



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events

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24-25	Sat-Sun	Rails to Trails Swale Canyon
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26-29	Thurs-Sun	Bend Winter Trip
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3-4	Sat-Sun	Tyee Open
7	Wed	Portland Morning Hike
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10-11	Sat-Sun	Tyee Open
10	Sat	Memaloose Loop
10	Sat	"Expotition"- Tryon Creek State Park
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17	Sat	Sauvie Island Hike to Warrior Rock
17-19	Sat-Mon	Tyee Open
20	Tues	Kayak kick-off meeting
21	Wed	Portland Morning Hike
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25	Sun	Deadline for Banquet Sign Up
25	Sun	Clatsop Loop Trail
28	Wed	Portland Morning Hike
31	Sat	Presidents Hike – Klickitat Trail
April 1	Sun	Annual Banquet
4	Wed	Portland Morning Hike

TRIP FEES: Members. \$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 10 cents/mile

- Good walking shoes or boots are required on the trail. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.
- Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.
- Pets allowed on designated trips only.
- Everybody should stay with the group and follow the hike leader. The hike leader is responsible for the group's safety. The hike leader is responsible for determining trails to be taken. Last, but not least, the leader has authority to determine if a hiker is prepared for the hike. Group safety must come first.
- If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves 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
- The Trips Trustee will approve all hikes.

Rendezvous is often the MAX Gateway Transit Park & Ride lot. Take Glisan exit off I-205. Head east to 99th Ave. then turn north. The old meeting place at Gateway - in the SE corner of the surface parking lot is now fenced off and there is only paid parking so don't park there. Continue north a little further along 99th Ave and use the new parking garage that has just been completed. There are 690 spaces available and they are free with a 24-hour limit

Announcements

I was recently contacted by the on-site manager of Multnomah Falls, Ranger Aaron Peterson. He was concerned that Trails Club Members had been climbing the Multnomah Falls Trail when it was closed to the public. The snow and icy conditions were deemed unsafe for anyone's safety and the gate was closed. He cited three separate instances where he told members the trail was closed, but they attempted to climb to Nesika anyway. They were argumentative and willfully disobeyed his orders. The general public also attempted to follow their lead compounding the safety issues. Ranger Peterson has been patient, but wants members to understand that a \$300 citation will be issued to anyone who climbs the trail when it's closed. As president, I am concerned that some of our members have acted in such careless disregard for their own safety and have embarrassed the Trails Club.

Let us all remember our actions reflect on our club and what we stand for. I have assured Ranger Peterson that he will have no more problems with our members and I am confident that you all will support me.

Craig Sharpe

Gentle Reminders

- Class A –Shorter, less strenuous activity, Class B –Longer miles, more elevation gain, Class C –Long and difficult – strong experienced participants only. Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Please be prepared for level of the hike you are planning to take with the Trails Club.

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Announcements Continued

New Treasurer

Hi Everyone - wanted to let you know I met with Audrey Perino this afternoon and wanted to give you an update regarding the transition.

. Please continue to mail treasurer information to me through February 9th. After the 9th, all mail for the treasurer should be sent directly to Audrey. Her contact info is in the membership directory.

2007 Nesika Work Plans

Some of the folks most heavily involved with Nesika met at my place back in December and produced the following schedule for the major tasks at Nesika during 2007. For the April 21 & 22 work trip we will clear the road, open the lodge, and form up the propane storage shed slab. We may also clear the vine maple from near the lodge. During the May 19 & 20 trip we will remove the roof and joists over the porch of women's dorm and pour the slab for propane storage. The June 9 & 10 trip will be devoted exclusively to washing and sealing the lodge's logs. The July work trip will be the big push. Starting with removing the barn boards from the women's dorm on Thursday July 12 and then adjusting the framing and installing the new windows and sheathing over the course of the weekend. In August we will replace and paint the barn boards and maybe paint Redwing. In Sept. we plan to replace the porch roof and in October to bring in the wood from the woodshed and prepare the lodge for the winter. There will be a number of other projects we want to work in through the summer as we have time and help. The sheathing for the women's dorm will have to be painted before installation. Some other projects which someone may want to claim as their own are provision of hand washing facilities near the outhouses, provision of water risers and fire hoses near the buildings, improving the drain field area with landscaping and picnic facilities, installing permanent lights on the way to the men's outhouse, improving food storage in the lodge with a refrigerator or an ice box, designing and building a permanent island counter for the kitchen and improving the lighting in the kitchen. We should also work at maintaining the steps near the lodge. The steps to the men's outhouse will need to be reset and It has been proposed that better steps be provided on the path to the lower level of the women's dorm.

