



Vancouver BC bike trip

Fourteen energetic ONC-PDX members went on the annual bike trip to Victoria and Vancouver Island in July. We drove to Port Angeles, took the ferry to Victoria, and rode our bikes to our houses. We spent Tuesday riding to near Sooke—a 57 (!) mile round trip ride on the beautiful Galloping Goose Bike Trail, developed from a former railroad line from Victoria to Sooke. We turned around after having lunch outside at the famous Stickleback West Coast Eatery, looking out over Sooke Harbor.

We spent Wednesday exploring Victoria, visiting a night market, and Butchart Gardens. It was also great to spend a day of recovery from our long ride! On Thursday, we rode our bikes to Sidney Harbour, on the Lochside Regional Bike Trail, again on a former rail line from Sooke to Sydney. Although “only 41 miles,” we spent time riding along the east coast of Vancouver, and exploring the small shops and (of course) eating lunch. When we returned to Victoria, we shared a potluck dinner at one of the two houses we stayed in. Friday, we took our ferry back to Port Angeles, spent some time with Bob Vreeland (an ONC-PDX member), and drove home to Portland, just in time to relax after our relaxing vacation.

Weather forecasts are not always right! It was supposed to rain every day, we were only treated to a brief shower on one day, ♦

Ted Scheinman, Trip Leader



Ted Scheinman

Lostman Trail maintenance

On Saturday June 22 our amazing group of nine drove up the Mud Creek Ridge Road in the Trillium Lake Basin and went to work on the little known Lostman Trail. It is a ski trail two miles long, running along the back side of the ridge from the main road. Adding about an extra mile to the Mud Creek Ridge tour thru some very nice forest land and open areas. It needed some love to open up some sections that had narrowed and limb some low overhead branches. With nine continued on page 3



Ken Wenzel

Ochoco's trail tending

I am starting to believe in miracles... for trail tending. On Wednesday July 10 before our planned outing to the Ochocos, Just two people had volunteered to help, Richard for the full weekend and Greg for half the weekend. Considering the number of trails that needed TLC in both the Bandit Springs and Walton Lake area, I was getting a little discouraged. Someone forwarded my forum post to the Central Oregon continued on page 3

Renew your ONC-PDX membership

It's that time of year, ONC-PDX memberships renew on September 1. You can renew your membership anytime by going on-line: onc-pdx.org, login, click on “Membership” then on “Renew.”

Support your club and enjoy your club benefits. We look forward to the upcoming ski season. ♦

Membership Committee

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EDITORIAL NOTES

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Corrections: email corrections and/or additions to the editor.

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

August 1 ▶ THURSDAY

Pacific Northwest Hiking Basics

6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Portland REI.

Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

August 3 ▶ SATURDAY

Historic Highway Trail Dedication

10:00 a.m. Off Exit 51 on I-84. A new section of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail is finished and there will be a dedication of the new trailhead. Explore the trail on foot or by bike between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Consider going car-free: join a group bike ride that will depart from the Bridge of the Gods in Cascade Locks at 9:00 a.m. (the ride is rated C+ with moderate terrain, rolling short steep hills, sustained climbs and is about 6.5 miles one way to the Wyeth Trailhead); or, take the Columbia Gorge Express from the Gateway Transit Center, Cascade Locks or Hood River (the Columbia Gorge Express will be making a special stop at Wyeth for the celebration). Please note, buses can only carry a limited number of bicycles.

August 7 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Camino de Santiago: A Walk across Spain

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Tualatin REI

Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Exploring Oregon's Ancient Forests

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Tualatin REI

Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

August 21 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Backpack the Timberline Trail

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Tualatin REI

Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

August 22 ▶ THURSDAY

Future NW Trails: The Salmonberry & Council Creek Trail

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Hillsboro REI.

Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

August 31 ▶ SATURDAY

Social History Happy Hour

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Mt Hood Museum, Government Camp, OR

Clinics and Training

Dec 5–14 ▶ THURSDAY–SUNDAY

2019 Oregon Fall Camp Mt. Bachelor, OR

Sign up for any date combination or any number of days. Morning sessions on snow every day (usually from 8:45 to noon), groomed ski sessions, optional afternoon dryland clinics, training plan lecture, video review, optional world-class physiology lab testing ... and more!

Fall Camp PM programs (all dates, times, and locations below subject to change)

Thur, Dec 5: Nordic Training/Fitness Talk with XC Oregon Coach J.D. Downing, 5:00–6:00 p.m., Environmental Center @ 16 NW Kansas Ave.

