



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
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2	Wed	Portland Evening Hike - Class B
3	Thu	Multnomah Falls Bike Ride - Class C
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5-7	Sat-Mon	Labor Day Celebration at Nesika
6	Sun	Frog Lake Butte Loop Hike- Class A/B
8	Tue	Board Meeting-7:00 PM, Mazama MC
9	Wed	Portland Morning Hike - Class A to A+
9	Wed	Portland Evening Hike - Class B
9	Wed	Salmon Butte Hike - Class B
12	Sat	Nesika Lodge Membership Qualifying Hike - Class B
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23	Wed	Portland Morning Hike - Class A to A+
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25-27	Fri-Sun	Bike Trip at the Coast - Class B
26-27	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Weekend
26-27	Sat-Sun	Lake Billy Chinook Kayak—Level 2
30	Wed	Portland Morning Hike - Class A to A+
30	Wed	Portland Evening Hike - Class B Next Wed Evening Hike—April 2010
Oct 3	Sat	Kayak Leaders' Training/Meeting
3	Sat	Hosts/Cooks Appreciation & Training

Date	Day	Event Description
3-4	Sat-Sun	Fall Festival at Nesika
3-4	Sat-Sun	Skamokawa and Youngs Bay Bike Ride Class B
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section. TRIP FEES: Members,\$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 10 cents/mile		

Announcements

ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!

Tyee Lodge will be closed for roof repairs Monday mornings through late Friday afternoons during September and October. Any questions should be addressed to Stephen Brown, Tyee Lodge Chair..

REMINDER

Trails Club of Oregon - Annual Meeting
November 9, 2009 at 7:30
Rose Villa

NEED OLD ROPE FOR TYEE WINTER TRAIL!!!

We need rope to line the trail up to Tyee from the Timberline Rd. Old climbing rope (Goldline) or equivalent outdoor rope in lengths greater than 50 ft. Contact: Stephen 360-687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

NEED COOKS/HOSTS FOR ROOFING CREWS

To reduce cost for the new Tyee Roof, we're offering lodging and meals to the contractor and their crews during the week. The number of workers will be less than five. We need Cooks and Assistants to Host, serve hearty meals during the weekday work (Mon-Fri.). A one night minimum commitment of lunch, dinner, breakfast. If interested, contact Stephen Brown 360-687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

NEW DOGGY CAMP AT NESIKA LODGE

Thanks to volunteer efforts and the leadership of Linda & Lisa Conrad, a new doggy camp has been erected at

VIEW FROM NESIKA

100 degree days in Portland mean 80's at Nesika. Truly ideal weather. In August, we had some unexpected bridge and spring maintenance that took up most of the week-end. Concrete block was laid for the propane shelter (thanks Randy and Mel) We were successful and all is well. September will bring nice weather and a resumption of work on the women's dorm. Merrill Hugo will be leading the work, as I will be out of town, so contact him for details on what is needed. Merrill 503-293-5102 or mhugo@earthlink.net Richard Gaunt

FWOC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's annual Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs conference was to be held August 28-30 at the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute in Spokane and hosted by member club, The Hobnailers. Please see the web site for more details. I will report on the conference when I return.

On another note: In the In My Opinion section of the August 10th issue of The Oregonian was an article written by Cecil D. Andrus, former Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Andrus emphasized the need for more people to speak out against the proposed 600,000 square foot casino in Cascade Locks. Several recreation organizations including our Trails club of Oregon were listed as supporters of The Friends of Columbia Gorge efforts to reject this casino proposal.

Here are two significant and appropriate leaders you may want to contact to share any concerns you have about protecting the Columbia Gorge:

Senator Jeff Merkley (who serves on the environment and public works committee in Washington DC)

121 SW Salmon Street
Portland, OR 97204

Ken Salazar (Secretary of the Interior)

Dept. of the Interior
1849 C. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240
www.doi.gov

The Conservation Committee meets at the home of Jane Olson at 2:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to attend!

Leonard Murphy

MASTER CALENDAR ON THE WEB

Recently, it has come to my attention that some club members and leaders were wondering about having a Master Calendar on the web where leaders and members can access calendar information directly. It was brought up on the most recent Board Meeting and people were wondering why it wasn't implemented.

Since this question has been posted in the past, and seems to crop up every year, as your webmaster, I would like to address these questions and solicit inputs and also suggestions.