As you can see from the there is something for all of us at any skill level to help maintain our lodge in the Gorge. Please plan on coming up for at least one of our work trips.

Merrill Hugo

Events

February 24 (Sat) Lacamas Park - Camas - Class A

Just a nice winter hike that's close by but seems miles away once you are in this quiet wooded area with a lake and waterfalls. This is an easy 3.2 mile loop with only 200 feet of elevation gain. Because of uncertain weather in winter months, please contact leader for meeting place and time.

Leader: Gini Bateman (503) 771-1560 or ginibateman@aol.com

Tyee Open Sat/Sun Feb 24/25

Cooks Matt and Merrill Newman will have the lodge open and warm on Sat in time for lunch so you can enjoy an afternoon of snow activities or snoozing in front of the fire. We will have pizza available for lunch at 12:30 Sat, a humongous beef stew for dinner at 6:00 and a special Spanish egg dish for Sun breakfast. And, yes, the meal cost may be a little higher than usual, so bring an extra dime or two. Call or email no later than Wed evening, Feb 21. Merrill Newman (503) 646-3829 merrilln@ix.netcom.com or Matt Newman (503) 693-8717. Be sure to let us know which meals you want.

February 24-25 Sat-Sun. Rails to Trails Swale Canyon to Klickitat River Canyon Class C approx. 30 miles

We will start at Harms Rd just outside of Warwick and hike SW to the Klickitat River. Plan is to camp somewhere around the town of Wahkiacus. Arrangements are being made with the local town for a small area to camp for Saturday night. Be prepared for rough hiking in some areas the trail the gravel is rather large and uncomfortable to hike on. Site to see could be eagles, birds of various varieties, and mammals. Be prepared for ticks with tight fitting pant legs. Be prepared to remove ticks if necessary. Three season tent necessary. Weather will be cold, but very little snow if any in this area. Limit 12. This is a low impact area, so be prepared to carry out the TP. Register with Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875

Feb 28 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby. Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM Leader: Randy Dietrich 503-245-5762

March 3, 2007 (Saturday) Silver Falls State Park Hike - Class B

Beautiful 7 mile hike passes 7 waterfalls including 2 which we walk behind. Expect some mud. 300 feet elevation gain. State Park fee for vehicles. Call leader before hike at to confirm. Meet: 9:00 AM SW corner of Target parking lot at the North Wilsonville exit of I-5 (Target is about 1 block east of the freeway) Carpool to Silver Falls Park. Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

March 3-4 Tyee open

Tyee lodge will be open by nine a.m. on Saturday. Come up and enjoy some good springtime (almost) skiing. Dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday served. Call by 9 p.m. on Wednesday for reservations. Host Brian Carlson 503.252.3608 or Owatta@webtv.net

Mar 7 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM Leader: Alan Kotz 503-636-7530

MARCH 10 (Sat) Memaloose Loop

Looking for spring!! We will travel through rolling hills for great views of the Gorge, Mt. Hood, and Mt. Adams. The first flowers of the season will be coming to life--Grass Widows and Shooting Stars--others. Be prepared for all conditions. Leader: Gary Holman Hike: Time: 8:00 AM OR 9:30 AM Place: Troutdale Outlet stores (northeast corner of parking lot). Hiking miles: 6 to 7 MILES/Elevation gain: 700 FEET Driving Miles: 70 ONE WAY

March 10-11 (Sat.-Sun.) Tyee Open

Looking for a place to get out of the cold? How about a weekend at Tyee? We'll have it open by 11:00 am Saturday, in case your plans include lounging by the fire. If you plan to spend the day in the great outdoors, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm. After a delicious breakfast Sunday morning, work on a puzzle, check out the sledding hill, or finish that knitting project. If you're still around, we'll show you the door at 2:00 pm Sunday afternoon. It's a family friendly weekend; no electronics please. Your hosts are Donna Aase (Chocolate anyone?) and Merv Murphy (Skiing anyone?). Contact: Donna Aase (360-253-8420 or dmaase@hotmail.com) by 9:00 pm Wednesday, March 7th to make your reservation

March 10 (Sat): "Exposition" to Tryon Creek State Park

Another walk for 4-10 year olds with their responsible adult. This month we will learn about one more natural area in our backyard. I wonder if the trilliums will be in bloom. We will walk for three hours. Bring a snack, lunch, and water. MEET: 10:00 A.M. Parking area at entrance to park, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd. The park entrance is between Boones Ferry Road and State Street (Highway 43) near Lake Oswego. LEADER: June Smelser 503-668-4060, junesmelsers@yahoo.com

Mar 14 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby. Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM Leader: Virginia Fuller 503-520-1622

Thursday March 15th, 7:30 p.m. Adventures and Travel at Rose Villa.

