

Chinook Trek #19

June, 1996

## National Trails Day a Success

Every National Trails Day event CTA has sponsored has been successful or so the participants claim at the end of a tough day building trail. This year's event was no exception. It took place at two locations, Moulton Falls Clark County Park off the Murphy Grade where participants constructed and refined a one mile segment of the Bells Mountain Connector Trail, and the 400 Trail out of Troutdale. Earlier work parties of CTA volunteers and ESD 112 Re-Entry youth had prepared the Moulton Falls route through removal of all brush, duff, down and fallen trees and a huge number of ferns.

This section of the Chinook Trail is steep and needed special attention due to the anticipated heavy use and the deep soils. In all probability rock will have to be brought into part of this to minimize

damage to the soil and protect nearby streams from runoff. Plenty of work for us in the future. Water bars and dishouts were located and in some cases constructed.

Roger Anderson and Joe Sunthimer and their planning committee handed out special CTA mugs to all participants at the end of the day. They commended the nearly 50 participants for their hard earned blisters, callouses and hard work.

Corporate sponsor of this event making the mugs possible was the Linear Products Division of the HB Fuller Company. Also joining us were members of that company on their Community Action Program and the Clark Public Utility Community Action Group.

The Bells Mountain Connector Trail is closed to public access and use during construction in accordance with CTA's



agreements with Clark County Parks and the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

The next construction phase will include the completing of location work, brushing the route to allow our survey crews easier access and securing the necessary access permits from WDNR. Again, many thanks to the volunteers. Future newsletters will announce the dates.

Larry Devroy reports his participants upgraded this nearly three mile future connector to the Vista House. This trail segment was originally punched through by earlier Mazama trail building work parties.

## Ed's Trail Dedication

Ed's Trail will be dedicated on Saturday, August 17, 1996. The event will take place at 11:30 am at the junction of Ed's Trail and the Squaw Butte connector now called the Chinook Trail. Participants can carpool from the 134th WDOT Park and Ride at 8:30 am. Bring a sack lunch, hiking gear, sun lotion and drinking water. A poem specially written by local poet and friend of Ed's, Arlene Paul, will be read along the trail. Russ Jolley who worked with Ed on several botanical projects will lead a plant walk following the dedication. Gail Gibbard will participate with some selections on the bagpipe and tin whistle. A rock monument will be unveiled in memory of Ed and in recognition of the opening of this 1-1/4 mile trail segment. Representatives of the Chinook Trail Association and the United States Forest Service will participate as well as the family and friends of Ed Robertson.

## Membership News

Please note the enclosure which changes our membership procedures. We hope you will help us as we modify this system to make it more manageable. We realize some errors will occur so bear with us as we move into this exciting phase of our membership development. Receipt of duplicate payments will be credited to the next year unless requested otherwise.

## Chinook Trail Presents Info

The CTA has participated in two major events. Displays and membership and organization materials were distributed at the Trails Fest held in Seattle in April. Also, we participated in a NTD, June 1 event with the Gresham Parks and Recreation Department. Thanks to members Fred Rogers and Ron Mah for handling the arrangements.



# Silver Star...A Look to the Future

The Silver Star Study Group was formed in 1975 to promote the preservation of Silver Star Mountain. There were many milestones along the way.

Each step was a hard won action. The public responded with strong support of the concept of preserving the area. Today it is designated for dispersed recreation. All proposed trail systems will be completed with the exception of the proposed Silver Creek Trail connecting Silver Star Mountain with the Washougal River and the Stebbins Creek Trail. This will be a joint effort of the United States Forest Service and the Washington Department of Natural Resources. When this and Bells Mountain connector are constructed they will connect the Pacific Crest Trail with the proposed Chelatchie Prairie Trail.

This year will see the completion of Ed's Trail, the upgrading of the Bluff Mountain Trail and the obliteration of the 4109 Road through the Silver Star area. Funding was approved for the "road to trail" conversion and Bluff Mountain Trail early in 1995. There will be new trail heads on the 4109 and the 41 roads.

An active stewardship program and individuals are needed to assist with public education, trail maintenance and monitoring of public use. This is a very special place and its proximity to the metropolitan area of Vancouver-Portland assures a wide usage. With this usage comes the need to help the public enjoy the area, but not love it to death. Any one interested in helping can contact the USFS, Gifford Pinchot in Vancouver, the Wind River District in Carson or the Chinook Trail Association to offer assistance.



Don Cannard and Paul Clare set trail signs on Tarbell and Chinook Trail. Signs were routed by Bill Fish of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club.

