

Chinook Trail Association

Chinook Trek #12

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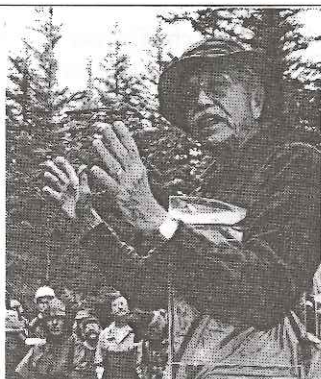
Those of you involved in trail work the last four years undoubtedly met Ed Robertson. Ed passed away June 17, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Ed's vision and enthusiasm were instrumental in the development of the Chinook Trail Concept.

I spent many hours working shoulder to shoulder with Ed, on various trail projects. We developed a warm and lasting friendship. His passing has left a void, not only in my life, but in the organization of the Chinook Trail Association that will be hard to fill.

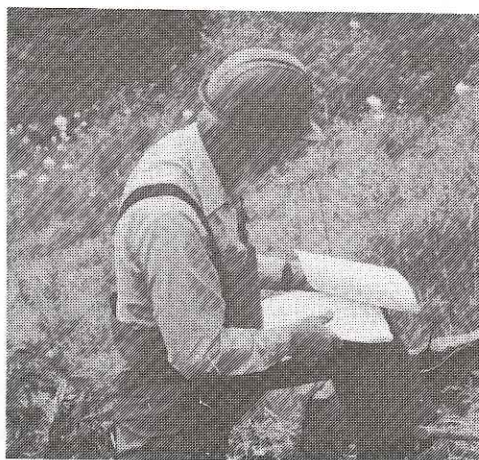
I will miss him greatly, as I am sure will all of you who knew him.

Ted Klump



A new twist on the phrase "upwordly mobile."

At the National Trails Day celebration June 4, fifty hardy Chinook Trail volunteers extended another 2,500 feet on the Squaw Butte Connector Trail in east Clark County. Following the trail "cat" operators Daryl Hoyt and Krista Thei, the workers moved rocks, smoothed the tread and turned the fresh clumps of earth and flowers back into an upright position to reroot in the next rains.



When the Washington mist lifted at noon, the group gathered for lunch with a bald eagle soaring nearby and volunteer Gail Gibbard providing a plaintive bagpipe serenade that echoed over the hills. It was a great opportunity to make new friends and learn about how the public agencies operate, as USFS's Jim Slagel, Tom Linde and DNR personnel Tom North and Mike Engel worked alongside

the volunteers. At the end of the day Jim passed out some nice compliments on the work the CTA crew had accomplished.

Cellular One underwrote colorful NTD tee-shirts and mugs for the participants. Washington Trail Association provided snacks.

Bruce Davis spearheaded a new promotion effort, NTD posters which he distributed to Evergreen District schools. Steering Committee members included chairman Ted Klump, Bruce Davis, Paul Clare, Fred Rogers and Florence Wager. A group from WTA, Gifford Pinchot, handled a greatly more efficient registration than we experienced last year! Our thanks to all who worked to make this day a great success!

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National Trails Day '94

Right: Jim Slagel, Trails Engineer

Below: Gail Gibbard, Ellen Davis, Sue Cannard & Susan Saul



SYEP and the Squaw Butte Connector Trail #180.2

The Chinook Trail Association formed a number of partnerships this summer to achieve completion of the Squaw Butte Connector Trail #180.2. A Federally funded Student Youth Employment Program (SYEP) operated through a contract with ESD112 for the Private Industry Council of Southwest Wash-

ington provided up to 18 youth with a summer job training program. The Evergreen School District, through the help of Bob Nieland, John Magnano, Clark County Commissioner, and the Assistant Superintendent of C-Tran provided vehicles to get the youth to and from the work sites. Grant monies were provided by SEH America's President, Mr. Iwashita, Southwest Washington Community Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust to augment equipment needs, personal gear, such as packs, water bottles, first aid kits, boots and work tools. Assistance for transportation and documenting this work experience were provided.

Key elements of this youth program were personal development, skill development, career awareness and environmental awareness.

The program commenced July 5 with a week of work on the PCT above Bonneville Dam. This work was ably supervised by Christine Frazier and Andrew Sutton, ESD 112 Leaders and under the direction of Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area USFS trail crew



SYEP youth on the Squaw Butte Trail

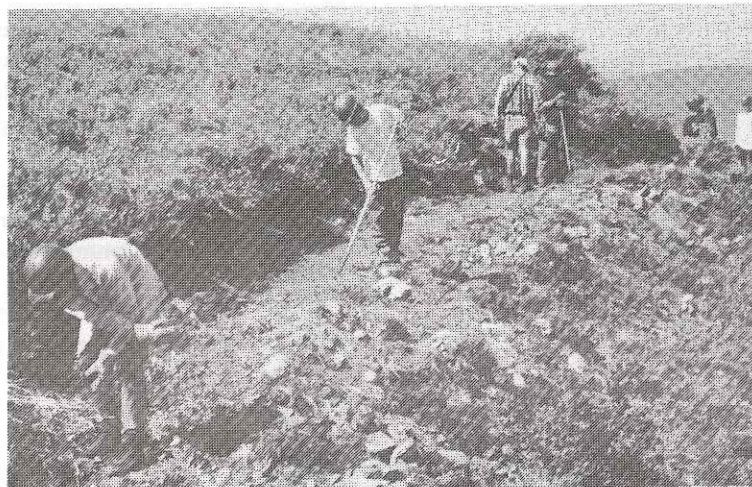
chief, Gina Mondragon.

