



Chinook Trek #13

November, 1994

Annual Meeting of the Chinook Trail Association



**Sunday, November 6, 1994
Skamania Lodge
Stevenson, Washington**

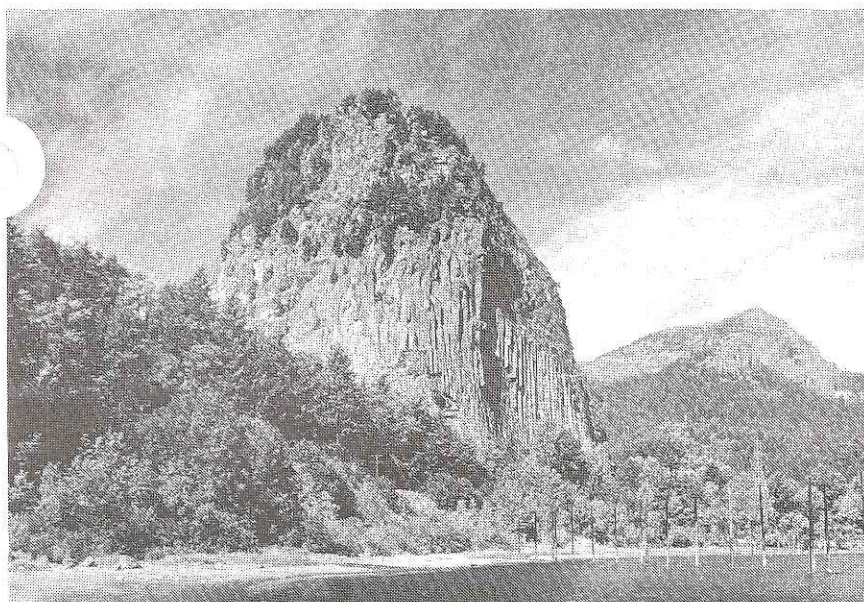


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Please return the reservation you received or phone reservations may be made by calling:

Dave Meyer, Hood River 1-503-352-6877
Larry Devroy, Portland 1-503-652-2241
Florence Wager, Vancouver 1-206-694-2364

Please reserve by November 2, 1994.

**Chinook Trail Association
PO Box 997
Vancouver, Washington 98666-0997**

11:30

View Art, Award, Slide and Video Displays

12:00

Brunch and Presentations

2:30

Hike Hamilton Mountain or
Beacon Rock Trails

*Comfortable Hiking Attire
is Appropriate Dress of the Day*

Speaker

John Lowe, Regional Forester Region VI
Mr. Lowe will address the topic
"The Forest Service and the Public: A
Partnership Approach to Managing the
Recreation Opportunities in Our National
Forests"

•Eleanor Van de Water: Renowned
National Fiber Artist will display some of
her works which depict and interpret the
Columbia River Gorge.

They will be available for purchase.

•Photo displays, slide exhibits and video productions of
National Trails Day, 1994, Summer Youth Employment
Program and TV interviews of Ed Robertson and Don
Cannard will be shown.

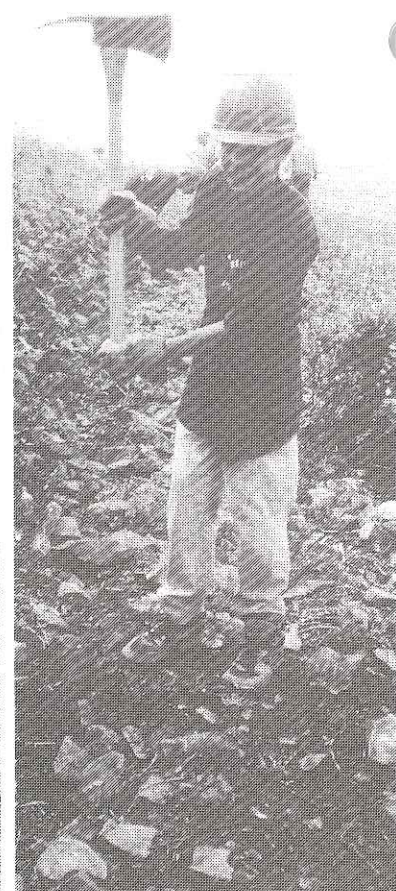
•Jim Nishitani: A water color painting of Beacon Rock by
this Northwest artist will be on display and offered. Paul
Cannard commissioned this painting. Proceeds of this sale
will benefit the Chinook Trail Association. Mr. Nishitani
has his work exhibited in a number of galleries in and around
the Northwest. This offering was confirmed after the print-
ing of the invitations.