Bev Carlon and other TCO members went on a both physically tremendous and beautiful backpacking and bicycling trip to Spain last summer. They are going to share their experiences with us. Refreshments served and door prizes. For information contact Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878 overpeck@wa-net.com

March 17(Sat) Sauvie Island Hike to Warrior Rock Class A

We will hike along an old dirt road and some shore line to a small abandoned light house known as Warrior Rock at the tip of the Island. This is a 7 mile rt hike with no elevation gain. Please wear water proof boots. Pack a lunch; bring rain gear and plenty of water. Meet at parking lot on Sauvie Island side of the bridge 8:30am. Look for Ford F150 Crew Cab pick up. Hike leader Bob Walker home ph 503-591-0932 cell ph 503-318-7425

March 17-18 Tyee open

Follow the rainbow, down the snowy path and you will find your pot of gold. Join the leprechauns and hobbits as they stir up a tasty dinner. Corn beef and cabbage and taters too, with a veggie Irish stew and all the trimmings. At our Cottage in the woods, our lovely Tyee Lodge. Breakfast will be served for those that stay the night. Let's have some fun, how about learning to ski, or snowshoe. Make a snowman or just relax by the fire. Please call for meals and overnight lodging by March 14.

Mar 20 (Tue) Kayak kick-off meeting

This meeting is for anyone who wants to learn about kayaking, to participate in kayak trips, to lead a kayak trip, or to purchase kayaks or accessories! Come join us to gather information and help us plan our season. The Kayak Committee has put together a list of potential trips, now we need members to step forward to offer to lead a trip and put it on the calendar of events. We will discuss the suggested safety courses and skills list that leaders should have, and the skills and courses recommended for participants. And of course we have dates and times for those courses so we get the training behind us and start the season with confidence.

We are partnering with Portland Kayak Co. again this year. Portland Kayak will offer the necessary safety & skills courses, plus discounts on new kayaks and accessories. There is a 10% discount on new kayaks (custom order or in stock) if at least 5 members place an order by May 1. We will have kayak demo day exclusively for Trails Club members on Sat., Mar 24, where you can see all the boats side-by-side and try them out in time to make that May 1 deadline. There are also vendor-specific demo days. All members get 10% discount on accessories.

For the real enthusiasts, Portland Kayak is hosting a 2-day clinic led by Nigel Foster Mar 17-18. This will fill up quickly so contact Portland Kayak ASAP if interested.

Check out the kayaking section on the Trails Club web site for the latest information on kayaking, including the calendar of all kayak events, links for kayak demos, kayak rental locations, kayaking organizations, and more.

Meeting: 7 PM, Portland Kayak Co., 6342 SW Macadam Ave., Suite G, Portland 97239, (503) 459-4050
Contact: Rich Fuhs, (503) 690-5077, Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net

Mar 21 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

March 22-April 8 Aqua Dulce to Kennedy Meadows

CG Southern CA PCT hike Class C + 240 miles. Limit 2-4 people depending on experience/ stamina. Registries must pre-qualify by hiking a minimum of 2 backpacks with leader. Registries must be willing to be on the trail by 5:00 AM and hike up to 20 miles per day due to mileage heat of the desert and water supply. Cost to cover gas, camping, resupply and occasional motel room is \$1,000 per person minimum. To discuss qualifying needs contact Linda Conrad at lcgconrad@aol.com or 360 837 3875.

March 25 (Sun) Clatsop Loop Trail – Class A

Explore the south side of Ecola State Park following a route first used by the Clatsop & Tillamook Tribes, the Corps of Discovery 200 years ago. The approximate 6 mile RT Lewis and Clark Historic Trail begins at the Ecola State Park parking lot, climbs 800-ft. through a Sitka spruce forest to a wonderful view of the ocean and Tillamook Rock lighthouse. Lots of sights to see for the whole family – last year we ran into a herd of Elk. Be prepared for beach weather. We will have lunch on the hike and maybe ice cream at Cannon Beach on the way home.

