



# The Chinook Trek

Chinook Trek #17

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## Cedar Creek Falls Trail and Overlook Featured

Outdoors West, the official publication of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, featured an article by Don Cannard on the Cedar Creek Falls project. In a recent report to the Washington Department of Natural Resources it has been reported that over 1,700 hours of volunteer time have been devoted to this project.

Volunteerism is a valuable part of the running of any agency and even more so now as many budgets are being restricted. In his presentation at our annual meeting Cleve Pinnix reported 15% of the total time running the state parks came from volunteers.

## Thanks...

In response to a request for office furniture published in our last newsletter, we gratefully acknowledge the donation of a desk and file cabinet from Mrs. Helen Grams and her family; and the donation of a computer table and file cabinet from REI obtained by Brian Cannard. Thank you for your generosity.

## Clark Public Utilities Employee Group Helps CTA



Andy Huck (second from right—white hat), Operations Manager for Clark Utilities, with some of the crew of the October work party at Cedar Creek Falls.



Clark Utility Community Service folks unload a Bobcat to assist with moving crushed rock at Cedar Creek Falls.

Unless otherwise noted, all photos by Don Cannard

Saturday, October 21 (probably one of the wettest Saturdays in October) was the occasion of a work party at Cedar Creek Falls. Fifteen stalwart folks braved the elements and wheeled crushed rock, drilled curbs, carried curbs to the site and drove rebar anchors into the curbs. The activity helped push to completion this trail and overlook. Clark Utility employees have a community service component which greatly benefited this trail project. Operations manager Andy Huck coordinated the employee group.

Assisting in the planning were project chair Don Cannard and Judy Stanton, Community Relations Manager of the Clark Utility.

Cedar Creek Trail and Overlook is substantially finished at this time and will be 'firming up' during the winter months. You will recall this trail will serve the needs of all of us but particularly those having problems with mobility. A dedication is planned for one of the first Saturdays in May. Watch for details in the April issue of Chinook Trek. It should be a fun family affair.



## Special Gift Presented to Chinook Trail

The **Paul Cannard family** presented to the Chinook Trail Association a Honda Tote. Co-founder Don Cannard accepted the tote on behalf of the Chinook Trail Association. This crawler track driven piece of equipment has already proven invaluable in rushing to completion the Cedar Creek Falls Trail. It will have moved 150,000 pounds of crushed rock plus the materials to construct over 55 feet of elevated walkway. This is in addition to portable power plants and other essential equipment needed to construct this trail.

It will be of great assistance not only in future construction projects but in our trail maintenance projects as well. Don't miss our trail work parties and see this piece of equipment make light work of things.

This brings to two the number of totes in our ownership. The **Meyer Memorial Trust** also provided funds to purchase a like machine. These helpful pieces of equipment greatly assist our volunteers with the heavy aspects of our trail work.

**A hearty thanks to the Paul Cannard family and the Meyer Memorial Trust!**



**Paul and Don Cannard and 'Tote'.**  
(Photo by Jim Hughes/Photo Venture)

## REMEMBRANCE FUND

The Vancouveria Garden Club have made a generous contribution in the memory of Verna Swaim, wife of CTA board member Vern Swaim. Also contributing to the Remembrance Fund in Verna's memory were Dick and Helen Grams.

## CHINOOK QUEST 1995

Nearly \$2,000 has been given to bolster the construction fund of the Chinook Trail. This year's projects on Silver Star, Cedar Creek Falls and Hamilton Mountain have been funded through these funds. All monies given to the QUEST go into our trail construction fund. Our major project this year will be the Cedar Creek Falls Walkway and Viewing Platform with an estimated total cost of \$15,000-\$17,000. CTA volunteers do the work and receive only praise for their efforts. You may help these efforts from the comfort of the writing desk. Checks in support of this effort can be made out to **CHINOOK TRAIL ASSOCIATION** and mailed to PO Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666-0997. If you have questions about the QUEST program or wish additional information feel free to call Florence Wager, 360-694-2364. A special thanks to our contributors.

The levels of giving were: Paul & Sue Cannard (\$500), H.B. Fuller (\$250), Greater Vancouver Kiwanis (\$400), Don & Sylvia Campbell (\$200), Don & Sue Cannard (\$100), Paul & Louise Clare (\$50), Mary Brassard (\$50), Dr. Ken Miller (\$25), Jo Wolf (\$25), Mary Ann Teague (\$25), Helen Grams (\$25), Bruce Davis (\$20), Inez Butler (\$15), Richard Thomas (\$15), Dorothea Morrison (\$10), Stephen Dorner (\$5).

