

Chinook Trek #31

September 1999

11th Annual Dinner Meeting, Nov. 7th, 1999 — SAVE THIS DATE

By Maria Muscarella

CTA will celebrate its 11th annual dinner meeting on Sunday, November 7th, at the Vancouver Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way.

This year's keynote speaker will be local author and wilderness enthusiast Robin Cody. Mr. Cody's works embrace both personal experiences and fiction, including the award winning *Voyage of a Summer Sun*, an account of his 82-day solo canoe trip down the Columbia River from its source in Canada to its mouth in Astoria and *Ricochet River*, a novel set in small town Oregon and full of rivers, fish and Native American lore. Mark your calendars; you will not want to miss his offerings!

Aside from the usual dinner bounty, the event will also feature an auction of more than \$2,000 worth of outdoor recreation items that CTA received as part of its DuPont Cordura award (see Trails For Tomorrow article). Nicolas Beatty, our good friend at Barnes & Noble Books also indicated the desire to add some hiking/camping/field

guide resources to the auction fare. So bring your checkbook for great, no hassle holiday shopping or start practicing your 'dangnabbit face.' Longtime CTA stalwart Larry Devroy, Oregon Wetlands Mitigation Specialist and Grand Meister of Personality, will massage the audience with his wry touches in the Master of Ceremony role. Missing this event would be tantamount to finding yourself up the proverbial creek without a paddle.

You will be receiving a follow-up invitation mailing with all the ticket and agenda information. Many of the planning details are still in the works and there's ample opportunity to assist with the event needs. Please call Maria @ (360) 254-2901 or Chris Koren @ (360) 906-6769 for more details and to volunteer your help.

We hope to see you all there!



Robin Cody
Annual Dinner '99 Keynote Speaker

**Auction of high quality gear.
Good prices, great cause!**

CTA Proposes Geographic Name Change

by Don Cannard

Letters of support are coming to CTA endorsing the change of the name of Squaw Butte to Chinook Ridge. CTA members have long held the belief that the existing name is culturally insensitive and offensive to Native America. Maria Koupe, Washington's Board on Geographic Names, reports a growing echo of this position. The ridge's trail, which advocates of the name change hope to refer to as USFS Chinook Trail #180 B (to distin-

guish it from the overall Chinook Trail loop), follows the gunwale route up the western shoulder of Silver Star Mountain.

Records document the route was a Native American trail from the huckleberry fields and vision quest pits found on Silver Star and in the surrounding areas. Amy Singer, Chinook Tribal Member, recalls the oral history of her mother recounting the travels of her great grandmother along the ridges from Celilo Falls to what we now call the Vancouver Lake lowlands.

In 1974, Ed Robertson and I met with Fred McKay, SW Washington's first Fire Warden. Mr. McKay shared that he too

followed that route when commissioned by the now Washington Department of Natural Resources to layout the Clark-Skamania County line. Seemed a family named Matson had a grazing lease from the USFS and the WDNr was inclined to charge them a fee for their wayward cattle that crossed the boundary line in wanton disregard and bovine civil disobedience for want of greener pastures. Bully.

I guess there's not much new under the sun, what with all the talk today of charging fees for access to public lands. Anyone for grazing, or would you rather not risk being perceived as making a grass of yourself?

NTD '99: Good Time & Good Work

by The Editor

CTA members and supporters ushered in National Trails Day '99 with mutually friendly faces under ominous clouds on June 5th; the weather would challenge the participants' raingear but not dampen their collective spirit. The skies began crying en route to Cold Creek Campground and the Bells Mountain Trailhead, an androgynous storm that initially revealed its torrential male side then settled into a feminine drizzle for much of the morning.

After the re-gathering and tools safety program, 70 trail workers broke into six teams. One crew completed brushing along the disabled access Cedar Creek Trail on the campground side that will link upstream to the Bells Mountain Trail via a 70 ft. suspension bridge and disabled access fall overlook. The remaining crews crossed the log bridge downstream to designated spots along the trail where culverts are required by the trail's salmon reclamation and environmental prescriptions. Those crews were able to install 8 culverts and a couple of drainage 'V' ditches before hiking back out to the campground for a well deserved BBQ under the prodigal sun.