Meet: 8:00 am Hillsboro Fred Meyer parking lot off Cornelius Pass Exit from Hwy 26

Drive: 120 miles RT – Bring \$3/car parking.

Leader: Matt Newman 503.693.8717

Newman2238@comcast.net

Mar 28 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Phillip Jackson 503-639-6250

March, 31 (Sat.) Presidents Hike Klickitat Rail Trail Class B

Hike along the former Lyle-Goldendale railroad at the dry end of the Columbia River Gorge. The Fisher Hill Bridge-Pitt segment of this undeveloped Washington State Park offers continuous views of the wild and scenic Klickitat River as it plunges through a deep canyon lined with oak and ponderosa pine forests. Scenery, wildflowers and wildlife. Note: hike is on former railroad bed so it is stony underfoot; other hazards include ticks, poison oak and rattlesnakes. Hike 9 miles with car shuttle, 900 feet elevation gain, drive approximately 200 miles round trip.

Meet: Gateway Transit Center, depart promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Leader: Craig Sharpe (360) 571-8861 oldgeezer49@comcast.net

Apr 4 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

Trails Ahead

April 7 (Sat) Oneonta Creek – Class B

This is a pleasant hike starting and finishing at the Multnomah Falls Lodge. We will hike up the gorge on the 400 trail to Oneonta Creek, ascend up and onto Franklin Ridge and then down to Nesika. Hopefully for a late lunch. From Nesika we will descend down the trail, past the Multnomah Falls to Multnomah Lodge. Approximate distance 17 km (10.5 miles) and 500 m (1,700 ft) elevation gain.

Meet: 8.00 am at Gateway or 8.30 am Multnomah Falls. (Please register with leader if meeting at Multnomah Falls). Drive is about 60 miles round trip.

Leader: Wayne Lincoln 503-245-9193 linkyway@easystreet.com

Oregon Outback Ramble June 8-11

Visit Pine Mt. Observatory, hike to top of Paiute Butte, Fort Rock and Yamsay Mt., explore Christmas Valley and Crack-in-the-Ground and dine at the Cowboy Dinner Tree (\$20.75 per person, cash only accepted). We will camp at three different locations and drive about 600 miles. It will be a busy four days. Limited to 10 and must have reservations to me no later than April 30.

Merrill Newman 503 646-3829 merrilln@ix.netcom.com

July 6-8

Trails Club Weekend on the McKenzie River

Hike, fish, kayak, whitewater raft, soak in the mineral springs pools and enjoy the gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River. There are 4 cabins, 4 tent sites, 7 RV sites and 3 tent / RV sites reserved for us. Lodging prices range from \$38.15-\$65.40 pp total for cabin beds (depending on the # in your cabin); \$54.50 total for 1-2 people (\$17.44 each additional person) in RV sites; \$43.60 total for 1-2 people (\$17.44 each additional person) in tent sites. Additional fees include a \$2 pp (members) TCO activity fee and shared meal costs of approximately \$7-8. Two breakfasts and a campfire dinner will be cooked for those interested. A \$25 deposit is required to hold your lodging reservation. The balance of your lodging fee is due JUNE 20th. Both checks should be made out to TCO.

Contact Vicki Wood to reserve your spot or for more information: (503) 659-1423 or vwood48@earthlink.net

2007 Alpine Outing

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Idaho's White Cloud Mountains

First Week: August 5-12

Second Week: August 12-19

Come join either week of this fun group camping experience in the beautiful White Cloud Mountains, east of Stanley and south of Challis, ID, in the Sawtooth National Forest. The planned camp site is in the Boulder Chain Lakes area. The elevation in this area is nearly 8500 ft., and it is about 7.5 miles in and 2300 ft. up from the trailhead on the east side of the National Forest. Pack stock will carry group supplies and up to 35 lbs. of your personal equipment from the trailhead to the camp site and return. You carry just your daypack. Spend the week exploring the area on dayhikes as you wish. All food is provided and cooking and camp chores are shared.