Early in the program the crew built trust and solidarity when an adventurous day was spent at the Group Challenge High Ropes Course. They were taught by experienced Outward Bound Instructors.

Work on the Squaw Butte Trail involves final dressing up of the trail following the trail machine work conducted earlier in the summer. The trail will be inspected by the USFS when completed.

The work has been progressing nicely and is expected to be finished up to Ed's Trail #180A. CTA members have been on site weekly to work directly with the young people. CTA fall work parties will also occur on the trail to assist with the final clean up. USFS personnel have been available when time permits. Environmental Specialist Michael Carlson has also worked with the group to elevate individual awareness of the natural world around us.

A celebration lunch is being planned to culminate the eight weeks of trail work on this important link of the Chinook Trail. A number of the SYEP participants have inquired about next year which is an indication of the satisfaction and sense of accomplishment felt by these young trail workers.



More about the Klickitat Railroad

Plans are on hold for the Klickitat Railroad conversion to a hiking trail as local property owners have filed legal appeals to many aspects of this project. Legal council believes these challenges will not be upheld in court. In the meantime Chinook Trail received the following letter from Dorothy Toomey-Sainz, former resident of Klickitat County.

Dorothy was the one who shared with us that our "dream of creating the Chinook Trail is making possible my dream of hiking parts or all of it in the time I have left to me on this wonderful earth." She writes further by quoting from a Navajo Indian saying "IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IT, YOU CAN BELIEVE IT; IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN."

Earlier Dorothy had written the following letter which we believe captures some of the joy, memories and connections with the past which trails can provide the user.

"What memories I have of that railroad....many times I walked those rails

to school there in Klickitat; I rode the train to Goldendale one summer to take music (piano) lessons: we walked those tracks to get to our favorite fishing holes there on the Klickitat river; in hunting season deer were loaded on the "spreaders" and brought out on those rails; the train whistle was as much a part of our lives as the mill whistle; the depot was pretty much the focal spot of the town of Klickitat....the railroad tracks and the trains were always there and it never once occurred to any of us growing up in Klickitat that they wouldn't *always* be there....but the only constant in life is change. Now the train is no more, and soon the rails will be gone also but oh, *how wonderful* --- those miles of breathtaking scenery from Lyle through Klickitat to High Prairie will be there for us to **HIKE!!!** I am so thrilled!!!"

"Thank-you, thank-you, all of you who have worked so hard to make this happen and who will be watching over it and shepherding it to completion."

"I hiked those tracks again on my Memory Trek, summer of 1992. I look forward to more of that hiking in the years to come."

Left: Marc Engle, Forester and Tom North, Recreation Officer. Washington Department of Natural Resources.

Moulton Falls to Tarbell

Chinook Trail is moving ahead with surveying and other aspects of connecting Moulton Falls County Park with the WDNr Tarbell Trail. Several proposals for funding and constructing are in the process. We hope to have more of a definite nature to share on this in our next newsletter. If you wish to assist on one of these specific projects call Ted Klump, our trails coordinator at 206-695-7149.

Silver Creek Trail

The proposed Silver Creek Trail is a 13 mile trail connecting the trails of Silver Star with the existing Three Corner Rock Trail trailhead on the Washougal River. This will be a joint USFS and WDNr construction project. About three miles would be on forest service lands and the remaining on WDNr lands. This project has been in the planning stages since the early 70's with the first formal proposal occurring in 1982. Three presentations have been made to Washington's Inter Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC). The last one was made this month and we are hopeful this one will be successful. Jim Shank, WDNr Forester made the presentation in August. The competition is keen as the clout of the Puget Sound Area in the form of heavy densities of population is mighty.

This project in the USFS Silver Star Trails Project was held up while appeals to the trails proposals were held. The appeals were denied on all counts and at both levels of the appeal process.

The Chinook Trail Association has been an aggressive participant in this trails project. CTA was an intervenor in two of the appeals.

The Silver Creek country is rugged and will offer the user with a wide range of recreational opportunities. A decision will not be made on this funding possibility until late fall.



Below: Clair Ramsey & Brad Wager smooth Trail tread on Squaw Butte Trail.



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...

The fall work schedule begins September 10 and runs through November 19, 1994. There are six work parties scheduled.

As always, 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.

Squaw Butte:

Meet at 134 St Park N Ride at 8 AM on Saturday Morning and we will car pool from there.

September 10

September 24

October 8

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

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Newsletter Deadline Oct 1

Remembrance Fund Established

The Chinook Trail Association Board of Directors made the decision to establish a Remembrance Fund. It unanimously passed. The income generated from the fund will be used to help underwrite CTA projects. Memorial contributions and gifts honoring birthdays or other special occasions can be sent to CTA, PO Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666-0997. Unless otherwise indicated, these gifts will be acknowledged in the CTA Newsletter, *Chinook Trek*.

Remembrances

In response to the request of the family of Edward Robertson the following sent a contribution to the Remembrance Fund in Ed's memory. These are gratefully acknowledged.

Paul and Louise Clare
Paul and Susan Kissler
Frances McIntosh and family
Sophia W. Napier
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Contributions to the Remembrance Fund in the memory of John Cannard are gratefully acknowledged.

Ruth and Greer Ivory
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Marie Heverling
Darrell and Margaret Miller
Gretchen Gardner
Don and Sue Cannard
Jeannie Brust
Nancy Ellifrit



Chinook Trail Association Volunteers Toast Ed Robertson on last work party detail of Spring '94 in the area Ed loved most—Silver Star.

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Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 6, 1994
Skamania Lodge

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