Thereafter, the participants had cake and ate it too to commemorate co-founder Don Cannard's day of birth (day of reckoning for those between him and his goals) and an auction of sponsor-donated items that secured \$511 to further the ongoing work of CTA.

We extend our appreciation to all who came together to create a successful National Trails Day celebration. A special thanks goes to the NTD '99 Co-Sponsors who stepped up to the plate and belted out funds and/or donated goods, materials and services: Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.,

The Columbian, Linear Products, Inc./H. B. Fuller, Pendleton Woolen Mills, Fred Meyers, Barnes & Noble Books, Mountain Shop, Washington Trails Association, REI, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Clark County Parks and Recreation, Safeway and Natures.

Mark your calendars for CTA's 8th annual participation in National Trails Day 2000, June 3rd. Plan to help usher in a new millennia of trail work and camaraderie in the promotion of greater access into the wilderness of our region and the ultimate realization of The Chinook Trail.



Ted Klump, Chris Koren and Roger Anderson auction Pendleton blanket



NTD trail workers installing culvert

Position Open The Beat Goes On

By The Editor

CTA needs a new Membership/Renewal Manager. You just have to follow the footprints on the dance floor and sway a bit to the downbeat of the well-timed procedures; you don't have to be Fred Astaire. Every step is documented and training will familiarize you with the process. All work can be done from your at-home PC according to your own schedule. The database is maintained on MS Access and a word processor like MS Word or WordPerfect is helpful, all of which will be provided. We're playing your song. Trip the light fantastic; don't be a wallflower!

Lost

A yellow REI nylon jacket, size L, was found on the hike out of the Bells Mountain Trail during National Trails Day. Yours? Call Paul @ (360) 254-2901 to stake your claim.

A well-deserved thanks is due Jan Breneman, out-going Membership Manager. Readers, tickled to receive the mailings and that warm feeling from renewal notices, owe Jan a wink and a nod for a job well done. For several years Jan's dedicated managing of CTA's membership database has effectively tracked where we all stand, making the association the better for it. She's opted to put her talents elsewhere while remaining an active CTA member.

For now, Maria Muscarella and Chris Koren share these duties. We all appreciate their timely pinch-hitting; readers should appreciate that their responsiveness represents an interim solution.

CTA Wins Award

by The Editor

We thank the Cordura Group, a DuPont division producing the trademark nylon used in hundreds of durable outdoor driven applications, for honoring CTA with their Trails For Tomorrow Award. The grant, given to 10 trail-based organizations across the nation, is determined annually in conjunction with the American Hiking Association's promotion of National Trails Day.

The DuPont Cordura award recognizes CTA "for excellence in the development and maintenance of recreational trails, for commitment to the building of community partnerships, and for achievements, devotion and inventiveness in the celebration of National Trails Day '99."

The winners received a trip to Salt Lake to participate in a ceremony and other activities in concurrence with the annual Outdoor

Retailers Summer Market—the world's largest outdoor industry show. The grant also included a cash award of \$500 and \$2,000 worth of donated gear.

The gear, nine packs of various sizes, five pairs of hiking boots, five articles of outdoor clothing and a Vector Easy Chair, will be auctioned off at CTA's 11th Annual Dinner event on November 7th (note cover article). Thanks to Outdoor Products, Sportif USA, JanSport, Tecnica, Field and Stream, Eagle Creek, Outdoor Research, Cerf Bros. Bag Co., Mountainsmith, Eastpak, Browning, Trager, Gregory Mountain, Herman Survivors, Battle Lake Outdoors, Wrangler, Osprey, Vasque and Kiva Designs for their gear donation in support of the Trails For Tomorrow program.



Downtown Salt Lake was struck by a tornado that destroyed the show's Pavilions adjacent to the Convention Center. Many gear sellers lost their wares, some of whom were offered shared space with others whose displays were indoors. The show was postponed one day to assess the damage and develop contingencies. In the storm's wake one life was lost and many were injured in addition to the loss of property. True to form, the national media highlighted the devastation; however, the tragic losses would have paled in comparison had the storm occurred later in the week when many more gear reps and the public would have been in its path. Organizers and sellers worked well together in the aftermath, a testament to their abilities in outdoor struggles.

