



# Trail Blazer

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
3	Sat	Kayak Leaders' Training/Meeting
3	Sat	Hosts/Cooks Appreciation & Training
3-4	Sat-Sun	Fall Festival at Nesika
3-4	Sat-Sun	Skamokawa and Youngs Bay Bike - Ride Class B
4	Sun	Wahkeena Falls to Angels Rest Hike Class B
5	Mon	X-Country Ski Leaders Meeting
7	Wed	Morning Hike - Class A to A +
10	Sat	Nesika Lodge Membership Qualifying Hike - Class B
10	Sat	Nisqually Delta Paddle - Class 2B
10-11	Sat-Sun	Nesika Work Weekend
11	Sun	Devils Rest via Angels Rest to Wahkeena Hike - Class B
11	Sun	Cape Horn Loop Hike - Class B
13	Tue	Board Meeting - 7PM, Mazama MC
14	Wed	Morning hike - Class A to A +
15	Thu	Adventures & Travel - Thailand
15	Thu	<b>Blazer Deadline</b>
17	Sat	Hike for the Hike & Dine - Class B
17-18	Sat-Sun	Tyee Hike & Dine
21	Wed	Morning Hike - Class A to A +
24-25	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Weekend (LAST)
25	Sun	Tyee Lodge Memb. Qual.Hike - Class A
28	Wed	Morning Hike - Class A to A +
31	Sat	All Souls Day Stroll - Class A
31	Sat	Alpine Outing Get Together
Nov 3	Tue	Board Meeting - 7PM, Mazama MC
7-8	Sat-Sun	Backpack Seminar at Nesika
9	Mon	TCO Annual Meeting - Rose Villa
14	Sat	First Aid/CPR Class

Scheduling is updated on web site [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)

Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section.

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

## Announcements

### NEW GUIDELINE FOR DAY-TRIP WRITE-UPS

The TCO Board agreed at its September meeting to revise the length of day-trip descriptions. Beginning in October, the maximum word count will be **100** instead of 200 words. Please comply with this guideline. Submissions that exceed the limit will be edited as needed.

### NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Trails Club Board has changed the meeting date to Tuesday, November 3. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Mazama Mountaineering Center at 7 p.m.

### TCO BOARD NOMINEES FOR 2010

The Nominating Committee submitted its report, which has been accepted by the Trails Club Board. The candidates to be elected at the Annual Meeting on November 9 are:

#### Officers:

President - Randy Dietrich  
Treasurer - Audrey Perino

#### Trustees:

Lodges - George Milne  
Membership - Vicki Wood  
Social - Callista Snively

### FIRST AID/CPR CLASS REMINDER

If you want to be included in the class to be held at Rose Villa on Nov. 14, please register with Jane Storey at [andrewstorey@comcast.net](mailto:andrewstorey@comcast.net) or 503-724-5467. Trails Club pays for the class, but class size is limited.

### CROSS COUNTRY SKI LEADERS MEETING

If you are interested in leading a cross country ski trip this winter, or would like to help with planning for the coming winter cross country ski season, please plan on attending a planning meeting on October 5 at 7:00PM at Jane Storey's house. Her address is 11983 S.W. 128<sup>th</sup> in Tigard. Please contact Bill Yandon at 503-538-3643 or [wkyandon@earthlink.net](mailto:wkyandon@earthlink.net) if you plan to attend.

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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  
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include an approved outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit,  
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**Board Meetings** (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm)  
at Mazama Mountaineering Center 527 SE 43rd Ave. Portland, OR

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**TYEE UPDATE**

The Lodge Trustee and Tyee Lodge Chair are working  
diligently to secure a contractor and get a new roof  
installed on Tyee before the snow flies. They are seeking  
three bids from qualified contractors referred to us by  
either Miller Engineering or the roofing material manufac-  
turer. By the time you read this *Blazer*, a contractor should  
have been selected, materials ordered and work sched-  
uled. The Investment Committee has taken steps to  
ensure that funding for the roof project is available on a  
week’s notice.

Meanwhile, the Forest Service has issued a new 20-year  
Special Use Permit for our continued use of the Tyee  
Lodge site. In other news, Clackamas County has  
removed the hotel classification from Tyee so we no  
longer have to deal with the hotel-motel tax issue.