(Photos by Don Cannard)



## Cedar Creek Falls Dedication

The rain subsided, the trail dried off and the dedication of the Cedar Creek Falls Trail and Overlook went off without a hitch on Saturday, May 4. Washington State Lands Commissioner, Jennifer Belcher accepted the trail and lauded the over 2,000 hours of volunteer work which went into its construction. Marc Engel and Jan Gano of WDNR took the opportunity to talk about present and future activities of the Department in the Region and specifically at Cold Creek Campground.

The over 60 participants at the event were treated to the bagpipe and tin whistle music of Gail Gibbard, teacher of the Blind.

Evon Rogers spoke on behalf of the Cascade Disability Resource Board. She expressed that board's pleasure for a trail compatible for folks with mobility problems.

The Board receives many requests for information on where to go in a primitive area and still have accessible facilities.

State Senators Dean Sutherland and Al Bauer were in attendance. Dean remembered the time his wife was in a cast and they searched for an area where she could walk with the limitations imposed on her during convalescence.

Research shows that over 60 percent of the population will have a physical limitation on their mobility some time in their life. Some have a permanent limitation. Many older Americans have limited mobility. The Cedar Creek facility will be enjoyed by all outdoor enthusiasts for years to come.

(Photos by Jim Hughes, Photo Venture)

**TOP:**  
Evon and Fred Rogers count the rings of the ancient down log, Cedar Creek Falls

**MIDDLE:**  
Bagpiper Gail Gibbard, Cedar Creek Falls

**BOTTOM:**  
Jennifer Belcher, Washington Land Commissioner, speaks at the Cedar Creek Dedication



# Bells Mountain-Moulton Falls Connector

## ...the Quest Continues

The Chinook Trail's Quest for a Columbia River rim top trail encircling the gorge comes a step closer with the beginning construction of a nine mile connector linking the Tarbell Trail and Moulton Falls County Parks. This link will be referred to as the Bells Mountain Connector. Several important partnerships will assist in making this a reality. CTA will continue to work with the Washington Department of Natural Resources to secure the proper easements across state lands in the area.

Clark County is the latest partner in fulfilling the CTA Quest. Glenn Lamb of the County Parks Department and CTA Board member is the liaison with that department. The CTA Board is pleased with the arrangements made to date. The County Commissioners and the Parks Board are aware of the arrangements which have been worked out. The formal paper work with the county has been completed. Joe Sunthimer and Roger Anderson with assistance from Don Cannard, Fred Rogers, Ray Steiger and Bob Scullen are scouting the mile route on Clark County lands prior to final location. The task is a large one, as there are private holdings to be avoided and wetlands to be skirted. Attempts are also



Clark Public Employee Community Action participants and cable pulling machine which set the 60 foot bridge across Cedar Creek—Wes Stayton, Mike Alomzo, Equipment Operator Dan Krebs, Andy Huck and Kate Seifert

(Photos by Don Cannard)

Jeff Steiger tests footing on bridge, railing to be added

being made to avoid large tracts of timber which will be harvested in the next few years. Larry Schumacher, retired USFS trails person, will be assisting in this important work. Welcome aboard Larry in your new role as volunteer.

The Clark Public Utility District, through their Employee Community Action Program, set a temporary footbridge across a stream near the Tarbell Trail to provide access for the future survey and construction parties. This activity took place following the flattening of the log by Don Cannard and Ray Steiger. A

railing is being attached to give a degree of security to this primitive crossing structure.

The Bells Mountain segment will provide a missing link between the trails of Silver Star and the proposed Chelatchie Prairie Trail which will parallel the county owned right of way of the Lewis and Clark Railway.

Clark County is applying for an Inter-agency for Outdoor Recreation grant for monies to construct this trail and a three mile hard surfaced trail along the Lewis River connecting Lucia Falls and Moulton Falls County Parks.

## Remembering Cedar Creek Falls Trail

by Paul Clare, Chinook Trail Board Member

*I remember cold damp days and sunniness too,  
Brushed and cleared the way.*

*Grubbed roots from tangled mass.*

*Wrestled stones which seemed beyond human strength.*

*Some stood in muck most of the day*

*Screening to avoid silting the creek.*

*A day when "Team Chinook" cut logs and moved a gigantic ancient fallen fir.*

*Ferns, huckleberries and thimble berries carefully replanted.*

*Toted gravel, spread by young and old backs working side by side.*

*Sturdy bridges and a viewing platform were built.*

*Logs laid, rebar driven by monster sledge that turned old muscles to jelly.*

*Sweaty work interspersed with much laughter, teasing and good fun melted the days.*