Fri, Dec 6: "Real World" XC Waxing Clinic...4:00–5:00 p.m., Webskis store @ 157 NW Franklin Ave.

Sat, Dec 7: Social/video review, 3:00–4:30 p.m., Broken Top Bottle Shop & Ale Cafe @ 1740 NW Pence Lane #1.

Thu, Dec 12: Nordic Training/Fitness Talk with XC Oregon Coach J.D. Downing, 5:00–6:00 p.m., Environmental Center @ 16 NW Kansas Ave.

Fri, Dec 13: "Real World" XC Waxing Clinic, 4:00–5:00 p.m., Webskis store @ 157 NW Franklin Ave.

Sat, Dec 14: Social/video review, 3:00–4:30 p.m., Broken Top Bottle Shop & Ale Cafe @ 1740 NW Pence Lane #1.

Registration is open.

Info: xcoregon.org/oregon-spring-camp

Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter

Formed as a nonprofit volunteer organization in 1968 by Nordic ski enthusiasts interested in using public lands for recreational cross-country skiing, the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club grew to over 550 members. The Portland Chapter is one of twelve chapters in the state. With activities year round, the Portland Chapter is dedicated to promoting greater participation in and understanding of the value of outdoor recreation with an emphasis on Nordic and backcountry skiing. In addition we hike, climb, backpack and bicycle year round in the northwest forests, mountains, and in town.

Member Benefits

- ▶ Free day tours; overnight trips, for members only.
- ▶ Clinics and lessons
- ▶ **Discounts at selected merchants (see p. 6)**
- ▶ Member rates on Mazama activities (excludes classes) and use of Mazama Lodge: day use, overnight and meals
- ▶ Free Tilly Jane weekends during the ski season
- ▶ Meet new friends who ski, hike and bike
- ▶ Monthly newsletter with free classified ads
- ▶ Support construction and maintenance of winter trails in Mt. Hood and Gifford Pinchot National Forests
- ▶ Membership in Northwest Ski Club Council, Far West Ski Association and Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Discounts/benefits: nwskiers.org fwsa.org federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

Memberships are renewed September 1 each year: \$30 for single, \$40 for family/household. Join on the website. Info: oncmembership@gmail.com

ONC-PDX BOARD SKI TRACKS

No board article this month. ♦

Lostman Trail maintenance continued from page 1 people we started at both ends and worked toward the middle. Many hands made light work of the job, meeting back up together on the trail at 1:30 p.m. This allowed us time to replenish our fluids at the Mt. Hood Brewery and still get home in time for dinner. I can't wait for winter and a chance to ski this wonderful section of trail. Many thanks to Linda Wilson, Patricia Reynolds, Joe Lucus, Greg Wenneson, Richard Crimi, Laurel Dickie, Brian Lawrence, and Mike Fadan for helping keep our trails open and skiable. ♦

Ken Wenzel, Trail Tending Coordinator

AntFarm helps ONC-PDX

In early July the Forest Service offered

ONC-PDX the Youth Corp. group from AntFarm to help with some ski trail tending, if I would escort and instruct them on ski trail tending. The Forest Service supplied a list of projects they wanted done and if there was any extra time I could use them on other projects. The AntFarm is an organization from Sandy, Oregon working with young teenagers, 12 years old up to about 17 years,

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Ken Wenzel

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Nordic Club (CONC) a chapter of ONC, and Eric and Ann Ness said they could help Saturday and Sunday. Then on Thursday evening I heard from Gary Evans, who lives in Madras and is a member of CONC, he said he would love to help all three days. What a change of fortune, all in one day!

On Friday Richard and I drove to Bandit Springs rest area and met Greg and Gary. By noon the pole saws were humming and the diamonds were going up on the trees. At 5:30 p.m. we had completed the Ponderosa Loop, part of the McGinnis Creek Loop, and the junctions from U, T, O, and N. Then it was time for fluid replenishment and dinner. We made camp beside a small creek in a green meadow and sat around a campfire until everyone crashed for the night.