**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 back-  
packers. We have invited a couple of guest speakers.

The session will include lunch, dinner, and lodging on Sat-  
urday, 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](mailto:lcgrconrad@aol.com). Contact Rich Fuhs  
(503) 690-5077 or [Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net](mailto:Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net) if you have  
questions.

**Events**

**Oct 3 (Sat) Kayak Leaders Training/Meeting**

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](mailto: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 learn how to host or cook! Those attending can sign  
up for their favorite spot on the lodge’s hosting and cook-  
ing calendar. Our program will begin at 2:00 and end  
around 7:00. An afternoon snack and dinner will be pro-  
vided for those that attend. *See the following Fall Festival  
Nesika Lodge event 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 Sunday 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 ensure 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.

**Oct 4 (Sun) Wahkeena Falls to Angels Rest Hike - Class B**

Hike at a steady 2.5 miles per hour along the forested Wahkeena Falls trail passing the springs feeding the falls below and on to Angels Rest for a classic Columbia River Gorge view. Return by the same route to our cars at Wahkeena. Hike 8.4 miles with 1800 feet elevation gain. Drive 45 miles round trip.

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

Leader: Hank Itkin 360-696-5902 or hitkin@earthlink.net

**Oct 5 (Mon) X-Country Ski Leaders Meeting**

If you are interested in leading a cross country ski trip this winter, or would like to help with planning for the coming winter cross country ski season, please plan on attending a planning meeting on October 5 at 7:00 PM at Jane Storey's house. Her address is 11983 S.W. 128th Ave, Tigard. Please contact Bill Yandon at 503-538-3643 or wkyandon@earthlink.net if you plan to attend.

**Oct 7 (Wed) 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: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

**Oct 10 (Sat) Nesika Lodge Membership Qualifying Hike - Class B**

Enjoy the view from the top of Multnomah Falls, then continue to follow the canyon upward passing several other waterfalls as you climb along the fern and forest lined trail. Our ultimate goal is for you to eat your lunch beside the fireplace at Nesika Lodge or at the exceptional panoramic view from Waespe Point. This hike and lodge visit meet club membership requirements. Sturdy hiking boots and a walking stick are recommended. Bring water and lunch. Hike about 8 miles with about 1800 feet of elevation gain.

Depart: Gateway Park & Ride at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Jane Storey 503-724-5467 or andrewstorey@comcast.net

**Oct 10 (Sat) Nisqually Delta Paddle - 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

**Oct 10-11 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend**

The Palmer Mill gate will open from 9 to 9:15 AM Saturday. We will finish bringing in fire wood and complete as much of the women's dorm siding as we can to prepare for winter. Linda Conrad will be our cook so please consider joining us. Let Linda know by Wednesday, Oct 7th which meals you will be present for so she can get an accurate head count.

Host: Linda Conrad, lcgcrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875

**Oct 11 (Sun) Hike Devils Rest via Angels Rest to Wahkeena - Class B**

Hike up scenic trail through the woods to Devils Rest and descend to Wahkeena Falls. This will involve a car shuttle. Hopefully we can enjoy a view during lunch. Hike 8 miles with 2500 feet elevation gain. Drive about 45 miles round trip.

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

Leader: Barbara Marquam 503-228-3762

**Oct 11 (Sun) Cape Horn Loop Hike - Class B**

Hike along the bluffs overlooking the Columbia River in Washington. The trail is rocky and uneven with steep drop-offs in places, but the terrain and views are spectacular. We will take a moderate pace and stop at all the viewpoints. Hike 8 miles with 1500 feet elevation gain and loss. Drive 60 miles round trip.

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

Leader: Mel Taylor 503-639-9160 or cell phone 503-888-7203

**Oct 14 (Wed) 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: Callista Snively 503-330-7344

**Oct 15 (Thu) Adventures and Travel: Thailand**

Come for refreshment at 7 p.m. The slideshow presentation is "Exploring Thailand," the land of many smiles. Included is Loi Krathong (the festival of lights), a Thai Buddhist wedding of a TCO member, jungles, temples and tigers.

Meet: Rose Villa Fellowship Hall  
13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie  
Contact: Callista Snively 503 330-7344 or  
Kissta9@gmail.com

**Oct 17 (Sat) Hike for the Hike & Dine - Class B**

Two Hikes for One Day! Enjoy fall color and maybe Salmon spawning in river pools on upper Salmon River as we hike to a rocky outcropping with a view over the gorge. Distance 7.2 miles with 900 feet elevation gain. Back to the car and drive on to Tom, Dick and Harry.