Maximum enrollment each week is 12, and minimum enrollment is 10. The cost for this great experience is \$300.00 for members and \$350.00 for nonmembers, including the nonrefundable deposit of \$100. Enrollment in the week of your choice will be accomplished on receipt of your deposit. Make your deposit by check to "Trails Club of Oregon" and mail it to Bill Kingsbury, 3926 NE 42nd Ave., Portland, OR 97213. Please include your email address.

For further information contact Bill at crowntown@earthlink.net or (503) 281-4528.

2007 Senior Outing

We will be visiting the Northwest corner of Washington State the last week of August. Plans are not finalized but will include two days at the Lake Quinalt Lodge where we will be doing some short hikes. Other stops include Kalaloch, Neah Bay and the Makah Indian Res. Museum, Port Angeles vicinity and the Olympic National Park. There will be much to see and participate in for the five days and will include short hikes whenever possible (3-4 miles ea.) I need to know the anticipated traveler numbers for the cost estimate for van(s) reservation. If interested Please contact Leonard Murphy either by lenmurphy@juno.org or 503-665-6449.

2007 Bike Schedule

April 7, Sat.	Rice Rock Museum	Gisela Piercy
April 19, Thurs.	Sauvie Island	Gisela Piercy
April 21, Sat.	Grand Island	Louis Sowa
April 29, Sun.	Monster Cookie Ride	Louis Sowa
May 12, Sat.	Burnt Bridge, Vancouver	Nancy Overpeck
May 17, Thurs	Hagg Lake	Louis Sowa
May 19, Sat.	Springwater Corridor	Ann Dudley
May 21 st , Mon. Eve.	Portland Waterfront	Audrey Perino
June 2, Sat.	Pioneer Century	Louis Sowa
June 4, Mon Eve	Eagle Creek/Cascade Locks	Allen Burrell
June 9, Sat	Strawberry Century	Gerda Eck
June 14, Thur.	Puget Island	Gisela Piercy
June 18, Mon Eve.	Sauvie Island	Lisa Brice
June 24, Sun	Watermelon Ride	Ralph Rogers
July 16, Mon Eve	Springwater Corridor	Audrey Perino
July 28, Sat.	Buena Vista	Louis Sowa

2007 Lodge Work Weekends

Nesika	Tyee
April 21 & 22	
May 19 & 20	
June 9& 10	June 2 & 3
July 14 & 15	
August 11 & 12	August 11 & 12
September 8 & 9	September 8 & 9
October TBD	

Charlie Adams – Lodge Chairman

2007 Spring Kid's Hikes

Join us for an enjoyable hike and a BBQ with kid's, parents and Grandparents!
 Tentative dates:
 April 15 (Sun) - Eagle Creek & Fish Ladders
 May 20 (Sun) - Silver Falls State Park
 Leader: Matt Newman 503.693.8717 newman2238@comcast.net

Nesika Access Committee Report

February 1, 2007

Prepared by Susan Saul, Committee Chair

Background

In September 2006, Senator Ron Wyden introduced a wilderness bill for Mount Hood and the Columbia River Gorge. Senator Wyden intended to exclude the Trails Club access to Nesika Lodge from wilderness designation but due to faulty road location data from the U.S. Forest Service, his proposed wilderness boundary in the Larch Mountain area would encompass the Multnomah Basin road east of Multnomah Creek and the tractor trail from the end of the road to the

Trails Club property boundary. Since wilderness designation would preclude use of motorized or mechanized vehicles and equipment within the wilderness boundaries, the Senator's faulty map posed a potentially significant access problem for the Trails Club. Nesika Lodge Chairman Merrill Hugo and Trails Club member Susan Saul took action to get the boundary corrected before Senator Wyden's bill could be passed by Congress. With the assistance of Erik Fernandez, wilderness campaign coordinator for Oregon Wild, and Trails Club member Walt Garvin, the Multnomah Basin road and the tractor trail were mapped using the Global Positioning System. Erik created a map showing the correct location of the road and trail. Merrill and Erik asked Senator Wyden to correct the proposed wilderness boundary, which occurred in late October 2006. The bill did not reach a floor vote in the Senate prior to adjournment in November 2006. Senator Wyden intends to reintroduce the bill in 2007.

