support of the Bylaw Change proposed by Sherrie Stangell per Bylaw Article IX, Section 1**

Having been both a lodge chair and a Lodges trustee in the past, I believe that the 3 member (Lodge trustee, two lodge chairs) structure is a superior structure for the following reasons:

- The lodge chairs have a full time plus job to do just maintaining and stocking the lodges. Their focus is on keeping the lodges in good repair, supplied, and coordinating work weekends. This involves a lot of time in planning and logistics especially during the summer months.
- The Lodges trustee is responsible for making sure established lodge procedures are followed by all lodge users. This involves much of the administrative work of the lodges, such as tracking lodge usage and lodge fees, to make sure the hosts are following the established procedures (collecting and checking the paperwork). The lodges trustee also approves spending at the lodges providing a layer of checks and balances on the spending in a major expense area of the club. The lodge trustee also has the additional responsibilities of any board member, helping run the overall business of the club. This work has little to do with lodge maintenance.
- Having a separate Lodges trustee puts a third person on the lodges management team providing some backup to the Lodge trustees both for consulting and a physical presence for emergencies. This provides a natural fall-back contact in case of an emergency at one of the lodges when the lodge chair cannot be reached.
- The lodges trustee is an elected position. Nominally a person only serves a 2 year term, while it is desirable for the lodge chairs to hold their position for many years as they are the ones that are most familiar with their lodge. Lodge chairs should be retained for as long as they are willing and able to do the job.

I see clear separation in the jobs of the Lodge chairs and the trustee. The lodge chairs are responsible for the actual maintenance, stocking, and physical operation of the lodges. The Lodges trustee is responsible for monitoring all use of the lodges (work trips as well as recreational use). These are very different jobs and typically take people with different skills.

It has been mentioned that the Lodges trustee becomes a barrier to communication between the lodge chairs and the board. In my experience this has not been the case. Lodge chairs are still free to come to board meetings and address the board directly as are all members. The Lodges trustee can represent the routine needs of the lodges which can relieve the need of the lodge chairs to attend board meetings during normal operations.

The Tyee / Nesika trustees model was proposed as an trial 4 years ago. The result has been acceptable, but the main thing that has not gotten done is the paperwork that the Lodges Trustee was previously responsible for tracking. This leaves us with little data about lodge usage and we can only assume that all events are sending in the proper fees.

Randy Dietrich - Clubmember

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## Trails Club Of Oregon
## Board of Trustees Meeting October 9, 2017
## Minutes

Pam called the meeting to order at 7 PM at the Mazamas Building. Chaz Shaw and Susan Ashenfelter were absent. Philip Crosby, Glen Conrad, Art Stangell, and George Milne also attended.

The minutes for the September meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance .....8/1/2017 ..... ..... $19689.81

Deposits ..... 949.25

Checks and withdrawals .....2642.47

Ending Balance 8/31/2017 ..... ..... ..... $17996.59

Cindy has reconciled the accounts for the Alpine Outing and Belknap with a total net positive balance of $87.42.

She reported that the History Office fund was severely depleted. Phil Crosby then gave her his second check for 2017 which should cover us into 2018. There was a question concerning next year's lease. Oak Grove Business Center hasn't yet contacted us concerning the terms for next year.

Art Stangell said that the timber tax at Nesika should decrease as a result of the fire.

Publications Trustee's Report :

Randy printed extra copies of the Blazer with the information on the fire. They were much appreciated by the attendees at the 10/7/2017 meeting at Tyee.

He has met with the people who run Impress. He says it is a small business with accommodating owners. Both he and Phil like the feel of the operation.

Membership Trustee's Report :

Rory Reitz and Mimi Cogswell were elected to membership.

Jonathon More and Laura Skehan were read for the first time.

Tyee :

There was no formal Tyee report. Linda updated us on ongoing repairs Jeff Crinklaw delivered firewood for the lodge. We are paying for the wood and the hauling. There was a brief discussion about working out a more economical source for firewood.

Nesika:

Glen went over the list of folks he has asked to work on a restoration committee. The following are committee members Pete Bryant, Linda Conrad, Randy Dietrich, Merrill Hugo, Tim Kutscha, Jeff Lawton, Cindy Lee, George Milne, Sheryl Wagner, Bill Yandon.

He then showed the pictures he took when he went into the lodge with the insurance adjuster accompanied by the Forest Service. He praised the Forest Service for their efforts getting them into the lodge. The Forest Service provided two ATVs with drivers and a medic. They transferred fire fighters from a distance for this.

He reiterated that we should all stay away from Nesika until the Forest Service gives the go ahead.

New Business:

We went over the format for the annual meeting ballot and bylaw's information sheet,

George and Randy emphasized that we will have to develop public service programs if we want to have a non-profit entity parallel to the club. It appears that the idea of a not for profit club and a non-profit foundation has some board support.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13.

Respectfully submitted
Merrill Hugo, Secretary

## Membership Notes - October 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 (First 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**

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Laura Skehan
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Sponsored by Celine Stroinski and Diana Forester

**New Members**

Mimi Cogswell
Rory Reitz

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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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