Disadvantaged Youths Contribute

The Disadvantaged Youth Program continued to operate on Squaw Butte through September. Under the able leadership of Judy Fox, ESD112 on site representative the trail construction was pushed to the junction of Ed's Trail and beyond.

"A celebration of the summer youth employment program" was held at the Covington House in Vancouver. Scott Patterson, representing Senator Slade Gordon; Washington State House Representatives Val Ogden and Don Carlson; the Private Industry Council, represented by Walt Gordon; Public Information Specialist; Bob Sarvela, Program Planner; ESD 112 Superintendent Twyla Barnes; Susan Gilson and Connie Egeler SYEP officials; and Gina Mondragon, USFS trails crew representative were in attendance. Michael Carlson environmental specialist participated in the program. The SYEP students and their crew leaders Kris Frazier and Andrew Sutton presented a summary of the student projects which accompanied the summer work experience. Family members of the students were also in attendance.

Chinook Trail patches and pins were presented by CTA Board Members Florence Wager, Paul Clare and Ted Klump with Don Cannard acting in the role of Master of Ceremonies.



CTA Board Member, Florence Wager on Trail with youths.



Photos by Krista Frazier

Birding on the trail with caution

by Wilson Cody

Wilson Cody is a former Chair of the Vancouver Audubon Society and resident of the Mount Pleasant area. He has maintained a sighting list of birds viewed in the Columbia River Gorge for many years. He leads many field trips and coordinates the VAS Christmas Bird Count.

When you think about dressing for bird watching the obvious things such as clothing suited for the weather you might encounter, or footwear for the terrain you will be in comes to mind. Most people are much less inclined to give any thought to the coloration of their outdoor gear.

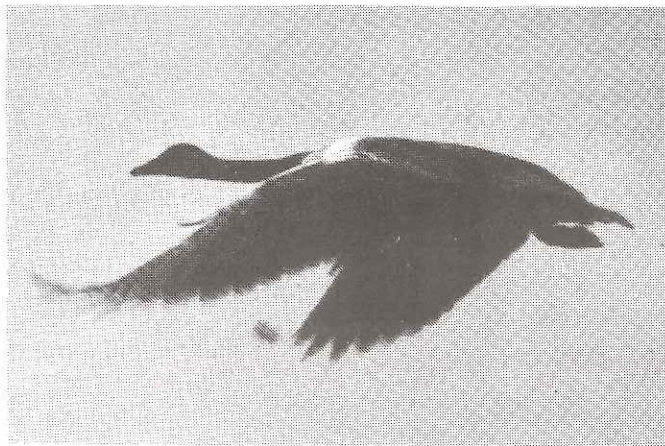
This summer one of the places I birded was at the Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon preserve in Southeast Arizona. Here in 1993, a pair of Eared Trogons nested for the first time in the United States, and returned to the nest site again this year. These rare and beautiful birds attracted thousands of birders from throughout the country. In order to minimize disturbance of these tropical birds, the Nature Conservancy had volunteers monitoring the nest site. It was noticed that the trogons reacted differently to people depending upon the color of their clothing. Bright colors and especially white clothing agitated the birds to such a degree that it was feared they would abandon the nest. To prevent that and still allow people a chance to see the birds, those birders whose clothing was not of a suitable color were given oversized camouflage shirts to don while in the vicinity of the nest.

We can easily relate this situation to our own area by thinking in terms of what waterfowl hunters wear in order to get within range of their quarry. When dressed in camouflage clothing while birding I have had Brown Creepers, Chickadees, Western Bluebirds, and even a Red-napped Sapsucker land on me. We owe it to the wildlife we are enjoying to limit the amount of stress we inflict upon it as much as possible.

In the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area restrictions have been placed on the amount of vegetation that can be removed from a homesite. The coloration of the paint on homes and roofing colors are strictly controlled, all to lessen the visual impact by man on this scenic treasure.

Yet a group of people enjoying the natural beauty of the Gorge can be easily

spotted from a distance while wearing colors popularized by the major manufacturers of outdoor clothing. A cluster of tents or a line of hikers in such colors as teal, burgundy, or the neon greens and pinks, so popular to some today, impacts wildlife and other peoples enjoyment of the scenery. Of course, it is only prudent to wear bright colors during hunting season.



You don't have to go as far as wearing camouflage to increase your wildlife viewing opportunities, dressing in natural tones of browns and greens will suffice. On your next outing remember to tread lightly but not brightly.