## Boyd Jacobson Recognized

Dr. Boyd Jacobson, trails advocate and CTA board member from The Dalles, has been awarded a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Oregon State Parks for his work on trails in The Dalles area. Boyd's focus has been on The Dalles Waterfront Trail. The certificate was presented by Pete Bond of Oregon State Parks at the CTA annual meeting in November. Joe Suntheimer accepted the award for Boyd

who was unable to attend. As reported in previous issues of the Chinook Trek, a number of segments of this trail are complete. It is planned to connect The Dalles Dam and the soon-to-be constructed Columbia River Gorge Interpretive Center down river but adjacent to The Dalles. The Dalles Waterfront Trail has been designated as a portion of the Chinook Trail. **Congratulations Boyd!**

## Chinook Trail Association Receives Washington State Parks Award

Ted Klump accepted an award from the Washington State Parks at our November meeting. The award was made by Cleve Pinnix, Director of the WSP system. In making the award Mr. Pinnix expressed the deep appreciation the department and Beacon Rock Ranger Steve Johnson has for the volunteer efforts at Beacon Rock State Park. Director Pinnix stated that over 2,000 hours of assistance have been given to Beacon Rock Park. In the total state park system over 165,000 hours have been



**Cleve Pinnix, Director of WSP, and Ted Klump, CTA President, holding award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.**  
(Photo by Jim Hughes/Photo Venture)

contributed by volunteers. This represents 14% of the total yearly time of WSP personnel. Volunteers are particularly important in as much as the WSP operates on a staffing of about 40% less than fifteen years ago and about one-third of the staff time of other state park agencies in the nation.

*Many thanks to all who have volunteered to make the trails at Beacon Rock safer and easier to hike!*



## Proposed Chinook Trail



JIM SHINN / The Columbian

*Come share our quest for a 200-mile Chinook Trail  
embracing the beautiful Columbia River Gorge.*

### *From The President...*

1995 has been a busy and successful year for the CTA. The Trails Committee is up and running under the chairmanship of Joe Sunthimer, and the Membership Committee has been established. National Trails Day 1995 saw the dedication of the Squaw Butte Connector and the beginning of construction on Ed's Trail. As a result of our efforts during the summer work experience and several fall work parties, Ed's Trail is almost complete. The Cedar Creek Falls Trail is nearing completion under the leadership of Don Cannard with SWIFT and the Meyer Memorial Trust supporting the efforts with grants to help offset the costs of materials and equipment. This effort was also supported through the generosity of many individuals who contributed to the Quest '95 fund drive and volunteers who donated many hours of on-site labor. We are planning a dedication of this project in May 1996.

The year was brought to a close with our annual meeting held again this year at Skamania Lodge. We were honored by the presence of Cleve Pinnix, Director of Washington State Parks, and his gracious wife Marty. Cleve was our guest speaker and presented the Chinook Trail Association with the Washington State Parks Outstanding Volunteer Service Award for 1994. Steve Johnson, Ranger at Beacon Rock State Park nominated the CTA for this honor.

In closing, I would like to gratefully acknowledge the generosity of Paul and Sue Cannard who presented us with a Honda Power Carrier at the annual meeting. This machine has been a big asset in our work at Cedar Creek and will be a very valuable tool on future projects.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for their many hours of volunteer service, and a job well done.

And lastly, I would like to thank you all for the honor and privilege of serving as president this past year and I look forward to 1996.

Ted Klump, President

### **Membership Expansion**

CTA's membership expansion campaign officially began with the acceptance of a completed membership application from Cleve Pinnix, Director of Washington State Parks, at our annual meeting in November.

It is said the best membership source is an organization's own satisfied members. Therefore we are enclosing two membership applications with this issue of the newsletter. PLEASE HELP. Seek out your hiking friends and ask them to join with us in this exciting venture of "a rim-top trail encircling the Columbia River Gorge." CTA's mission is to see such a trail designed and constructed.

New members add valuable new sparks of interest and enthusiasm to our mission, so join with us to achieve president Ted Klump's vision of doubling our membership this year.

### **Mission Statement**

*The Chinook Trail Association (CTA)*

- Advocates development of a Columbia River bi-state loop trail;
- Cooperates with appropriate local, state and federal agencies to develop this recreational resource;
- Monitors and participates in route selection, design standards, trail development and maintenance in an ongoing spirit of conservation to preserve the natural beauty of the Gorge;
- Provides information and education to develop public support.

*The proposed trail will extend along both sides of the Columbia River from the Portland-Vancouver metro area to Maryhill State Park in Washington, and Biggs, Oregon.*



## A Word About Membership Renewal...

As stated in the last newsletter, membership renewal is in transition. To those of you who have renewed your membership but received no acknowledgement, we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, and extend our appreciation for your continued support. Completion of this transition is our #1 goal for the immediate future. If anyone has questions or concerns about their membership, call the office at (360) 695-7149.