Again, heartfelt thanks to DuPont Cordura for orchestrating this innovative program to bring together and assist trail groups across America.

Monthly CTA Meetings

Executive Board	1st Wednesday	Contact: Ted Klump, President @ (360) 695-7149
Trails Committee	2nd Wednesday	Contact: Roger Anderson, Chair @ (360) 254-2371
Membership Committee	4th Monday	Contact: Maria Muscarella, Chair @ (360) 254-2901

CTA Attends FWOC Convention

by Roger Anderson

On August 27-29, Chris Koren and I attended the 68th Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, held in Cle Elum near Ellensburg, WA. The event at Camp Koinonia was hosted by the Seattle Mountaineers and the convention's theme of "Strategies for Stewardship: A New Century For The West," was led by FWOC President Brock Evans for the third year. The meals provided by the caretaker and kitchen staff were classic and we were all reminded of great times as kids at summer camp.

The framework of the convention centered around several panels of speakers, grouped by topics such as watershed projects, rivers and wetlands, wilderness, forests and parks. All speakers related their stewardship plans of these areas and allowed for plenty of time for questions at the end of their respective talks. Interspersed between the various panels were the reports by representatives of the individual clubs in attendance such as Audubon chapters, hiking and climbing clubs, friends of . . . , Sierra Club chapters, etc.

Each evening there was a keynote speaker or activity. On Saturday, we all paid tribute to the 'Grand Matriarch of the FWOC,' Hazel Wolf, who turned 101 last March, one of the FWOC founders 68 years ago. Several people told stories of her impact on their lives. The gathering sang songs and Hazel gave a comical speech about 'Great Women In My Life.' The highlight of the evening came when Native American Cha-das-ska-dum, Lumma tribal member, told his

stories of Hazel accompanied by flute and drum. He calls Hazel "Nut Wolf" and "Loco Lobo"! The evening ended with the entire gathering standing with Cha-das-ska-dum and his wife who sang and prayed for Hazel, accompanied by Mark Tao, Snoqualmie tribal member who joined in with his drum. What an evening!

Sunday was taken up with various FWOC business such as electing new representative officers and voting on the many resolutions that were submitted by the member club delegates. I submitted two on behalf of CTA, both of which passed. One was in support of our initiative to gain National Trail status for The Chinook Trail and the other advocated for stronger recognition of trail buffers with designs on better protecting them from timber sales and logging damage.

Congratulations

Accolades to Roger Anderson, CTA Trails Chair, newly elected FWOC Vice-President of SW Washington. Our area now has a stronger voice on environmental issues. Ask Roger for more details on the FWOC and its '99 convention.

Grant Applications Miss Approval

by Don Cannard

CTA submitted two National Recreational Trail Grant Applications. One was for us to work in Oregon to improve the 400 Trail out of Lewis and Clark State Park, an important connector for the Chinook Trail loop. The other was to improve more than three miles of our Hamilton Mountain Trail within Washington's Beacon Rock State Park. Sadly, although the proposals were reasonably well received, not so reasonably well that we were granted the awards. The need for these two important projects

remains and we will try again in two years.

The National Recreational Trail Grant Program was established for restoration of existing trails only—hiking, multi-use and motorized—and is a federal funding stream. What this means is it has been determined that there are just a parcel of trails within Oregon and Washington that are in need of improvements

Addendum

Longstanding members know of Don Cannard's tireless and effective work in securing CTA funding. The fact is, he's so much the 'salt of the earth' that when he goes hiking the deer follow in his footsteps, figuring he's some kind of new fangled

ambulatory salt-lick. His writer's workshop is well tooled, but there's only so much technical wordsmithery anyone can fix, even Don; and writer's cramp notwithstanding, there's only so many hours in a day.

CTA recently purchased two resources, The Oregon and the Washington Foundation DataBooks, that we hope will aid us in identifying and securing financial support down the trail. Anyone interested in helping with this critical effort by applying their talents to these potentially lucrative ends should know that the Board has favorably discussed grant writing workshops and trainings for interested members. It would be an innovative way for you to move mountains, or at least facilitate movement over them.