Chinook Trail Board Expands

Several individuals have consented to serve on the Chinook Trail Board of Directors. Newly elected Directors are Greg Everhardt, Ken Herman, Glenn Lamb, Fred Rogers and Vern Swaim. Incoming President Ted Klump will be addressing the issues of reorganizing which surface with the addition of new members. We will attempt to inform you about these and the ongoing needs of an expanded board as space permits in the newsletter.

Fred Rogers has enjoyed participating in the CTA trail parties working with others to see the Squaw Butte and Hamilton Mountain Trails either built or upgraded. Born in Baltimore, Maryland he is currently finishing his 37th year with the Federal Highway Administration in its Vancouver office. He and his wife Neve have four girls, three boys and five grandchildren and are enjoying their hikes in the Gorge and throughout the Northwest. He is a member of the Gifford Pinchot Committee.

Thank You Dick Rubicam

The year 1990 marked the beginning of our mailing the *Chinook Trek*. Our mailing has gone from a couple of hundred to nearly one thousand. Throughout this time Dick Rubicam has maintained our mailing lists. Ed Robertson and I met Dick at a trade show where we had a booth telling about the Chinook Trail. Dick offered to do our mailing lists and we eagerly accepted. Throughout those five years Ed and Dick kept up a steady correspondence. Dick has done this with no reimbursement and with less than the best of equipment. He has provided us with breakdowns of trail workers, agencies, members and other classifications. As you can well imagine to do this and update the lists at least five times a year is no small task. We thank you Dick for your devotion to this task and the Chinook Trail Association. Dick can sit back now and enjoy the newsletter without the frustration of crunching out labels hand fed into the printer. **THANKS DICK!**

Chinook Trail Association (CTA)

Membership Application

- ☐ Individual \$20 ☐ Family \$30 ☐ Student/Senior \$10 ☐ Institutional \$60
☐ Sustaining \$100 ☐ Life \$500 ☐ Corporate \$1,000 and above

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

- ☐ I wish to purchase a trail patch @ \$3.00 + .50 handling TOTAL: \$3.50
☐ I wish to purchase a tie tack or ☐ lapel pin @ \$5.00 + .50 handling TOTAL: \$5.50
☐ I wish to become a volunteer:

_____ Trail building _____ Assist with mailings _____ Membership
 _____ Promotions (Photography, writing, newsletters) _____ Other

Members will receive CTA newsletter, "The Chinook Trek," and other mailings as appropriate to keep you informed of Chinook Trail progress.

Send application and remittance to:

Chinook Trail Association

P.O. Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666-0997



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Fall Work Schedule...

Bring your lunch, water, gloves, sturdy boots, favorite trail building tool and dress appropriately for the weather.

We will plan to be back at the parking lot no later than 5 PM. If you have any questions, please call Ted Klump at (206)695-7149.

Hamilton Mountain:

Meet at Highway 14 Park N Ride (by Chkalov Monument) at 8 AM and we will car pool from there.

October 22
November 5
November 19

Buck Creek Trail:

This trail maintenance project under the leadership of Klickitat County residents Krista Thie and Joy Olson. Learn about trail construction and medicinal plants and discuss possibility of forming a local chapter of the Chinook Trail Association are on the docket for this day. Meet to leave Northwestern Lake picnic area at 9:30 on October 22. For additional information contact Krista at 509-493-2626 or Joy Olson 509-493-2750.

CTA Board Members

Don Cannard
Paul Clare, Secretary
Larry Devroy
Greg Everhardt
Ken Herman
Boyd Jacobsen
Ted Klump
Glenn Lamb
Anne Lee, Vice President
Dave Meyer
Karyl Ramsey, President
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Joanne Swanson
Larry Swatosh
Russ Jolley
Dave Cannard
Joe King

Newsletter Deadline Jan 10

Remembrance Fund

The Chinook Trail Association and the families of the deceased express appreciation for the contribution to this Perpetual Fund.

Remembrances

In remembrance of Edward Robertson.

Nancy Russell
Chuck Bender
Karyl Ramsey

In remembrance of Scott Saari

Jim and Priscilla Hughes
Don and Sue Cannard

The Polaski Award

This certifies _____
assisted in the construction or maintenance
of the

Chinook Trail

Trails Co-ordinator

President



An award certificate has been developed by Jim Shinn, Cartoonist and Graphics Specialist of the Columbian for the Chinook Trail Association. This certificate will be issued yearly for those devoting time in the field to the Chinook Trail. Participants in National Trails Day '93 and '94 and '94 work parties will receive the certificate as a part of the activities of the Annual Meeting to be held at Skamania Lodge. (see article on page 1)

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