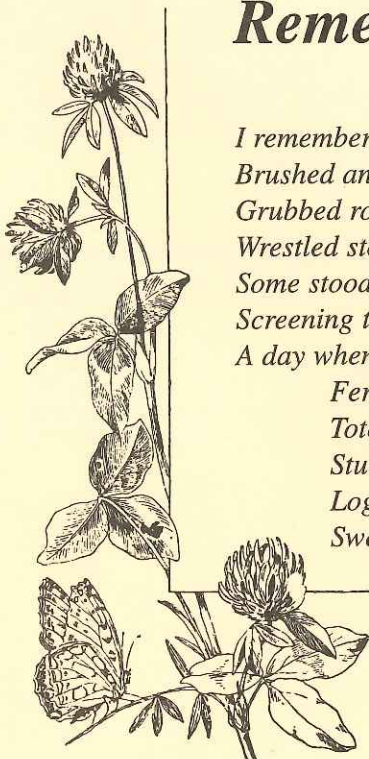
*And always Don's careful eye to detail, seeing it through and doing it right.*

*Lunchtime, a welcome respite when friendships were struck and stories swapped.*

*On cold days, a crackling fire toasted hands and feet back to life.*

*And so, at last, through ancient rocks and trees a trail took shape.*

*So others might walk easily side by side to the quiet place of rest.*





## Fall Work Party Dates

Mark your calendars now for the fall work party dates. Locations will be announced later.

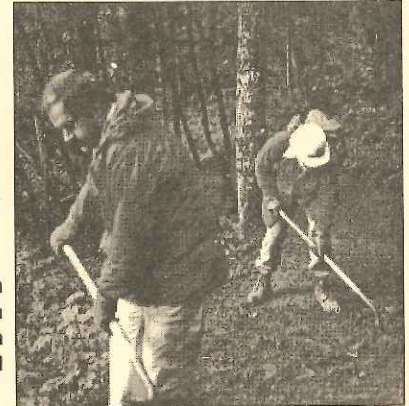
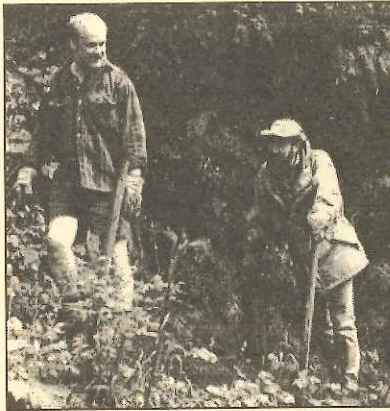


- September 14 and 28
- October 5 and 19
- November 9 and 23

Bob Scullen and Joe Sunthimer improving railing on Tunnel Of The Winds Trail, Hamilton Mountain Trail

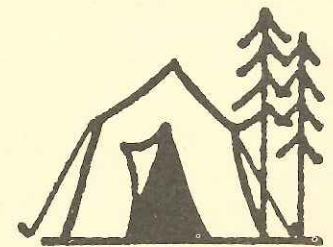
Tim Pfifer and Vern Swaim repair '96 storm damage on the Hamilton Mountain Trail

(Photos by Don Cannard)



## Special Summer Work Party On Silver Star

Roger Anderson is heading up what could be a really fun and exciting time on Silver Star Mountain. He has set July 4 through July 7 for a work party on Ed's Trail. Come for a day or for two or for the entire time. Camping equipment, your food, cooking gear and favorite work tool for those overnighiting it are in order. CTA will also provide tools. Silver Star is a special place and thanks to Roger for taking this on. The wildflowers should be terrific this year and there are always some mid-summer treats in store. To register for this neat time please call Roger at 360-254-2371.



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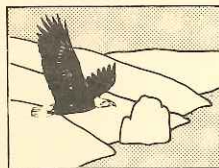
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## JC Penney Golden Rule Award

Don Cannard, co-founder of the Chinook Trail Association, was awarded a distinct honor by the prestigious JC Penney Foundation. The Golden Rule Award was given for his volunteer efforts on behalf of the Chinook Trail. A part of the award process was the gifting of \$250 from the Foundation to the Chinook Trail Association to be used in furthering its activities. Several other individuals and groups were recognized at a luncheon on Friday, April 27 at the Red Lion Lloyd Center. The Volunteer Centers of the four-county area were hosts for the awards ceremony. Don is very appreciative of the award and accepted it for his efforts and those of the many volunteers who have spent many hours building and maintaining trails in the area.



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