



News from the Cabin

Fall Edition - 2016  
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Greetings from the cabin!

This is the 2016-Fall edition of, "News from the Cabin", a summary of what's happening with the Tilly Jane A-Frame on Mt. Hood. It's been an eventful Summer/Fall with lot's to report! Last I wrote we were planning to kick off the capital fundraising campaign and Phase 1 of the **Cabin Restoration Project** work. Here's a full recap of cabin activities.

#### **#savetillyjane - How You Can Help!**

- We continue to accept donations through [PayPal](#). Don't forget about filling Tilly Jane's Christmas stocking, **DONATE TODAY!**
- [Next Adventure](#) is providing MORE PORTLAND T-SHIRTS (\$25 includes shipping), please respond to this e-mail if you'd like to order and we'll mail it to you. payment required at [PayPal](#)
- For you Hood River/Gorge folks, please stop by [Shortt Supply](#) and pick up a Hood River Tilly T- Shirt (\$20) AND you can still pick up a commemorative PINT GLASS (\$5) at [Double Mountain Brewing](#) . These make GREAT holiday gifts and ALL proceeds go to the cabin!!

#### **Cabin Rental**

2016 is shaping up to be another strong year for cabin rentals; we're estimating \$19K in rental income, representing over 1000 user nights! Reservations continue to be strong for 2017 with all Saturday nights being booked. If you weren't able to secure a weekend stay, continue checking [Reserve America](#) as cancellations do occur. If you have some flexibility, midweek is the best way to go. You'll also have a more intimate experience!

As in year's past, the cabin is "closed" to public rentals one weekend each month for ONC club/volunteer use. Please consider joining the ONC or volunteering to gain access on these weekends. Another nice benefit of joining the club includes discounts at area merchants (see the [ONC website](#) for additional information and to sign up) among other benefits.

#### **Cabin Operations**

The annual October work party was a great success. Thank You, to those who attended and helped prepare the cabin for winter use. We hauled 3 cords of wood from the campground to the cabin and split another 3.5 cords from the on-site supply (from the hazard tree reduction project). We rented a log splitter to help with this work while many volunteers went "old school" and used a splitting mauls. 6.5 cords should allow for zero stress about running out of wood as we did last year. PLEASE DON'T USE THIS WOOD FOR OUTDOOR FIRES! If you have a fire outside, please use the stacked firewood near the fire ring and limit the size of the fire, **NO MORE BONEFIRES!** This will ensure everyone has enough wood to keep the fire going in the woodstove. Please also **REFRAIN FROM OVERFILLING THE WOOD STOVE AND SPILLING WATER ON THE GLASS DOOR.** These are the main reasons the door glass breaks. We also request that you **LOCK THE DOOR AND CLEAN UP** before leaving for home. It's the responsibility of the renters to re-secure the cabin before leaving. This may require you to ask any day-trippers to depart. Finally, the cabin will soon be snow covered. Please **DO NOT CLIMB ON THE ROOF**, it's fragile and we need to baby the shingles for another season or two

until we have enough funding to pay for Phase 2 restoration. You can't tell in the winter but it's in pretty bad shape! **We need your help**, if you see folks climbing on the roof, explain the situation and ask them to stay off. AND REMEMBER, if we don't know what's going on, we can't address the problems so please let me know about any issues you find!

### Restoration Project

The fundraising campaign was kicked off in July. We've held two raffle/silent auction fundraisers, a Halloween party benefit, and a small raffle at the October work party raising \$16,000 at these 4 events alone! For those of you who attended, thank you again, and please tell your friends about **#savetillyjane**. We are planning more events in 2017. Here's a summary of the events;

- Portland September 15: Venue and beer donated by [Base Camp Brewing](#), T-Shirts and commemorative Pint glasses donated by [Next Adventure](#) both designed by [Blue Collar Agency](#). Over 400 supporters in attendance; we sold out of pint glasses and T-Shirts, raising over \$8,000.
- Hood River November 10: Venue and beer donated by [Double Mountain Brewing](#), T-Shirts and commemorative Pint glasses designed by [Blue Collar Agency](#) and donated by [Doug's Sports](#) and [Shortt Supply](#). Over 150 supporters attended plus \$1 from every beer sold was donated, raising \$6,000.
- Buried Bash October 29: Our friends at [Blue Collar Agency](#) in Hood River also threw a Halloween party which raised \$2,200 benefitting the cabin.
  - A Special Shout Out: To our friends at [Blue Collar Agency](#) for all their marketing/advertising and volunteer assistance and the [ONC-PDX](#) who also helped staff these events!

### Phase 1 Project Recap

After obtaining construction approval from the [State Historic Preservation Office](#), our partners from the **Forest Service** completed the site grading, stump removal, moving the old concrete piers away from the building and digging the new footing holes in preparation to re-install the original footing rocks. We replaced 8 of the 14 original (rotten) rafters. The remaining 6 rafters and 3 concrete piers supporting the alcove wood room are planned for Phase 2 due to required log wall/roofing replacement and other structural stabilization work. Like sized trees were identified within the burn area below the cabin. They were cut down and hauled to the cabin using old school, log carriers, as they would have done during original construction. The non-original concrete piers were carted over to the campground parking lot where they wait to be removed and recycled. 5 yards of rock were hauled over to the cabin which was used for footing base material. All this work took place over two long weekends in July. Over four days in September, we rebuilt the original rock footings and installed the new log rafters! We had the help of a 3-4 volunteers each day, led by our contractor team, **Wells Construction, Inc** (the same people who re-built the historic Cloud Cap Inn). All construction supplies were donated by [Tum-a-Lum Lumber](#) and [Fastenal](#) in Hood River. We also installed a new outdoor fire pit and built some bench seating to go around it. The woodstove was cleaned and painted, and we replaced broken windows and sealed the airgaps around the windows for a less drafty cabin this winter.

The most impressive part of this project was the amount of volunteers who answered the calls for help! We had 39 people who gave over 380 hours to the project. The original bid to complete Phase 1 WITHOUT any volunteer assistance was \$33K. We were able to get it done for just over \$7K. Our volunteers directly saved over \$25K in construction expenses. Pictures can be viewed by visiting the [ONC website](#).

### Phase 2

Phase 1 was a great start to rehabilitating the cabin. Phase 2 will be a much larger project with a much larger price tag. While we'll be able to offset some of this through using volunteer labor, there are line items that necessitate using paid professionals (replacing the roof....). On this front, we are still looking for Western Red Cedar bolts suitable for manufacturing our own shakes. This remains problematic as this wood is HARD to come by! Please be on the lookout and/or help by **MAKING A DONATION TODAY!**

In the meantime, enjoy your winter, enjoy the cabin and Tilly Jane Historic District, and know that together we are making progress. I have enjoyed meeting so many outdoor and historical enthusiasts, you are all vital to this project and the cabin! For more information, please visit:

[ONC-PDX](#) then follow the Tilly Jane drop down box. You can also direct specific questions to:  
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Cheers,

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