This hike includes a spectacular view of Mt Hood. Total for both hikes will be 13.6 miles, 2400 ft. gain, approx. 6-7 hours hike time with lunch and break in between. Weather conditions, time and group opinion could limit second hike to Mirror Lake rather than ridge top.

Bring clothes for all weather conditions, lunch and water. Drivers need a trailhead parking permit. Driving distance not measured.

Three options after hikes: Hike and return to Portland; go to Tyee for dinner then return to Portland with leader after hikes, or stay for dinner and overnight at Tyee afterward. Those who wish to stay for dinner and/or overnight must sign up with lodge host.

Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Gateway Park & Ride. Anticipated return after dinner 8:30-9:00 p.m.

Leader: Joe Sanders 503-245-5640 (after Oct 12) or  
joe.surfsand@gmail.com

**Oct 17-18 (Sat/Sun) Tyee Hike and Dine**

The last scrumptious dinner in the hike-n-dine summer series is traditionally concocted by Cathy and Gerda. They enjoy preparing a heart healthy, all organic fare for your to tastebuds to savor after the hike offered by the Trails Club Trips Committee (see separate write-up). Be the first to sign-up, because 40 dinner settings go fast! Let us know if you'll stay for breakfast to join either a scheduled or impromptu hike on Sunday. And remember, dinner costs are shared by those who are registered; therefore, if you are signed up you are expected to pay for dinner whether you are able to come or not.

Register with Gerda no later than Wed Oct 14, 9pm:  
gerdaeck@comcast.net or 503-654-1353

**Oct 21 (Wed) 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: Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102

**October 24-25 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend (LAST)**

Snows will fall soon! We will be preparing Tyee for winter. Avalanche poles go up, window shutters installed, finish stacking firewood and kindling, burn slash pile. All lost and found items not claimed will be given away. Bring work clothes, gloves. Time allowed for a fall hike. 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

**Oct 25 (Sun) Tyee Lodge Membership Qualifying Hike - Class A**

Hike from Government Camp to Tyee Lodge via Cross-town and Alpine trails with a detour around tiny Enid Lake. Weather is unpredictable so dress for rain and possibly even some snow. The lodge will be open for a work weekend with roof construction or other maintenance projects still going on. Hike approximately 6 miles with elevation gain of about 900 feet. Bring lunch and water. Brownies and hot beverages will be served at the lodge. Depart: 10:00 a.m. from the public restrooms at Government Camp on Hwy 26. Call the leader by 9 p.m. on 10/23 to exchange cell phone numbers in case of any last-minute changes or emergencies. If you want to car-pool from Gateway Park & Ride at 8:30 a.m., also call the leader to see if others want to meet there (the leader will already be at the lodge for the weekend). Round trip drive from Gateway is about 100 miles.

Leader: Vicki Wood 503-659-1423, vw48@comcast.net, or (cell 503-515-7208 on Oct. 24 or day of hike) t

**Oct 28 (Wed) 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: Jane Storey 503-724-5467

**Oct 31 (Sat) All Soul's Day Stroll - Class A**

Happy Halloween! This morning walk will circle the upper west hills with far views to the south, west, and north from Catlin Crest and the heights of two expansive cemeteries. We'll cover 4 miles and 400 feet of altitude at a relaxed pace. As per cemetery rules, all souls are welcome except for dogs.

Directions: exit Sunset Hwy at Sylvan onto Skyline Blvd. going north (uphill); take the 1st left (after a Chevron and some shops) onto SW Montgomery St.; then the 1st (and only) left onto SW 58th St; then an immediate right into a school (East-West Sylvan Middle School) parking lot next to the highway.

Depart: 9:00 a.m. from the school.