First of all, we have been trying to keep web information as current as we can and presenting it in both monthly and activity oriented form. This apparently does not meet everyone's needs so we would like to know how our current web pages are not meeting your needs.

Before we do something new, we need to understand what you need and expect from a web Master Calendar.

What would it look like?

What is the time frame for the calendar to cover?

Who could update it and add things? How would they add them (e-mail, web input, phone call)?

How current does it need to be (posting lag time)?

Once we know what you need we can figure out how to build it. We will definitely need some help. Are there any programmers in TCO who would be willing to volunteer?

If you have other suggestions or recommendations, Please email webmaster@trailsclub.org.--

Karen Yanhs Anderson, Trails Club Webmaster

BACKPACK SEMINAR

DATES: SAT & SUN, NOVEMBER 7 & 8

LOCATION: NESIKA LODGE

This seminar is open to anyone interested in backpacking, and is **required training for those who would like to become backpack leaders**. Presentations & discussions will include: trip planning, leadership, lightweight meals, gear discussions, and tips from experienced backpackers. We have invited a couple of guest speakers. The session will include lunch, dinner, and lodging on Saturday, Nov 7, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday, Nov. 8. Normal fees for meals and lodging apply. Save these dates and watch for more details in the Blazer and on the web backpack page. Register with Linda Conrad (360) 837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com. Contact Rich Fuhs (503) 690-5077 or Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net if you have questions.

Events

Sep 2 (Wed) Portland Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Phillip Jackson 971-404-713

Sep 2 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike about 2 hours and approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills of Portland with 500 feet elevation gain (not cumulative).
Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.
Leader: Donna Covi 503-286-7243 or dcibike2@aol.com

Sep 3 (Thu) Multnomah Falls Bike Ride - Class C - 32

miles Or Latourelle Falls - Class A - 12 miles

A great late summer ride. The Multnomah Falls Ride starts at 10 am at the Lewis and Clark State Park. We ride slowly up through Corbett with a stop at the Vista House. The rest of the way is down hill. A stop at Latourelle Falls to meet those on the short ride. Then on to Multnomah Falls for lunch and the return trip. Those meeting at Latourelle Falls should be at Guy Talbot State Park (Latourelle Falls) at 11:15am. Meeting place for the Multnomah Falls ride - I-84 East, exit 18, follow signs to Lewis and Clark State Park. Meet in the Parking lot. Those on the SHORT ride meet at Latourelle Falls at 11:15am. I-84 East, exit 28, west on old Scenic Hwy to parking area at Guy Talbot State Park (Latourelle Falls). Bring lunch and lots of water. IF you are going to do the short ride CALL or Email the leader.

Questions, information contact:

LEADER; Ralph Rogers Phone: 503-434-6283, email: rrogers8@verizon.net

Sep 5 (Sat) Ape Cave Hike - Class B

Ape Cave is the longest lava cave in the western hemisphere, according to William Sullivan. Explore both the shorter lower section and the longer upper section for 5 miles total with 600 feet elevation gain. Prepare to scramble up some lava falls, dress warmly (cave temperature is steady at 42 degrees) and bring flashlights and headlamps (lanterns may be available for rental). Drivers need a trailhead parking permit. Drive about 100 miles RT. Depart: 8:00 a.m. Salmon Creek Park & Ride (I-5 Exit 7; I-205 Exit 36) Vancouver, WA. Meet at 7:45.

Leader: Donna Aase 360-253-8420 or dmaase@hotmail.com

Sep 5-7 (Sat-Mon) Labor Day Celebration @ Nesika

Mark your calendar! Save Labor Day weekend for a relaxing stay at Nesika Lodge in the scenic Columbia Gorge. Relax, hike, and enjoy hosted meals. Stay one or two nights. Bring musical instruments!

Meet at gate Sat. by 9 a.m.

Host: Merrill Hugo

Cooks: Paul and Callista Snively

For reservations please email or call Callista by Wed.

Sep. 2. ,Kissta9@gmail.com or phone cell 503-330-7344

Sep 6 (Sun) Frog Lake Butte Loop Hike—Class A/B

This Mt. Hood area hike begins at Frog Lake SnoPark. Follow the Pacific Crest Trail to Lower Twin Lake then up, up, up to Frog Lake Butte summit also known as Panorama Crest. Return to cars by a different trail. Drivers need a trailhead parking permit. Hike 6.8 miles with 1700 feet elevation gain. Drive 94 miles round trip.

Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Gresham Village Shopping Center on Burnside. Call leader if more complete meeting directions are needed.

Leader: Kelly Marlin 503-665-6778

Sep 9 (Wed) Portland Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Alan Kotz 971-645-1128

Sep 9 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative). Return about 8:00 p.m.

Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.
Leader: Rich Fuhs 503-690-5077 or rich.fuhs@verizon.net

Sep 9 (Wed) Salmon Butte Hike - Class B

This is a relatively gentle but steady climb in the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness to the site of a former lookout tower with views perhaps as far north as Mt. Rainier and south to Mt. Jefferson and the Three Sisters. Hike 8.8 miles with 2800 feet elevation gain. Drive 90 miles round trip. Drivers need a trail head parking permit.

Pre-registration with leader (preferably by email) required in advance due to wilderness restriction. This is a view hike; it possibly will be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

Depart: 8:00 a.m. Gateway Park & Ride

Leader: Bill Kingsbury, (preferred)

wfcrowntown@gmail.com or 503-281-4528

Sep 12 (Sat) Nesika Lodge Membership Qualifying Hike - Class B

Join a beautiful trek up from Multnomah Lodge to the historic and tranquil grounds of Nesika Lodge offering a babbling creek and lush woods along the way. Nesika will be open for your visit. Bring water and lunch. Hike 8 miles with 1800 feet elevation gain at a moderate-plus pace.

Depart: 8:30 a.m. Gateway Park & Ride or from

Multnomah Lodge gift shop by 9:15 a.m.

Leader: Jane Garbisch 503-314-2233

Sep 12-13 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

Merrill Hugo will be leading the work party this weekend. Gate opens at 9:00 AM. Please let our cook Nina Rohrs know if you are coming and what meals you will need by 9 PM Wed.

Register with Nini Rohrs: nrohrrs2000@aol.com or 541-531-8280

Sep 13 (Sun) Kelly Point Park Bike Ride - Class A

Meet at the Home Depot, 11633 NE Glen Widing Drive, Portland (North from Airport Way just East of I-205), 27 miles round trip, Class A ride. Please register with leader for time of departure, by 9PM Saturday, Sep 12.

Leader: Randy Dickinson, 503-788-0073, or dickinson.randy@gmail.com

Sep 14-17 (Mon-Thu) San Juan Islands Kayak

Paddle through the beautiful San Juan Islands for four days, camping on a different island each night. We will be using the guide services and local knowledge of tides, currents and campsites offered by Ken Campbell of Azimuth Expeditions, who has written 3 guide books on kayaking in the San Juans. Cost: \$107.50. Group size: 8. Full - wait list only. Contact: Susan Saul, 360-892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Sep 16 (Wed) Portland Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

Sep 16 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative). Return about 8:00 p.m.
Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.
Leader: Andy Tipton or Tipton6126@hotmail.com

Sep 17 (Thu) Grant Park Picnic

Last picnic of the summer. Bring dish to share and tableware. Beverage will be provided. Meet: 6:30 p.m. at Grant Park NE 33rd behind Grant High School. For more information, please call Callista Snively cell # 503 330-7344.

Sep 19 (Sat) Umbrella Falls Loop Hike - Class A, Dine at Tyee Lodge

Beginning near Mt. Hood Meadows nordic ski parking lot we will hike through forest and meadow to Umbrella Falls for lunch. Hike 4.6 miles with 800 feet of elevation gain. Drive 125 miles round trip. Drivers need a trailhead parking pass. Those who wish can have dinner at Tyee Lodge afterward and possibly spend the night too! The hike and lodge visit meet club membership requirements. Pre-registration with the lodge host is required and is each hiker's responsibility.

See the Hike 'n Dine article below for information.

Depart: 9:00 a.m. Gateway Park & Ride

Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Sep 19-20 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike & Dine

Join for a sumptuous dinner created from the veggie garden. Dinner: Vegetarian Garden Favorites
Cook--Gary Holman--503-261-3571

There will be Sunday breakfast.

Register by 9/16/09 (Limit 20 people)

Sep 23 (Wed) Portland Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Barbara Warren-Sams 503-281-6094

Sep 23 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative). Return about 8:00 p.m.

Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353 or

gerdaeck@comcast.net

Sep 25-27 (Fri-Sun) Bicycle Trip at the Coast-Class B

We will stay at a campground in the Tillamook area and ride backroads, exact routes to be determined. Please register with leader by Sep. 20th if interested and receive more information.

Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or

giselapiercy@gmail.com

Sep 26-27 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

Fall is in the air! Only two work weekends remaining! Clean-up work from roofing project and siding repair. We will continue bringing in our winter firewood, repairing kitchen porch stair supports and rails, repairing the winter trail guide ropes, clearing out dead and dry material around lodge. Bring work clothes, gloves, paint clothes. There will be time for a hike after dinner. Lodging and meals free to volunteers who pre-register! Lodge will close Sun. at 3PM. Need a cook and assistant.
Contact: Stephen Brown, 360-687-6169, ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

Sep 26-27 (Sat-Sun)Lake Billy Chinook Kayak-Level 2

Lake Billy Chinook is located 130 miles south east of Portland and 20 miles north of Bend. In September the weather tends to be dry with warmer days and cool evenings. The lake forms the confluence for the Metolius, Deschutes, and Crooked Rivers. The scenery is spectacular and the fall colors will be starting to appear. There will be a longer kayak trip on Saturday and a shorter trip on Sunday. There are several possible trips that we will choose from. There is an opportunity for a potluck Saturday evening if people would like to bring a dish to share. Those details will be determined after the group is formed. Make your own camping reservation with Oregon State Parks. We will try to set aside a general area for OTC. For information about the trip and to hold a spot on the trip contact the organizer by September 22.
Organizer: Rex Silvernail humshwha@pacifier.com or 360-263-7225

Sep 30 (Wed) Portland Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878

Sep 30 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Return about 8:00 p.m.
 Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park NW Raleigh St.
 Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712 or
 ginibateman@comcast.net

END OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT HIKES. SEE YOU IN APRIL 2010.

Oct 3 (Sat) Kayak Leaders' Training/Meeting

Location: TBD.
 This will be a combination of review /re-learn / hands-on training, and a potluck. Save this date and watch for more details in the Blazer and the web kayak page.
 Location: TBD. Contact Rich Fuhs (503) 690-5077 or Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net if you have questions.

Oct 3 (Sat) Hosts/Cooks Appreciation & Training

This event, which is being held in conjunction with the Fall Festival, is for our members who have hosted and/or cooked at one of our lodges in the past twelve months (10/01/08-09/30/09). It is also for our members who would like to lean how to host or cook! Those attending can sign up for their favorite spot on the Lodge's hosting and cooking calendar. Our program will begin at 2:00 and end around 7:00. An afternoon snack and dinner will be provided for those that attend. *See Fall Festival Nesika Lodge below for reservation information.*

Oct 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Fall Festival at Nesika

Come celebrate fall at Nesika. Enjoy the beauty of the Gorge, a wonderful dinner prepared by Nancy Overpeck, partying with friends, the warmth of the fire on a cool evening and a great breakfast the next morning by Virginia Larson.

Reservations: Virginia Larson 360-263-3541, 503-750-9316 or admin@trailsclub.org before 9pm, Wed. Sept. 30.

Note: Car-pooling and gate opening times will be arranged to insure everyone's safety.

Oct 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Skamokawa and Youngs Bay Bike Ride—Class B

Ride for 2 days and enjoy the fall colors. Call for meeting places and also have room for 3 more people to stay in Astoria. Must register for the rides.

Leader: Ann Marie Dudley 360-944-6573 or annmdudley@juno.com.

Meeting Places:

Gateway Park & Ride From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of blocks and park in the park and ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining).

From I-84, take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St

between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

Target is a common west side 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 in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. Tri Met buses 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

Trails Ahead

Hike-N-Dine Schedule

Dig out those hiking boots and enjoy the mountain trails with our Hike-N-Dine events from May to October. Hike locations and gourmet dinner will be listed in the blazer.
 Oct 17 Tyee Gerda Eck and Cathy Schiedler

TCO Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

<u>Nesika</u>	<u>Tyee</u>
October 10-11	October 24-25

Oct 10 (Sat) Nisqually Delta Paddle Kayak - Class 2B

Nisqually, a National Wildlife Refuge, is the delta of the Nisqually River. The launch is near Olympia 120 miles from Portland. It is open water in the Sound but shallow, sheltered by distant Islands and nearby land. Cold water immersion protection and self-rescue skills are required. The paddling distance would be 5 - 10 miles. When I paddled there in November there were harbor seals, eagles and sea birds visible and Mt. Rainier was up close from the water, a spectacular environment. WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Parking permit required. Car pooling recommended. Trip limited to eight. In case of unfavorable paddling weather in the Puget Sound an alternate trip to Scappoose Bay will be substituted. Telephone or email registration required.

