



Chinook Trek #29

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The Dream Continues...

*Whatever you can do or dream you can do, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. —Goethe*

by Ted Klump, President

Ten years ago Don and Ed had a dream of a loop trail in the Columbia River Gorge and founded the Chinook Trail Association with 100+ charter members. It was an incredibly awesome idea whose time had come. I was one of those charter members and it has been a privilege to witness CTA grow and evolve over time. We have earned credibility among individuals and agencies as an organization that has its act together and accomplishes what it sets out to do; a truth reflected in the last decade in which we have completed four major trail construction projects and have our fifth and largest project well under way. For me, being an active part of this dream has been its own reward.

When I went to one of the first organizational meetings, I remember signing up as a trail builder with the idea that that would be my sole involvement. I thought this involvement would be a good way to 'give back,' having been a hiker and backpacker and spending a lot of time throughout the Gorge region ever since I was a kid. At that time I had no idea that CTA would become something of my 'second career.'

My first experience with 'on the ground' work came in February 1990, when we did the initial flagging for the lower end of the Squaw Butte Connector. Led by Fred Pickering of the DNR, Ed Robertson and I zigzagged our way through the brush. I had no idea where we were or where we were going, but I was having the time of my life. Jim Hughes was along that day as photographer. It would be another three years before actual construction on Squaw Butte would begin.

In the last ten years I have not only been involved in the majority of work parties, but have also had the honor of serving on the Board of Directors and holding several executive positions. The work of the Board has been nothing if not phenomenal—working



Ted Klump presents award to Don Cannard and Grace Robertson

behind the scenes, trying to keep up with the minutia of details involved in keeping our organization going—a phenomenon. While some folks have served a short period of time, offered what they could and moved on, others have been 'on board' from the beginning, doing a sterling job literally day in and day out.

I could go on at length about the last ten years, but it's the next ten years—what challenges await us and what submerged talents in our

membership pool that are yet to break the surface—that are important now. So, as we move into the second decade of the CTA, let us keep Goethe's words in our collective mind and heart. It is a magical, powerful time. Come and join us on the journey.

Reflections

by Kim Bayer

CTA members joke that the cause is a hundred year project and it is true. Building a loop trail around the Columbia River Gorge is not going to be completed in one day, but we know it will be completed one day. CTA is realizing the vision—the possibility of the Columbia River Gorge becoming a corridor for hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders and wilderness enthusiasts where they can discover what a wellmarked, beautifully maintained trail winding through protected alpine meadows, temperate forests and plateaus, can offer. CTA believes in reserving a place throughout the Gorge for the discovery and enjoyment of nature, in preserving the delicate and

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CTA To Host American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation

by Kim Bayer

Chinook Trail Association will host an American Hiking Society-sponsored Volunteer Vacation from July 18-24, 1999. This is an exciting opportunity for CTA as wilderness advocates from across the United States will volunteer to spend their vacations with the opportunity to experience trail building on the Bells Mountain Connector. Projects will include building trail tread on some of the needed minor reroutes, drainage work and possibly placing some of the bridges over the forty stream crossings along the 7.5-mile trail. Volunteers will have the option of either day packing to the work sites from a base camp at Cold Creek Campgrounds or setting up a spike camp at the

work sites further along the trail. CTA will also be responsible for the provision of food at an additional cost to the volunteers. At the week's culmination, the volunteers will be treated to a special meal and the pristine views of a Silver Star hike.

CTA has limited the number of volunteers to twelve, and first preference will be given to registered AHS Volunteer Vacation participants. However, there will be need for CTA members to provide hospitality and logistic services such as pick-ups and drop-off between the airport and Bells Mountain at Cold Creek, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity for any CTA members looking to help the cause in ways other than trail

building. Please contact Don Cannard at 694-4033 if you are interested in playing a role on this stage.

Ellen Davis Trail Patch

by Don Cannard



Marrianna Kearney, long time Mazama member, local watercolorist and Chinook Trail member, created for CTA a patch design for the Ellen Davis Trail. The patch features the orange and cream colored butterfly, Anthocharis sara, commonly referred to as Sara's Orange Tip. This butterfly has been observed to live at both ends of the Ellen Davis Trail, near St. James and again, near the Friendship Bridge on Burnt Bridge Creek north of Leverich Park. Sara's Orange Tip lays its eggs on certain mustard species upon which its larva feed.

Happy Trails from Trigger & Company

by Florence Wager

Longtime trails friend Frank Funk, Clark County Equestrian, has been playing Santa. He obtained several generous gifts for the Quest Drive: \$200 from the Clark County Executive Horse Council, and another \$200 from the Clark County Saddle Club. Many thanks to the equestrians for their support. When CTA parties are out working on the multiple-use trails, we always limb off the trees at a height to ensure that no riders will be caught short, or tall as the case might otherwise be.