—Editor

THE PREZ SAYS . . . A Call For Volunteers

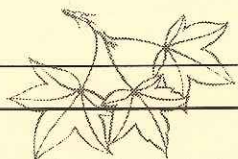
By Ted Klump

THE CHINOOK TRAIL ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU! YES YOU, sitting there enjoying this newsletter. We need your talents, your energy and your time. The association has been moving forward the past ten-plus years, making our dream a reality, doing the day-to-day activities that keep us viable and solvent. Clearly, we have accomplished great things with this dedication; and just as surely, to paraphrase the poet, 'You will not see us stopping here.'

Much of what we have accomplished is a reflection of the same committed people, too few in number, who have given freely of their time from the inception of the organization. Now, many of those heroic volunteers have been called to turn their attention to

other obligations and responsibilities. The organization's volunteer force requires new faces and renewed energy.

We know that if you did not share a commitment to the collective vision, you would not be sitting there reading this newsletter. We want you to make the news more readable. We need you for trail parties, membership efforts, and community relation initiatives, to serve on the Board of Directors and within the committees. CTA's body works by you, for you; its voice is in your head and calls for your thoughtfulness and action, for your firing synapses, for your muscles contracting. Together we all are CTA, and unless transfused by new blood, anemia portents.



*The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

—Robert Frost
From *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*

You know that we need people to help plan and work on upcoming events such as our 11th Annual Meeting, NTD 2000, ongoing projects such as completing the Bells Mountain Trail connector and more. Please volunteer some of your time so that our shared dream can continue to become reality. It's a win-win situation. So help yourself, help CTA.

Speak with a friend about CTA and ask them to consider becoming a member. Share with them why you belong to the fold. Explain to them the peace of mind that you've received from the knowledge that you help build the trail; from knowing you put the creation in outdoor recreation.

Chinook Trail Association (CTA) Membership Application

☐ Individual \$25 ☐ Family \$35 ☐ Student/Senior \$15 ☐ Institution \$75 ☐ Sustaining \$100 ☐ Life \$500

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Please send application and remittance to:

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CTA Summer Campout '99

NWSA & SYE Join Bells Mountain Push

by Chris Koren

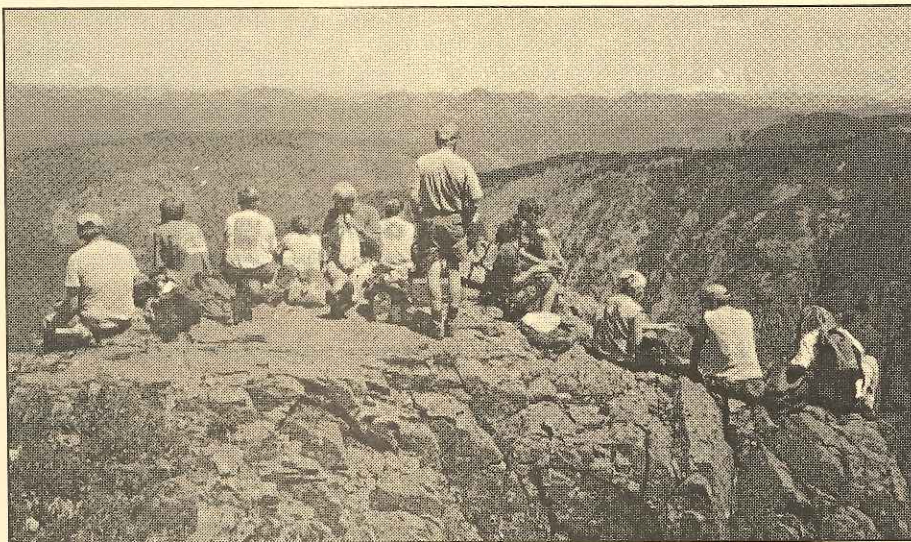
Eight AmeriCorps members from the Northwest Service Academy (NWSA) and nine ESD 112 Summer Youth Employment (SYE) crewmembers joined a few CTA members in the annual summer campout at Cold Creek Campground, July 19-22.

Together, the trail workers were able to install four new culverts and complete nearly a mile of reroutes along the Bells Mountain Trail.

On Tuesday evening, the volunteers were rewarded with a campfire talk given by Dave Delyria, archeologist and Clark County resident, entitled Native American Use of Cold Creek and Silver Star. Dave was captivating in his wealth of knowledge about the area and passed around examples of tools used by our region's indigenous inhabitants.