Nesika Access Committee

In October 2006, the Trails Club Board of Trustees asked Susan Saul to form an ad hoc committee to address securing permanent protection of the Club's road and tractor trail access to Nesika. The Nesika Access Committee met on November 1, 2006, with these members present: Susan Saul, Craig Sharpe, Fendall Winston, Walt Garvin, Art Stangell, Randy Dietrich, Merrill Hugo, George Milne and Ken Becker. A subcommittee composed of Susan Saul, Merrill Hugo, Ken Becker and Craig Sharpe was empowered to represent the Trails Club with the U.S. Forest Service to ensure that our access rights are documented and secured for the long term and that Forest Service maps show the road and tractor trail in the correct location.

Meetings With the U.S. Forest Service

NOVEMBER 3, 2006

Craig Sharpe, Susan Saul, Merrill Hugo and Ken Becker met with Dan Harkenrider, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager, and his staff members Pam Campbell and Virginia Kelly. Dan Harkenrider reported that the Forest Service has searched its files and cannot find any written agreement with the Trails Club or other legal documentation regarding our access on the Multnomah Basin road or approval of our motorized use of the tractor trail. The Multnomah Basin Road is considered a National Forest System road without any outstanding rights or formal easements. When Multnomah County vacated the road, all rights reverted to the underlying landowner (U.S. Forest Service). Pam Campbell was assigned to research the road and lands history in the Multnomah Basin. Part of the road and the tractor trail are located within an inventoried roadless area. Roadless area regulations restrict motorized use unless it is on a "legally established and constructed" road or on an officially designated motorized trail. In addition, the Scenic Area Management Plan designates all the lands surrounding the Trails Club property as Open Space, which has regulations regarding the use of both existing and new roads and trails. Virginia Kelly was assigned to research the roadless and open space issues.

Dan Harkenrider asked the Trails Club to provide documentation of its "long and continuous use" of the road and trail. This included documenting our history and use of the road, trying to determine when the trail was converted to motorized use, and a written statement that documents that the Trails Club does not have any alternative access.

The Forest Service will not stop our current use of the road and tractor trail while the investigations are undertaken. Dan Harkenrider stated that "The Forest Service is committed to finding a solution."

NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Merrill Hugo and Craig Sharpe accompanied Dan Harkenrider and several of his staff members during an on-site review of the road and trail and tour of Nesika.

JANUARY 16, 2007

Craig Sharpe, Susan Saul and Merrill Hugo met with Dan Harkenrider, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager, and his staff members Pam Campbell and Virginia Kelly.

Susan presented the documentation of the history of the Trails Club access to Nesika Lodge. (Merrill Hugo and Craig Sharpe have copies of the report.) The Trails Club has been driving on the Multnomah Basin Road since purchase of the property in 1922. The Trails Club has been consistently using a tractor and trailer on the tractor trail since 1956.

The conversion of a footpath to a motorized trail is the issue. Virginia Kelly was assigned to research what the existing rules were when motorized use began.

Current Scenic Area Management Plan regulations for Open Space designated lands state that any existing use or structure may continue as long as it is used in the same manner and for the same purpose. Existing use or structure is defined as “any use or structure that was legally established. “Legally established” means the landowner or developer obtained applicable land use and building permits and complied with land use regulations and other laws that were in effect at the time the use or structure was established. The question is whether the Trails Club’s conversion of a footpath to a motorized trail was “legally established.”

Meeting with the Friends of the Columbia Gorge

JANUARY 24, 2007

Craig Sharpe and Susan Saul met with Kevin Gorman, Executive Director, and Michael Lang, Conservation Director, Friends of the Columbia Gorge.

Susan and Craig reviewed the documentation of the history of access to Nesika Lodge, showed the location of the Trails Club land in relation to proposed wilderness boundaries and existing roads and trails, and emphasized that Trails Club buildings and activities are isolated and out of sight and sound for Gorge visitors, including hikers on the Larch Mountain Trail and the Franklin Ridge Trail.

Kevin stated that the Friends supports the Trails Club’s continued use of its historical access on the road and tractor trail. He further recommended that the Trails Club continue building a photographic record of tractor use on the trail to bolster our case. Kevin and Michael expressed interest in visiting Nesika and seeing our access on the ground. Susan and Craig agreed to arrange a trip in the spring.

Current Status

January 29, 2007, electronic mail message from Dan Harkenrider to Susan Saul: “Given the uncertainty surrounding our budget and our current workload, we prioritized the planning and permitting of the Oregon Trail Club (sic) request for FY 08. The OTC may continue to use motorized vehicles (tractor) on the trail. Motorized use will be limited to historical use by type and frequency.”