From the Membership Committee Files...

by Maria Muscarella

The Membership Committee and the Board of the Chinook Trail Association thanks you for making this year's Quest Drive one of the most successful ever. As of January 6th, contributions to Quest have totaled over \$3200 dollars. Your generosity will help us purchase much needed new equipment and supplies for the coming trail building season. Your generosity is what makes this organization keep going. There is still an opportunity to contribute to Quest as the fundraising drive does not end till June.

We have some exciting new ideas to increase membership and our profile in the community during 1999. The Membership Committee is proposing that community agencies, businesses and other organizations encourage their employees to be part of trail work parties. Organizations could either create their own work parties or be part of other teams. We anticipate that by reaching out into the wider community we can increase the number of people who come out for work parties, as well as potentially recruit new members for CTA. If you would like to help out in this work by approaching the place where you work or by helping the

Membership Committee, please call Maria Muscarella at 254-2901. We are always in need of volunteers and your involvement can be as much or as little as you are able to give.

We also want to bid farewell to Kim Bayer, one of the pillars of the Membership Committee, who was an AmeriCorps placement with CTA. She quickly became one of the family and her enthusiasm, commitment, hard work, and willingness to do

just about anything we needed her to do will be greatly missed. We wish her well and know she will be a valued member of anything of which she is a part.

CTA is very pleased to announce and welcome on board our new AmeriCorps placement, Chris Koren, who will join us starting in February. We expect Chris, who has a degree in Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Management, to bring new expertise and enthusiasm to our team.

C-TRAN Helps on Alternative Transportation Route – Ellen Davis Trail

by Don Cannard



C-TRAN has granted funds to Chinook Trail Association to upgrade a portion of the 2.6-mile Ellen Davis Trail. This urban trail connects Leverich Park with St. James, a future connector with the Chelatchie Prairie railroad recreational corridor. The Ellen Davis Trail also links with the newly created and successfully supervised Park and Ride located within the BPA-JD Ross complex. This connector makes it possible to walk or ride a bike to this mini-transit center. The center is open weekdays and provides connector buses to Portland and other destinations within the Clark County region. Chinook Trail is pleased to have the confidence of the C-TRAN and SWIFT organizations as evidenced by virtue of these grants. We are proud to be providing recognized and valuable services to the Vancouver-Clark County community.

A Memorable CTA 10th Anniversary Celebration

by Paul Clare

Anniversaries provide an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on how far we've come and what we have accomplished. The Chinook Trail Association celebrated ten years of trail building in 1998 and we held a party, with honored guests and a special award, to mark this milestone.

Mayor Royce Pollard began the festivities as he welcomed keynote speaker Commissioner Jennifer Belcher and all attendees to the Chinook Trail Association's 10th Anniversary celebration at the Vancouver Water Resource Center on November 1st. In addition, Governor Gary Locke recognized CTA's importance in enhancing our region's quality of life by proclaiming November 1 to be Chinook Trail Association Day in the state of Washington.

The newly created Founders Day Award was presented by President Ted Klump to Don Cannard and posthumously to Ed Robertson for their valuable and multi-faceted work in service to the CTA. The award featured profiles of co-founders Ed Robertson and Don Cannard carved in wood, and honors their collective vision in establishing CTA in 1988. The award will be given to individuals who have made significant contributions in furthering the work of the Chinook Trail Association.

Keynote speaker, Washington Land Commissioner Jennifer Belcher, spoke eloquently about the pending land issues facing the state. Ms. Belcher creatively painted a picture of the growing threats to our priceless resources by the increasing population and subsequent pressure. She advised attendees that Washington's population will double by the middle of the 21st Century, the equivalent of 29 cities the size of Tacoma or Spokane, and asked, "Does anyone know where we're going to put 29 more Tacomas or Spokanes?" Commissioner Belcher skillfully cultivated audience participation in sharing personal histories that formed a collective visualization of the past and the future. Her talk left us with much to ponder about the future of our region.

Mina Warner's performance of "The Wilderness Call" and "The Columbia River Song" which reflect her concerns regarding 'rearranging' the earth, powerfully complemented Commissioner Belcher's address.

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diverse Columbia ecosystems, in creating the way and encouragement for citizens to use some of their own life force to contribute to this creation through planning and constructing this recreational opportunity right in their own backyard. These beliefs make me realize that if it does take one hundred years, then the Chinook Trail will offer the best view from which to welcome in the next new millennium.

The Northwest Service Academy has chosen to provide CTA with a new AmeriCorps member in January 1999. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve such a wonderful organization and thanks especially to Don, Maria and members of the Board for their leadership.