Leader: John Benson (jtben@fastmail.us)

**Oct 31 (Sat) Alpine Outing Get-Together**

2010 ALPINE AND SUMMER OUTING PLANNING

Put Saturday Oct. 31 on your calendar for a fun and pro-

ductive meeting/social event at Tyee. All Outing participants are invited as well as those who want to help plan for next year. We meet at 10:00 at the lodge, will have a simple lunch (pudding anyone?) show slides and trade lies. We also want to discuss what we want for next summer's outings as well as what went right and what went wrong this summer. Who is willing to help plan for the next adventure. Several of these years' participants have cleaned up the gear as well as making a pile of stuff that needs to be retired. We will also need to get the gear stored away at the lodge. By 3:00 we plan to turn into pumpkins and depart. If you plan to attend and have not yet notified Diana Forester, please send her an email at diana\_forester@msn.com or call 503-288-7782.

**Nov 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Backpack Seminar at Nesika**

This seminar is open to anyone interested in backpacking, and is required training for those who would like to become backpack leaders. See web site for more details. 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.

**Nov 9 (Mon) TCO Annual Meeting , 7:30 PM Rose Villa**

**Nov 14 (Sat) First Aid Class**

A first aid/ CPR course will be offered on Nov. 14 at in the social room at Rosevilla. It will begin at 8:30 and last 6.5 to 7 hours. Participants must bring their own lunches. The class size is limited to 30. Trails Club will pay the cost of the class. To register please contact Jane Storey 503-724-5467 or andrewstorey@comcast.net.

**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 185<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Let's Talk About**

**FWOC ANNUAL CONFERENCE (August 2009)**

The host outdoor member club, The Hobnailers, provided a pleasant environment and a busy agenda for the 2009 conference attendees.

In reflection, this writer recalls three presentations as being particularly informative and interesting. They were the Columbia River Watershed History, The Conservation History of Mt. St. Helens by our club president Susan Saul, and the Power Point presentation by the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness.

Sunday morning was a busy time as the club representatives reviewed, discussed and finalized the thirty plus resolutions submitted by FWOC members. Our Trails Club Conservation Committee has since looked at the resolutions and has singled out the Molalla River Wild and Scenic Designation for our immediate support which will include an on-the-ground visit.

**CONSERVATION ALERT**

Developers have unsuccessfully tried to construct liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals on the California Coast for the importation of this highly flammable gas. Now Oregon is targeted for three LNG terminals for the off-loading from tankers. Two terminals would be located near Astoria and one near Coos Bay/North Bend.

Since the primary users reside in California and Nevada, pipelines need to be constructed to transport this gas to market. This would require a minimum 50-foot wide corridor for construction and maintenance and would cross rivers, go through national forests, go over the Pacific Crest Trail and over private property, with private property being claimed through the eminent domain process. Currently the proposals are in various stages of federal and state permitting processes for the terminals. Ultimately it will be up to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to accept or deny construction of the terminals and connector pipelines. It is estimated nearly one thousand miles of gas pipelines would criss-cross the state of Oregon.

**Trails Traveled**

**San Juan Islands Kayak Trip**

Paddling with porpoises and harbor seals, eight TCO members kayaked the eastern San Juan Islands from September 14-17. We navigated currents and tides under the expert leadership of our guide, Ken Campbell of Azimuth Expeditions. We traveled 26 nautical miles in an elliptical loop from Anacortes and camped on three different islands. For many in the group, this was their first experience with expedition kayaking. Weather ranged from hot and sunny to rain showers and fog over that time but it generally was good. We had views of Mount Baker and the southern Picket Range in the North Cascades from our camp on Doe Island (off the southeast coast of Orcas Island). We hiked to Eagle Cliff from our Pelican Beach camp on Cypress Island. Ken treated us to a dinner of chicken enchiladas and chocolate cake cooked in a Dutch oven on our final night on James Island, a real treat after several days of freeze-dried meals. Susan Saul, Leader

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Trails Club has been a member of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs since its founding. The FWO was established in 1932 to unite its member clubs, currently around 50 organizations located in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Utah, behind a shared conservation agenda.

The conservation aims of the FWO are:

- To secure additional protection for qualified areas of wilderness on public lands.
- To protect wildlife, native plants, waters and lands in wildlife refuges and through other means
- To preserve the natural integrity of areas valuable for recreation.
- To promote stewardship of forests on public and private lands, while preserving remaining old-growth forests.
- To protect and restore the quality of air, water, and soils and the integrity of rivers, lakes, wetlands, coasts, grasslands and deserts.

Each summer delegates from member clubs gather at a conference to decide the Federation's positions on issues of concern. Resolutions are submitted by member clubs and are discussed and adopted by the delegates. The

resolutions provide a springboard for action for member organizations.