Leader: Bill Savery - saveryw@comcast.net or 503-295-5868

Let's Talk About

Observations by the Becker clan...

- New trail maintenance on the Larch Mountain Trail from Wahkeenah Trail to Multnomah Basin Road.
- Mileage posts and switchback numbers on trail to the top of Multnomah Falls.
- Restoring the "portal", again, at our property line on the Maramac Trail into Nesika.

Tidbits from the Past

From the June 1938 Trail Blazer

July Mountain Climbs
 July 2, 3, and 4 -- SOUTH SISTER AND BROKEN TOP FROM GREEN LAKES: South Sister is one of the easier of the major climbs, but is one of the most interesting.

From the top a commanding view is obtainable of Oregon's most scenic country. Opportunity to explore the lake in the crater at the summit will be afforded.

Broken Top is a comparatively easy rock climb. The view from the top gives one a splendid opportunity to see the effect of nature in forming the ruggedness of our country.

Leave Portland Saturday (morning if possible), drive to Sparks Lake, 30 miles out from Bend; pack in to Green Lakes where we will camp. Climbing fee 1.00 for one mountain, \$1.50 for both. Transportation \$4.50. Register by Thursday, June 30, with Ding Cannon, EA9369.

Trails Traveled

Lassen Outing July 11 - 18, 2009

Thirteen members explored this beautiful national park while camping at a group site. Nine hiked to the top of Lassen peak. Other memorable hikes included the Cluster Lakes, Bumpus Hell, and Kings Creek Falls. The trails are well maintained and not crowded. We feasted on fresh salmon and a pork tenderloin with a peanut sauce, and other wonderful dishes. Several of the lakes provided pleasant swimming as well as thoughts about a racy TCO calendar. Diana Forester

Snowgrass Flats, July 2009

Seven members and one guest set out for three days of backpacking to the Goat Rock Wilderness. A favorite destination for many hikers, it proved to be a magnificent choice of dates for us. The weather in the valley was in the upper 90's, Snowgrass Flats still had patches of snow, therefore the mountain air was very comfortable; it was a new moon, which provided a star-studded sky. An additional benefit was the bright light of the space station zooming through the atmosphere. With daypacks we explored the PCT on our bonus day, highway 2000 as some Trails Clubbers affectionately call this trail. As we rested on a ridge, we spotted a herd of Elk through binoculars in the valley below us and a herd of mountain goats sunning on the snowfield covering Goat Peak. We traversed cross-country to Goat Lake, giggling as we glissaded down snowfields, excited when we spotted hoary marmots. We tried to get a glimpse of the pikas we heard as we climbed down a gigantic rockfall. Humming birds followed our hikers who sported a red cap or a red shirt. Clicking the shutters of our cameras every few steps for the great variety of wildflowers in bloom. Mt Adams, Mt St. Helens and Mt. Rainier surround this spectacular mountain range; they were all visible and provided the backdrop to many of our photographs. As we were eating lunch at the solidly frozen Goat Lake, numerous mountain goats appeared on the horizon. Watching them glissade and gallop down the snowfields to the meadow above the lake was a very special treat, actually – it was the highlight of this backpack trip.

submitted by Gerda Eck

Mel Becker Anniversary Hike August 13, 2009

Gerda Eck knew Mel Becker; Mel spoke German with her parents. Rebecca Knudson knew Mel Becker from Kid-die Kampers years ago. In total, 12 relatives and others hiked to Nesika on the 100th anniversary of Mel's birth Aug 13 and met about a dozen others who came in the back way. Many stories were shared. Weather was cool but not raining until the hike was over. New trail repairs were appreciated. Let's do it again in another 100 years. Submitted by Ken Becker



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you have read elsewhere in this *Blazer*, we will have contractors working at Tyee this fall to replace the roof. Please do not try to use Tyee during the week because your presence could cause safety problems and interfere with the contractor's ability to get the job done.