Commissioner Jennifer Belcher addresses CTA Anniversary Celebrants.

In his President's Report, Ted Klump praised the hardworking efforts of the volunteer trail building crews and reflected upon their progress on Bells Mountain. He expressed his thanks to the Membership Committee for streamlining the renewal process and data collection and underscored his heartfelt appreciation to Kim Bayer, AmeriCorps staff person, for her day-to-day enthusiastic and effective efforts in support of CTA over the past year.

The event culminated with a raffle, which helped make possible the gift of a 1999 Pocket Calender to each attendee as a memento of the anniversary. Special thanks to Ballews Restaurant, Bill Greer of the Ft. Vancouver Historic site, Maria Muscarella, Larry Swatosh who donated prizes for the raffle, and to John Coyle II for his graphic design work on the anniversary invitation.

A Changing of the Guard

by the Editor

We are pleased to report that CTA's search for a new Treasurer has been richly rewarded: Marco Marciel will be replacing longtime CTA pillar of fiscal responsibility and friend Florence Wager.

Words cannot fully express CTA's appreciation to Florence for her dutiful efforts over the years. There's really no easy way to account for the longtime credit she has been to us and we have certainly cashed in on her and we owe her a heartfelt debt of gratitude.

We also want to wish Marco a hearty welcome and thanks for his willingness and ability. He also brings financial expertise and a balanced perspective to the table, and we look forward to working with him and benefiting from his computing wherewithal. Florence will be assisting Marco's *rappel*, utilizing some of her well weathered ropes, and doubtless Marco will be tying off some new lines as well in the process of transferring the records.

Please join us in wishing them both all the best in spirit.

SWIFT Awards Funds

by Don Cannard

SWIFT has recently awarded funds to the Chinook Trail Association to assist in the construction of the Bells Mountain Trail in north central Clark County. The funds will enable the organization to hire the services of the local Larch Mountain Correctional Inmate Crew. The crew began working on the trail in October. In reviewing these efforts, Trails Chair Roger Anderson stated that "the work performed has been very well done and we are pleased with the results." (For more information see the Bells Mountain Update on page 4 of this newsletter.) This is one of two new crews formed as a consequence of the expansion of the Larch Mountain facility.

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Bells Mountain Update

by Roger Anderson

The Bells Mountain segment of the Chinook Trail is much closer to completion! A DNR work crew from Larch Mountain Recreation Center has been constructing 600-700 feet of trail per day since October 14, 1998. On January 7th, they completed their contract and were able to punch through and connect with the portion of the trail that starts at Moulton Falls County Park, so we now have a new 7.5-mile trail!

So what's left to do? Plenty. Forty-two bridges and culverts need to be constructed and set in place, a few minor reroutes ranging from a few feet to several hundred feet need to be made, and some drainage work needs to be done. However, CTA needs the permits before we can place bridges.

Clark County Parks and Recreation is continuing to gather

information and is planning on applying for hydraulic and shoreline permits in January. If all goes as planned, these permits should be issued in April. The County has hired retired U.S. Forest Service Trail Engineer Jim Slagle to prescribe erosion control and crossings at the 42 water sites. His field work was completed in November and the prescriptions were targeted for completion by the end of December.

The CTA trail work parties have been in winter shutdown mode since November, but we are planning for a prolific Spring season and our first 1999 work party will be March 6th, so please keep this date in mind. Also, we have set work party dates for all of 1999, the first part of which are noted below. For more information about these projects, please feel encouraged to call Roger Anderson at 254-2371.



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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CTA 1999 Work Parties Spring Forward

All sites meet at designated areas at 8:00 a.m.

March 6th	Bells Mountain	@ Salmon Creek Park & Ride, 134th St. Friends of the Columbia River Gorge
March 20th	Bells Mountain	@ PUD Bldg. Parking Lot, 117th Ave.
April 10th	Indian Creek	@ Lewis & Clark State Park Parking Lot, Troutdale, OR
April 17th	Earth Action Day - Location TBA	
May 1st	Bells Mountain	@ PUD Bldg. Parking Lot, 117th Ave.
May 15th	Hamilton Mountain	@ Pendleton Woolen Mills, Washougal, WA
May 29th	Squaw Butte	@ PUD Bldg. Parking Lot, 117th Ave.
June 5th	National Trails Day	@ PUD Bldg. Parking Lot, 117th Ave.
June 19th	Ed's Trail/Silver Star	@ PUD Bldg. Parking Lot, 117th Ave.

Bring the usual work attire (work boots, gloves, etc.), your heavy tools, lunch and drinking water. Some tools will be available at the site. Return by 4:30 p.m.

For more information on trail work opportunities, call Roger Anderson, Trails Chair, 254-2371.



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