



Annual Meeting Report

by Ann Blaker

It was “old home week” for many friends of the Chinook Trail Association (CTA) at the Annual Meeting held January 30th, 2011 at the Water Resources Center in Vancouver. This year’s meeting was held as a tribute to Don Cannard and the support given by his wife Sue, and their dedication toward the mission of the CTA. Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt opened the meeting with a hearty welcome and recognition of the accomplishments of the CTA. He spoke of the work of Don and



Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt giving opening speech

others who have made significant progress in realizing the mission of the organization—the creation and maintenance of a bi-state rim trail. Don created the organization along with fellow educator Ed Robertson (deceased). As Don was introduced, Ted Klump mentioned that Don had often stated that the mission of the organization would take decades to complete. Nevertheless, the group has completed sections of the projected Chinook Trail which have received recognition as a National Recreational Trail.



Don Cannard speaking to the crowd

Upwards of eighty people attended the luncheon including all of Don and Sue’s children and their spouses. Don and Sue were presented with a large, original pastel painting by Portland artist Greg Danielson showing Don and Sue on the trail at Dog Mountain. The painting was a wonderful and inspired creation that embodied the spirit of all that Don and Sue have imparted to the Chinook Trail.



Larry Swatosh presenting Sue and Don with an original pastel painting

Following recognition of Don and Sue, the meeting continued with a keynote address by Lisa Goorjian of the Vancouver/Clark Parks and Recreation Department. She described

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Don Cannard with the Chinook Trail map



L-R around the table: Larry Swatosh, Don Cannard, Ted Klump, Phil Delany, and Bob Scullin



Don and Sue with family members who attended the meeting

Volunteer Opportunities and National Trails Day

by Phil Delany

Hello Chinook Trail members and supporters. With spring just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about some trail repair projects. As always there are lots of trouble spots on the Tarbell-Chinook Trail. One opportunity is National Trails Day, June 4th this year. I have been working with Jessica Kimmick, DNR Recreation Manager for Southwest Washington, to find a trail project that we could tackle. Depending on how many people are interested, we have several work areas in mind. Please call the CTA office at 360-993-0040 for more information. I look forward to seeing you on the trail.

FAOI (For All Our Information)

by MarCine Miles

Ted Klump, a man of many skills—including being a prior long-term president of CTA, builder of trails, practitioner of direct communications, and a decent and honorable man—has agreed to serve as CTA office manager. Please feel free to contact Ted in regard to CTA matters. The new phone number (with answering machine) is 360-993-0040 and the mailing address can be found in this newsletter. CTA also has a website in progress at chinooktrails.org. If you are interested in staying dry and not being on the work end of a shovel, please help with the CTA website. And if you have not already paid your 2011 dues, please support the CTA with payment of your dues.

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the Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trail Project, and the partnerships needed to accomplish such an ambitious project, such as the partnership with the CTA. Attendees commented that the fact that the trail would intersect eight existing trails in the county meant it would connect urban and suburban Vancouver with the Gorge and wilderness areas to the east.

A substantial article with photographs ran in The Columbian the following week, celebrating Don as a "Hero." Other area newspapers also echoed this sentiment.

All attendees and supporters are sincerely thanked for their participation.

Trail Work Report

by Ted Klump

The WTA work party that included CTA's Hank Bergquist and Phil Delany that was scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 26-27 on the Tarbell Trail was cut short due to inclement weather. The weekend was to include log out and drainage work on both days, and a Saturday night barbecue and camp out. The group removed logs on the section of the Tarbell between Rock Creek and Cold Creek campgrounds on Saturday but woke up to two inches of fresh snow the next morning so the drainage work scheduled for Sunday was cancelled.

Other trail projects currently under construction could eventually become part of the Chinook Trail.

Work has begun on the Cape Horn Trail, which will eventually be part of the Washougal-to-Stevenson Trail and a possible alternate route for the Chinook Trail. Volunteers with WTA, including CTA members Susan Saul, Phil Delany and Ted Klump, have completed several reroutes along with excavation for sill pads for a new bridge on the lower section of the trail. The Cape Horn Trail is a spectacular trail with several outstanding viewpoints along the way.

Work is also nearing completion on a trail known as the Bridge Trail at Beacon Rock State Park that will connect the East Hardy Ridge Trail with the Upper Hardy Creek Trail. The trail system at Beacon Rock State Park has long been considered a connector to the Chinook Trail, which will piggyback on the Pacific Crest Trail between the Bridge of the Gods and some point south of Stabler. Volunteers with the Washington Trails Association, including CTA members Susan Saul, Hank Bergquist, Phil Delany, and Ted Klump, have been laboring on the Bridge Trail since 2008.

CTA member Jerry de Ruyter reports that The Back Country Horsemen have a work party scheduled for Bells Mountain on March 26th to include mitigation of damage done by illegal ORV incursion.

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