Tyee Lodge has had the current roofing since 2004, but it failed under the snowload this past winter. Sliding snow and ice in the valleys sheared off the connections of the roofing to the roof structure and shifted the roof laterally as much as 12 inches. Many of the roofing seams were folded over from the lateral force of snow and ice.

The Board approved hiring Miller Consulting Engineers to perform a structural review of the damage and to make recommendations regarding next steps. They concluded that the roof installed in 2004 was inadequate for heavy snow areas.

Based on the report, the Board approved hiring Miller Consulting Engineers to prepare specifications for a new, adequately designed roof that the Lodge Trustee and Tyee Lodge Chair can take to potential contractors for bids.

The Lodge Trustee estimates that we will need \$30,000 from our investments to pay for all the costs to get a new roof on Tyee before the winter snow comes again.

Once we get Tyee repaired, we need to maximize our return on our investment by making frequent use of the lodge. Deb Ralls has volunteered to serve as the Tyee Lodge Coordinator for the upcoming winter season. Please look at your calendar and pick the dates when you can host and/or cook at Tyee and sign up with Deb at 503-515-7944 or debbie_ralls@yahoo.com.

Also, start thinking about the 2010 summer season. Tyee offers a wonderful base for hiking, fishing, boating, biking and other recreational activities in the Mount Hood area. Consider hosting a "no cook" lodge opening next year.

By Susan Saul

Summary of Board Minutes

**TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Summary August 2009**

Call to Order-Susan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
Approval of Minutes-July 2009 Minutes were approved with a grammatical correction (msc Jane/Audrey).

Administrative Assistant's Report – Virginia submitted her monthly report.

Treasurer's Report – Audrey Perino reported that July ending cash balance is again slightly inflated due to the federal tax return.

Beginning Balance	06-30-09	\$12,561.65
July Deposits		2,186.58
July Checks		<u>-3,371.07</u>
Ending Balance	07-31-09	\$11,377.16

Committees

Membership – Vicki Wood reported that there are 16 new membership applications for 1st Reading, and 9 memberships confirmed for 2nd Reading.

Vicki also reported that TCO will have two representatives, Matt Newman and Susan Keller, at the Beaverton NW Fitness and Adventure Fair on Aug 19 at Beaverton City Hall.

Trips – Jane Storey reported that a First Aid training course will be held on Nov 14. She also stated that a snow shoe coordinator is needed.

Publications – Phillip Jackson - no report

Social – Callista Snively reported that there will be a picnic August 20, Hike n Dine August 22, Labor Day Weekend at Nesika September 5-7, and Fall Festival and Cooks Appreciation at Nesika October 3-4.

Lodges and Properties – George Milne provided an update regarding the Tyee roof project. Miller Consulting Engineers were retained to evaluate roof conditions and recommend a solution. Kenneth Safe, S.E., submitted a report dated August 4, 2009 recommending replacement of the roof with

control measures. George is creating a subcommittee for review of bids from roofing contractor and coordination of the project. He also recommended getting design specs from Miller Consulting to ensure that the new roof would be installed properly.

George estimates that \$30,000 will be needed from the Investment Committee to pay for the new roof.

Richard Gaunt reported regarding the need for maintenance to the spring box at Nesika. The box has been clogged reducing the availability of water. Repairs will be made prior to Labor Day weekend. Richard agreed to write a procedure for annual maintenance of the system.

Key request: Mary Ellen Andre requests use Tyee August 5-6, 2009 (msc: Barbara/Vicki) Deb Ralls will serve as the Tyee Winter Coordinator.

History – No Report

Investment – No Report. The Investment Committee will meet on August 20.

Conservation – Susan presented a FWOC Resolution regarding wind power regulation forwarded from the Conservation Committee. The TCO forwarded the resolution for consideration by the FWOC (msc: George/Audrey).

Unfinished Business - Nominating Committee appointment -Donna Aase (msc: Jane/Barbara) Investment Committee appointment-Chris Monti (msc: Audrey/Jane)

New Business-Susan presented an amendment to the By-Laws to be considered at the Annual meeting. The amendment would require only one past president on the Nominating Committee. (msc:Gorge/Jane).

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM
Respectfully Submitted, Matthew Newman.

Membership Notes

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.

1st Readings

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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.

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.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate Activity Chair.

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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 200 words.

Depart: Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

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