



Chinook Trek #25

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Bridge Projects Symbolize Four-way Partnership

by Don Cannard

The Chinook Trail Association acted as the catalyst to bring together elements of four organizations to upgrade the Hardy Creek Trail in Beacon Rock State Park. This is how it worked. CTA received funds from the Southwest Washington Community Foundation to purchase camping gear, food supplies, some tools, some bridge materials and recognition tee shirts for the participants in this five-way endeavor. Funds for construction materials also came from CTA Quest efforts. The Northwest Service Corps was eager to set out on an adventure by way of conducting a Spike Camp for the bridge and trail construction project. Beacon Rock State Park provided the work site and group

a 12 and a 14 footer, two with railings and one without. In addition, the crew, with the help of Vern Swaim and Bob Scullen, laid out a proposed trail re-route on the upper trail as well as doing some limited brushing. In addition to laying out the trail re-route, Vern, Bob and Paul Clare worked side by side with the Service Corps crew. Heading up and organizing this five-day work party and living with the group was CTA co-founder Don Cannard. Trails Chair Roger Anderson and President Ted Klump joined the group for dinner on the last night in camp and presented CTA youth tee shirts to each of the participants.

Actually, there was a fifth partner—mother nature—who never failed to remind the group who really was in charge. The last few days of September and the early days of October had to be about the wettest many of us had to deal with in a work situation. It rained nearly constantly the entire time. When it did let up it was a pleasant surprise.

Steve Johnson reports over 400,000 people use Beacon Rock State Park in a year. Not all of them walk the Hardy Creek Trail, but a goodly share do. Completion of this project will make it safer and more enjoyable.



Hikers on newly constructed Hardy Creek Trail bridge.

camp area for the rustic overnight facilities for camping.

The end result was the construction of three bridges on the Hardy Creek Trail. The three bridges consisted of a 10,



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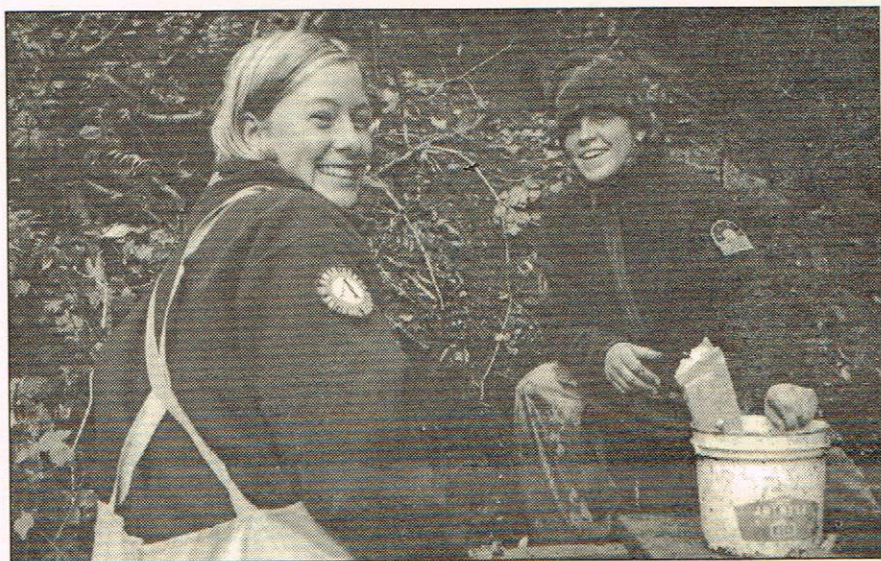


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Service Corps Team Impressive

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Northwest Service Corp workers building bridge.

The overall Service Corps Steward was Krizti Mergenthaler. The project leader who organized this project for the team was Owen French. I was very impressed with the spirit, the industriousness and overall genuine mutual respect exhibited by this group of young people. They can be very proud not only of the structures they have built but they have captured for themselves in a few short months what many organizations, corporations and units of government strive to achieve within their establishments. I feel privileged to have the pleasure of spending a week with these folks. Other members of the team were Sean Atkinson, Chad Riley, Jim Persons, Nancy Russo, Talley Fishers, Ted Purdy, Kinza Cusic, Weslie Rainbolt and Chad Honel.