## A Guide for Birding in the Gorge

By Wilson Cady

Successful wildlife observation requires very little in the way of equipment. Binoculars and spotting scopes are the main tools of the game. But once you have located a bird you also need to be able to identify it. There are many bird books on the market today, some having distinct advantages over others. This article will look at a selection that I find useful in our area.

The primary book of a birder is the field guide, and the one that is carried by most birders is the **FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA** published by the National Geographic Society. This guide contains all of the breeding species found in North America and many of the accidental, vagrants, and exotics that you may encounter. The maps and descriptions of the birds are on the page facing the colored plates of the birds. The illustrations include several subspecies if there are differences in the birds appearance across their range. They also show juvenile plumages and females.

Roger Tory Peterson's **FIELD GUIDE TO WESTERN BIRDS** was updated in 1990. His system of using arrows to point out the key identifying marks is very useful although having the illustrations and text in separate sections of the book is cumbersome. Often, things such as behavior or voice can be vital details in making a positive identification and having to search through the book and flip back and forth between pages is difficult to do in the field.

The third commonly used guide is the **GUIDE TO FIELD IDENTIFICATION: BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA**, by Robbins, Bruun, and Zim. The text in this book faces the illustrations but this guide does not include as many accidental or vagrant species as the preceding two field guides. This and the Peterson Guide are best used as a cross reference to the National Geographic book.

Anyone who has tried to identify birds has puzzled over certain groups of birds such as shorebirds, gulls, and sparrows. The one book I have found that helps solve these tricky identifications has an imposing name but is clearly written and recommended for all birders: **A FIELD GUIDE TO ADVANCED BIRDING** by Kenn Kaufman. This paperback covers the 35 hard-to-separate groups of birds in a simple-to-understand manner with drawings that show the details that distinguishing the various species.

Guides that deal with single families of birds that would be useful in our area include the excellent **SHOREBIRDS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST** by Dennis Paulson. A thorough coverage of every race and color phase of the 39 species of hawks found north of Mexico is in the **PETERSON FIELD GUIDE: HAWKS** written by William S. Clark and Brian K. Wheeler.

One of these books would be an appreciated gift that would give pleasure to any outdoor enthusiast.

*Wilson Cady is a resident of the Columbia River Gorge and has maintained a birding list for nearly twenty years. Previously he has written about what birds can be found in the Gorge.*

### Chinook Trail Association (CTA) membership application

☐ Individual \$20   ☐ Family \$30   ☐ Student/senior \$10   ☐ Institutional \$60   ☐ Sustaining \$100   ☐ Life \$500

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

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## About CTA Board Member Florence Wager

CTA treasurer Florence Wager had only just returned in 1990 to her home town of Vancouver when she ran into high school classmate Don Cannard who outlined his and Ed Robertson's vision for the CTA loop trail around the Columbia River.

"The whole venture was such a marvelous challenge," Wager explains, "that I simply had to be a part of it. One of the dividends has been the opportunity to introduce my nephews to trail work. The first Saturday in June is National Trails Day and for the past three years CTA has invited trails enthusiasts to bring family and friends to help build a portion of the Chinook Trail. It's a great day for kids."

Wager, a graduate of Vancouver High School and Washington State University, taught three years at Lewis and Clark High in Spokane, and one year at VHS before she moved to California. There she was executive director of the San Francisco Symphony Foundation and upon its merger



**Dan Martin of WWRC and Florence Wager at Frenchman's Bar, an IAC Clark County project.**

with the San Francisco Symphony Association, she became director of the volunteer council. Retiring from the symphony in 1980 after 29 years, she

worked as an arts management consultant before returning to the northwest where most of her family resides.

"Hiking, bicycling, skiing and backpacking in the Sierras were activities that helped me keep my balance in a fast-paced high-stress job," Wager says, "and all of those sports I learned growing up in the northwest. Its appropriate that I am now 'paying some dues back' to this community."

Wager, a long-time advocate of volunteerism in addition to serving on the CTA board, is also a member of the boards of the Clark County Parks Advisory Council, YWCA and the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation.