For Wednesday, each EnviroCorps member was matched up with a SYE member for the day. Although many of the SYE crew are recent immigrants from Russia and the Ukraine, the teams managed to get beyond communication difficulties, spanning the language barrier with a collection of gestures and a sub-cultural dialect best described as broken English trailspeak. Everyone had a great day and the crews built nearly 1000 feet of rerouted new trail.

EnviroCorps workers were rewarded on Friday with a fun hike to the summit of Silver Star that was highlighted by walk and talk and pause and teach instruction from Wayne Colony, Clark College geologist and Wilson Cady, an ornithologist and naturalist



Lunchbreak on the Fun Hike to Silver Star Summit

*The valley spirit never dies.
It is the women, primal mother.
Her gateway is the root of heaven and earth.
It is like a veil barely seen.
Use it; it will never fail.*

—Tao Te Ching, Chapter Six

well versed in the study of Silver Star and the surrounding region. Trail builders were joined by pillars of the CTA community, Maria Muscarella, Membership Committee Chair, and Founding Member Sue Cannard,

in learning of Silver Star's birds, identification of plants (many of which are edible) and the geology of the entire area. It was a truly beautiful day. One of the many highlights was everyone getting a chance to spy a mother black bear and cub from the summit feeding on berries in the valley. At Silver Star's peak, the pristine panorama of all the snow-capped Cascades from Mt. Rainier north to the Three Sisters south wasn't anything to shake a (walking) stick at either.

The summer campout was a real success; CTA members who did not make it really missed out on a great event. Mark your calendars for July 17-21, 2000, so next year's event can be even better. A special thanks to Dave Delyria, Wayne Colony and Wilson Cady whose insights really made for a very special time. Thanks also to all who contributed time and energy to the summer campout, especially Roger Anderson and Paul Gregory, the likes of which continue to underscore for me that The Chinook Trail will one day be completed.



NWSA EnviroCorps work on Bells Mountain reroute.

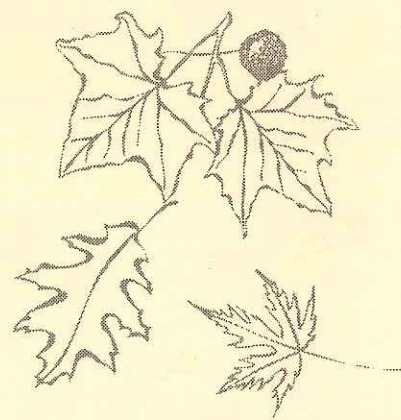
Bells Mountain Update

by Roger Anderson

There's been a lot of activity on Bells Mountain since National Trails Day on June 5th. We've had a couple subsequent work parties there to install culverts and work on reroutes. Still no bridge work yet, as we are waiting for the permit applications to be approved and signed by the Stimson Lumber Company folks. As soon as that happens the applications can be forwarded to Olympia for approval and issuance of the actual permits. It's a long process.

During July 17-24, we had our annual summer campout and work parties with

Northwest Service Academy (AmeriCorps' EnviroCorps) and the ESD 112 Summer Youth Employment program (see campout article). We all had a lot of fun getting down and dirty with culverts and reroutes. However, CTA membership participation was lacking. Where were the rest of you when we needed you? We still have a few work parties left this year. Please come out and see what's happening on the trail.



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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Reader's Note

The next issue will be prepared in mid-January '00. Remember, CTA's newsletter is for you. Your submissions and ideas make it what it is and are more than welcomed. So, if you happen to snap off a neuron or two, don't keep it to yourself. Call Paul @ (360) 254-2901 with suggestions.



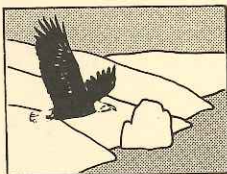
CTA Fall '99 Work Parties

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

Sept. 25th	Bells Mountain	@ PUD, 117th Ave./Hwy. 503
Oct. 9th	Hamilton Mtn./Beacon Rock S.P.	@ Pendleton Mills, Camas
Oct. 23rd	Hamilton Mtn./Beacon Rock S.P.	@ Pendleton Mills, Camas

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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