This year, the 77<sup>th</sup> annual conference was hosted by the Hobnailers in Spokane, Washington. Around 30 resolutions were adopted, including one submitted by the TCO. The resolutions weld together a coalition of FWO member clubs, working in their own areas to realize the FWO conservation aims.

The FWO is represented in Washington, D.C., where it collaborates with other organizations and offers testimony on federal issues. Vice presidents in each state where it is organized may be authorized to speak officially for the FWO on state and local issues.

The FWO also was established for mutual service among its member clubs. This is expressed as a reciprocal agreement that current members of each FWO member club may use the lodges of other FWO member clubs and participate in other FWO member club activities at that club's member fee. For example, a Mazama member may participate in a TCO outing at the TCO member fee.

The list of FWO member organizations is available online at: [www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org)  
By Susan Saul

**Summary of Board Minutes**

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

**Call to Order** – Susan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. August 2009 Minutes were approved with the correction that “Kenneth Safe, S.E. refers to Structural Engineer” (msc Audrey/Barbara).

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Audrey Perino reported that the club will require additional cash for the remainder of the year operations. TCO requires at least \$15,000 from the investment account (excluding expenditures for Tyee roof repairs).

Beginning Balance	07-31-09	\$ 11,377.16
August Deposits		1,472.00
August Checks		<u>-5,756.82</u>
Ending Balance	08-31-09	\$ 7,092.34

**Committees**

**Membership** – Vicki Wood reported that there are 7 new membership applications for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Sixteen new members were elected and one member reinstated. Vicki also reported that there will be a Benefit to Forest Park on September 26 at the Forestry Center.

**Trips** – Jane Storey reported that a First Aid training course will be held on Nov 14 at Rose Villa.

**Publications** – There was a discussion regarding the length of Activity Descriptions in the Blazer. It was decided that all descriptions shall be limited to 100 words.

**Social** – Callista Snively reported that there was a great turnout at Nesika over Labor Day weekend. She also reminded the Board regarding the Fall Festival and Cooks Appreciation at Nesika Oct 3-4. There will be a picnic at Grant Park Sept 17.

**Lodges and Properties** – George Milne reported that the Nesika water problems have been repaired. Regarding the Tyee roof update, it appears that the cost may exceed \$60,000 based on the first construction bid. He reported that two more bids are requested with the contractor selection to be made before the end of September. The costs are higher than originally expected due the requirement for a stronger grade of steel roofing materials based on the Structural Engineer's recommendation. Mr. Safe authorized use of engineering documents “specs” prepared for another project in Government Camp with the requirement that materials be purchased from the same manufacturer in Salem. This requirement is due to detailed manufacturing and installation specifications necessary for the roof system. The major benefit of using this system is that the engineering specs are already prepared and the manufacturer can deliver materials within 2 weeks from the order date. George reported that TCO will prepare the construction contract documents for roof replacement. Deadline for roof replacement is Nov. 1.

George reported that TCO does not need an emergency permit from the Forest Service for an “in-kind” roof replacement; it only needs to be approved by the Forest Archeologist. Also, the Forest Service has issued a renewal of the Special Use Permit for occupancy of Forest Service property at Tyee for another 20 year period. George will deliver the documents to Art Stangell, TCO Legal Counsel, for review and signature.

**History** – No report

**Investment** – Susan reported that the Investment Committee met on September 3 and authorized withdrawal of \$68,000 for Tyee roof repairs. The money can be available on a week's notice.

**Conservation** – Leonard Murphy provided report on FWOC that he and Susan attended in Spokane. He reported that the FWOC approved the Wind Power policy statement.

**Unfinished Business** - Nominating Committee Report – Susan reported that the following people have been nominated: Randy Dietrich – President, Audrey Perino – Treasurer, Vicki Wood – Membership Trustee, and George Milne – Lodges Trustee. The committee is still considering candidates for Social Committee Trustee (msc Audrey/Callista). Audrey reported that the Audit Committee met Sept. 8. Future audits will occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of our fiscal year.

**New Business** - Annual Meeting November 9 – Susan reminded trustees and committee chairs to start working on their annual reports.

Budget Advisory Committee – nominations for members Budget Requests from trustees and committee chairs due at October 13 board meeting

**Adjourn 8:45**

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 100 words.

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

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