Swift Grant Award Furtheres Bells Mountain Trail

Ted Klump, CTA President, has announced that the SWIFT FOUNDATION has awarded \$1,500 to the Chinook Trail Association. The grant money will be used to purchase equipment to assist in the construction of the seven-mile Bells Mountain Trail in northeast Clark County. The money was awarded to the association at a public ceremony in December. Competition was keen as many more requests were received by SWIFT than dollars were available.

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The Bells Mountain Trail is located in a portion of the Yacolt Burn. Consequently, huge downed logs in excess of four feet in diameter block the proposed trail and require cutting and removing them from the path right-of-way. A thirty-six inch chain saw has been purchased to assist with this task. The proposed trail traverses second growth timber. Also purchased with the SWIFT dollars were safety helmets, chaps and auxiliary chains for the saw. Chinook Trail Association is most grateful to SWIFT for this great assist on the Bells Mountain Trail project. Roger Anderson, Trails Chair, is in need of volunteers to assist in the construction of this trail. Folks to move soil, cut and remove brush and trees and to construct bridges are needed. Roger is lining up people now to help in construction of this proposed trail linkage to the trails of Tarbell and Silver Star Mountain. Call Roger today at 360-254-2371.

President's Column

The summit of Silver Star was bathed in the warm glow of a Christmas Day sun. We stood above Wahkeena Falls looking out on the splendor of the Gorge. I thought about the concept of the Chinook Trail, and what a great idea it was. I thought about how much had been accomplished in the last nine years, and how much is still left to do.

This is the first time in my life I have been involved in a vision project this grand, and the first time I have been a part of something I knew I would not live to see finished. But as I stood looking across the Columbia I knew that it was a dream worth dreaming and a goal worth working toward. I knew that future generations would benefit from what we are doing. But most of all I realized that we had to keep the grand vision of a rim-top trail as our guide and not allow the problems of the moment to overwhelm us.

As we begin our tenth year, we are launching our most ambitious project yet, the seven-mile Bells Mountain Trail. When it is completed, we will have a continuous trail from Moulton Falls County Park to Bluff Mountain. Your continued support is essential in our quest for the Chinook Trail.

Thank you.

Ted Klump, President

Meyer Memorial Trust Awards Grant

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An \$8,000 Meyer Memorial grant has been awarded to the Chinook Trail Association for the purchase of an additional tote, gas and electric powered tools and equipment to construct the Bells Mountain water crossings. There are nearly 600 feet of these crossings. This equipment will be used on other trail projects as

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Ninth Annual Meeting a Smashing Success

by Paul Clare

Great food, Jeanette Kloos, art work, awards and music were the ingredients of an outstanding annual meeting on November 9th at the City of Vancouver's Water Resource Education Center.

Don Cannard kept the program moving, introducing Jeanette Kloos of the Oregon Department of Transportation, the planner assigned to the Historic Columbia River Scenic Highway project. Jeanette presented an outstanding slide presentation of the Historic Columbia River Highway state trails project. She augmented her talk by bringing excellent visual displays of the ODOT project.

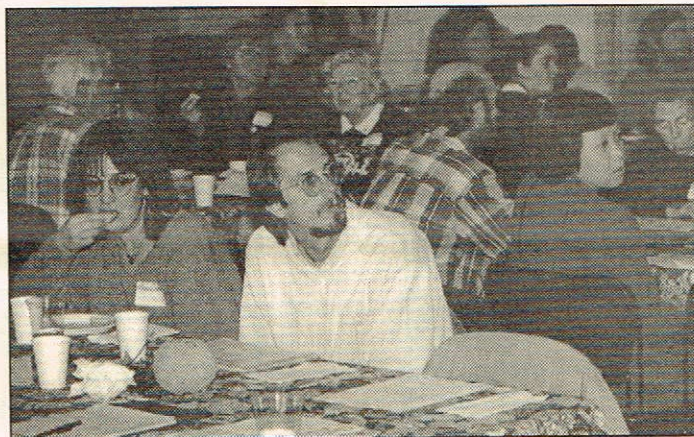
President Ted Klump presented an exceptional service plaque award to Paul and Sue Cannard for their generous gift of a tote and for their sustaining contribution to CTA. Roger Anderson and Joe Sunthimer received service awards for the extraordinary number of volunteer hours in surveying and trail blazing the new Bells Mountain Trail. Representatives of the Northwest Service Academy attended and were recognized for their contributions toward the construction of the four new bridges on the Hardy Creek-Hamilton Mountain Trail this fall when they spent an entire week on site.