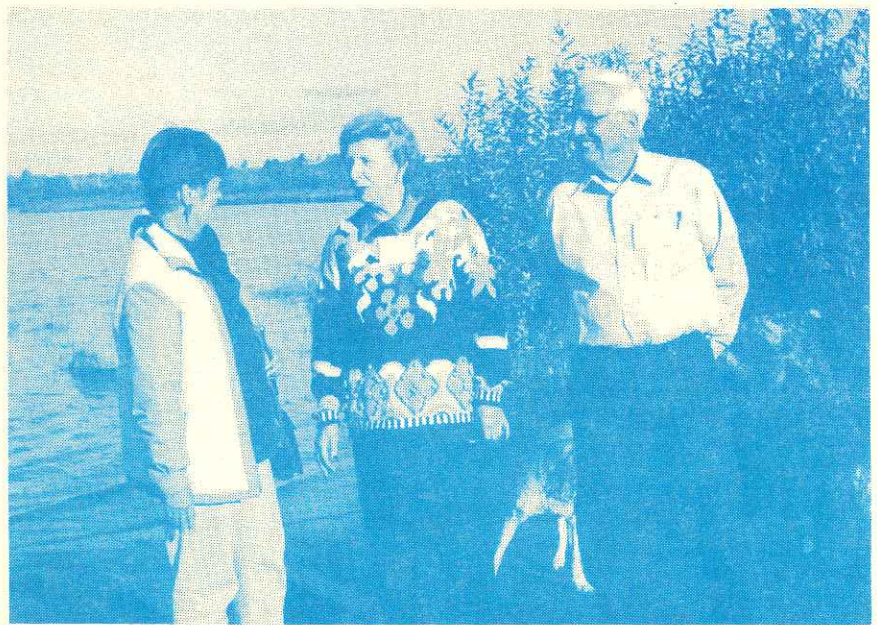
Wager will take some time off in May to bicycle France's Loire Valley. "But I'll be back in time for National Trails Day the first Saturday in June," she laughs.

## CTA Visits State Funded Projects in Clark and Skamania Counties

During the last week of October, CTA president Ted Klump and board member Don Cannard reviewed on site the recent and proposed purchases of lands made possible through state appropriations to projects in Skamania and Clark counties. They were joined by State Representative Val Ogden. Later in the day they were joined by Florence Wager, Paul Clare and State Senator Al Bauer. Sites visited or reviewed were Beacon Rock State Park, Table Mountain, North Bonneville Central Park, Washougal River Greenway and Vancouver Lake Lowlands.

Several of these locations figure prominently in CTA planning for future trail locations. Representative Val Ogden and Senator Al Bauer have consistently supported the funding of these and other projects which, as Val says, "preserve a small part of our area for our children and our grandchildren." All local legislators were invited to this day-long tour.

The tour was sponsored by the Washington Wildlife and Recreation



**Florence Wager on left with Washington State Representative Val Ogden and Senator Al Bauer on WWRC tour of Vancouver Lake.**

Coalition, a non-profit bipartisan organization funded through private contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations.

WWRC lobbies to secure funds from the State of Washington Legislature which are then administered by the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, a state

agency, set up to see the funds fairly and evenly distributed throughout the state of Washington.

The current focus of IAC is the acquisition of lands and the funding of low impact recreation activities with an eye on preservation of sensitive areas.



## 1996 Spring Work Schedule...

WORK PARTY DATES FOR SPRING 1996 ARE AS FOLLOWS: April 13 & 27; May 11 & 25. June will be announced as soon as we know the date for National Trails Day 1996.

### Please Note:

Carpooling available. All work parties to the east depart from the Pendleton Woolen Mills parking lot in Washougal. Work parties to the northeast depart from the WDOT Park and Ride at 134th Street. All departures are scheduled for 8:00 a.m. and ETOR is 4:30 p.m.

Bring your own trail tools. CTA will also provide tools if you have none. Wear appropriate work clothes including work gloves and boots and bring your own drinking water and lunch. Work parties will be held rain or shine so bring rain gear.

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## Director Pinnix Speaks at Chinook Trail Association Annual Meeting

Director Cleve Pinnix was the guest speaker at our annual meeting at Skamania Lodge in November. This newsletter contains some of the statistics shared with us. Over 45,000,000 people visit our state parks in a year. The state park system supports about 600 miles of trail. It also operates some of the longest state parks in the nation as defined by certain abandoned railway rights of ways which are now operated as state park facilities. Pinnix explained in an excellent manner the rich legacy represented within the parks owned and managed by the agency for the citizens of our state. He pointed out Beacon Rock State Park with its nearly 3,000 acres as one of the largest in the state.



Representative Val Ogden and Director Cleve Pinnix.



Ellen Davis and Vern Swaim.



Larry and Hing Devroy, purchasers of garden wind chime.

(Photos by Jim Hughes/Photo Venture)



Director Cleve Pinnix and wife Marty discuss future of Beacon Rock State Park with Nancy Russel, Friends of the Gorge.



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