Historical Corner- June 15, 1931

June 28th -- Annual Steamboat Trip -- Time for another Steamboat Trip

This year the trip will be down the Columbia River to a point near Woodland. A fine picnic ground has been selected. The Entertainment Committee has arranged a fine program of races and other sports and has some fine prizes for the winners. A baseball game will be played, also a water polo game. Bring basket lunch, coffee; cream and sugar will be furnished free. Ice cream and cold drinks will be sold on board the boat. The Steamboat Company has promised us the use of the new steel steamer “L. P. Hansford,” provided she is completed and ready for service on that date. The steamer has a large room for dancing and everything will be clean and new throughout. Vessel leaves from foot of East Washington Street at 8:30 A. M. Tickets may be secured from any member of the Board of Directors or the Entertainment Committee. Adults 1.00, Children from 8 to 14 years 50¢, under 8 years free.

Board of Trustees Meeting – January 31, 2007

Board of Trustees meeting called to order 7:40 pm Absent: Merrill Hugo, Diana Forester, Joyce Rasmussen.

Minutes of January 3, meeting approved.

Communications: Ranger for Multnomah Falls station reported to our President that TCO members were preceding around the closed gate at the falls. The closing of the gate means NO Entry when there is ice on the path. There could be a \$300 fine for entering when gate is closed.

Members can use alternate trails to proceed to Nesika. under winter Conditions.

Treasurers' report passed out and approved. Beginning balance 12/31/06 \$3950.75

Deposits	\$8029.58
Checks	- 2020.95
Ending balance 1/31/07	\$9959.38

Board appointed Audrey Perino the new treasurer. Many kudos to Bonnie Berneck for all her work as treasurer.

Committee Reports:

Membership: see membership page

Publications: Fendall stated the need for a local vender with a more complete publishing facility.

Social: Nancy reported final plans for annual banquet April 1st at the Monarch Hotel. \$21.00 Served banquet, with choice of Almond Encrusted Salmon or 8 oz. Prime Rib. 6 pm. Make reservations by March 25, 2007.

Lodges: Charlie reported that Tyee had 120 visits in December and counts sent in so far for January-- 66.

Approved by Board:

Newman Family's use of Tyee the first week-end in August. Boy Scout use of Nesika for training with Randy, March 3 & 4.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

>Change of the day of week we meet to accommodate our new treasurer. Next Board of Trustee's meeting Thurs February 22, 2007.

>Budget for 2007 TCO approved by Board.

>.Applications for Administrative Assistant for TCO received.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Saul sent in completed report of the Access Committed regarding our Access to Nesika when or if that area becomes part of the wilderness plan.

Also Friends of Gorge has no exception to our road because of the historical use of our access road..

Meeting adjourned. 9: 20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Overpeck, Acting Secretary

Membership Notes (March '07 Trail Blazer)

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

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Lodge Scheduling Guidelines and Procedures:

The following guidelines are used for scheduling and reserving our beautiful lodges for club sponsored and general membership usage. These guidelines help assure that training has been provided for all members wishing to host an event at a lodge and that lodge availability is fair to club members.

1. Only Members in good standing can schedule and open our lodges.
2. To host a lodge event you need to have been checked out for opening and closing the lodge, request a lodge key and request current instructions from the Lodge and Properties chairperson.
3. If more than five **non-members per member** will be at a lodge, board approval is required to use a lodge.
4. Private groups using the lodge will allow other Trails Club members to also use the lodge when space is available.

The following procedure is used to schedule a lodge event. This procedure avoids conflicting schedules.

1. Check for available date(s) by contacting the Vice President or the website at <http://www.trailsclub.org/events/lodge-open.htm>.
2. Events chairpersons (Winter Sports, Social, etc.) also need to clear the dates with the Vice President.
3. Contact the Vice President to schedule the lodge date. If board approval is required, the VP will make the request at the next board meeting and notify you when you are approved. The VP will notify the webmaster to put your event on the Lodges calendar.
4. Once the lodge event date has been approved, it is your responsibility to submit a Blazer article to get your event on the monthly calendar.
5. A Lodge Host packet will be sent to you with all necessary forms.
After hosting at a lodge the hosting forms must be com-

pleted returned, with the lodge fees, to the Lodge & Properties chair.

6. When one or more persons uses one of the lodges without a host, then one person must collect the fees, fill out the forms and send both to the Lodge & Properties chair.

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