Trails Chair Roger Anderson developed a large trail map showing progress on the Chinook Trail with photos of activities

along various segments of the trail. Artists including Marianna Kearney, watercolorist, wood carver Nancy Ellifrit and photographer George Meddaugh displayed their work which was offered for sale. Aaron Klump entertained the group on the electric keyboard during the brunch. Glen Lakin Catering provided the exceptional food which was enjoyed by all.



Jeanette Kloos, ODOT, addressing the Annual Meeting.



Annual Meeting attendees front: Maria Muscarella and Paul Gregory. Next row: Nancy Russell, Julia Ferreira, Joe Sunthimer (back to camera), Hing Devroy and Ellen Davis.

All appreciated the opportunities for an update on CTA activities, to see old friends, to network about trails and to learn about future plans.

REI Grant provides funds to meet match for Northwest Service Corps person

A grant from Recreational Equipment is being used to meet a match for the Northwest Service Corps Academy Individual Placement Program. This program will place a qualified person for 11 months under the direction of the Chinook Trail Association to work in the area of volunteer recruitment, membership expansion, coordination with other outdoor groups and assist with work parties. Chinook Trail board members are delighted with this opportunity to work with this distinguished Academy. An interview committee, under the direction of Maria Muscarella and comprised of Don Cannard, Ted Klump, Florence Wager and Roger Anderson, is drawing up a job description and suggested work plans. By the time of the next Chinook Trek a person will have been employed and biographical and other information will be shared with you.



Trailwork

by Paul Clare

Whatever is foreseen in joy
Must be played out from day to day.
Vision can only be brought forth
By countless hours of toil.
A trail was shaped - for that
The arms must ache, the body must sweat.
And yet we know, the trail is never done.
For each year new growth appears.
By work of us, we clear again
So others may enjoy.

This poem was read at the November CTA annual meeting by the author.

Bells Mountain Update

by Don Cannard

The Chinook Trail Association is busy hammering out the myriad of permit details for the Bells Mountain project. Several Executive Board members have been meeting monthly with the Department of Natural Resources and the Vancouver-Clark Parks Department. They are deciding which permits are needed and the timeline needed for obtaining those permits.

The panel is also discussing bridge design, delivery of bridge materials and construction. They will also meet with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies as needed to finalize the project details.

The Chinook Trail Association has been given the go-ahead to start log and debris removal this winter, as well as actual trail construction.

An IAC grant which was granted last fall will help purchase equipment and materials for the project. We need your

help in the construction phase of the trail. Work party dates have been set from January through June of 1998 with a big push on National Trails Day, June 6th.

National Trails Day is an important event for the Chinook Trail Association. We are looking for folks to help plan this project. If interested in helping please give a call.

The actual date of the work parties are listed below. Please lend a hand; call Roger Anderson 360-254-2371 or Joe Sunthimer 360-253-9619 for more information.

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well. The SWIFT article on page 2 provides more detail on the Bells Mountain Trail needs. See article below on Work Parties.

Roger Anderson, Trails Chair, needs names now of people willing to assist on this project. Roger can be reached at 360-254-2371 or at President Ted Klump's office of the Chinook Trail at 360-695-7149 or Joe Sunthimer, 360-253-9619 for more information.

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.

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Saturday Work Parties



1998 Saturday Work Parties

Mark your calendars now for the following work party dates:

Work parties are scheduled for the **Bells Mountain Trail** with the exception of the Indian Creek Trail. See below for details.

January 3, 17, 31

March 14, 18

May 9, 23, 30

February 7, 21

April 4

National Trails Day is June 6th.

April 18 will see us in Hood River on the **Indian Creek Trail**. For this work party meet at the parking lot of the Columbia Presbyterian Church off Lieser Road on Columbia Ridge Drive at 8:00 a.m. Portland volunteers will meet at the parking lot at Lewis and Clark State Park off of Highway 84 at 8:15. Both parties will travel from there to Hood River.

All other work parties will leave from the Operations Center of the Clark Public Utilities, on 117th Street (State Highway # 503). All work parties leave at as close to 8:00 a.m. as possible. ETA back at the carpooling site is between 4:30 and 5:00. Bring drinking water, appropriate clothing, WORK BOOTS, gloves, lunch and your favorite tool. Tools will be also be provided.



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