Saturday we got up early, split into two groups, met up with Ann and Eric, and worked the center trail, and the Woodpecker Ridge Trail. At lunch time we met by the Ponderosa Trail junction and said good-bye to Greg. After lunch we drove FS Road 2630 to Walton Lake area, only seven miles across from Bandit Springs, and headed up the High Rim Trail lopping, limbing, clearing, and putting up diamonds. We got to the high open ridge top about 4:00 p.m. and marveled at the wonderful view. We also discovered how low on good blue diamonds we were after putting up 250 in two days. We then headed down to make camp at a wonderful spot in a large green meadow by the corral loop. Although not all to ourselves, the nearest other campers were 300 yards

away, not bad for a Saturday night on a weekend!

Sunday morning, we worked to clear and mark the trails as best we could with our now limited diamond supply. We split up on the Lake Loop, Richard going down the hill and to the left from point C heading directly to the lake, while Gary, Eric, Ann, and I worked on the loop from B to C to D, and back to B. We limbed and cleared and replaced diamonds as



Ken Wenzel

best we could on the 3.4 mile loop. We depleted the batteries on the power pole saws just a little short of point C, and had to limb trees with loopers to finish the job. Finishing at noon, everyone was ready to call it a day, and head for home. Many thanks go to Richard Crimi, Greg Wessneson, Eric and Ann Ness, and Gary Evans for making this trail tending party a successful event. I look forward to ski on these cleared trails this winter, thru the open ponderosa forest land and big open vistas. ♦

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DAY TOURS OVERVIEW

RSVP

It's important that our organizer's time and effort in planning events is respected and appreciated. Respecting your RSVP also ensures that all of our members have access to our tours that may otherwise fill up. We document no shows for events and this will impact your acceptance for future events.

Tour Difficulty

It is always difficult to communicate the difficulty of a tour. (See page 5 sidebar for ratings.) These ratings are a starting point. If you are uncertain then we strongly encourage you to contact the tour lead (it is much easier to sort this out before the trip than on the trail).

What to Bring

Let's start with the *10 Essentials*. This is list of items which we recommend every participant carry (not just the tour leader). For clothing please look at: onc-pdx.org/resources/wear/ For the vast majority of our tours you need to have skis beforehand (we don't have time to stop and rent skis on the way). If you need to rent equipment please see Rentals and Retailers.

Carpooling

Lack of snow worthy vehicles is a growing issue for the club and board is reviewing options to change our policy. The ONC-PDX carpool policy is: Each passenger contributes 15 cents per mile. For three or more passengers,

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NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Mt. Hood NF

The Mt. Hood National Forest has decided to authorize the following projects:

Hiking Trail Construction at Mt. Hood Meadows Construction of approximately 8 miles of new hiking trails within the Mt. Hood Meadows ski area. About 9.7 miles of hiking trails was originally proposed, but it was determined that additional analysis would be needed for three segments of the originally proposed trails.

Ski Trail Re-grading and Hiking and Biking Trail Relocation at Skibowl The Alpine Easy Street ski trail would be re-grading to accommodate skier safety and flow. Trail re-grading the trail includes widening the trail approximately 80 feet, lowering the inside of the trail and leveling the outside contour of the trail. Additionally, the reloca-

tion of a section of existing trail is necessary in another area at Skibowl, to reduce hiking and biking user conflicts. The new trail would intersect with the Sunrise biking trail; the slowest portion of the bike trail with high visibility for both the rider and the hiker. A small portion of the Cannonball bike trail would also be relocated to merge with the Sunrise trail above the existing maintenance road.

Nordic Trail Construction at Teacup Lake Nordic Area

This project will add about 1.6 miles of winter-use only cross-country ski trails over old skid trail alignments where possible within the Teacup Nordic ski area, and include additional trail signs where necessary. An administrative mapping change to the permit area boundary will include ongoing approved activities associated with access to the supply shed at the ODOT maintenance lot.

Info: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56127 ♦

Pam Rigor, Editor

AntFarm helps ONC-PDX with... cont. from page 3

all coming from troubled homes and most have dropped out of school. Our group was composed of five young men and one leader who is a school counselor during the school year. The AntFarm goal is to teach the kids how to work, how to write a resume, and get a job. AntFarm also operates a Café in Sandy and a working farm, all with the same goals. These kids were trail tending on hiking trails and campgrounds for two weeks before the ONC-PDX trail tender.

Our first project on July 24 was clean up of the Historic Barlow Road from Still Creek Campground to the ODOT parking lot. We also brushed the Summit Tie Trail and the Hemlock Ski Trail down to Still Creek road. This we found was just a huge huckleberry patch and not worth the effort since a groomer runs down it to groom the Trillium Trails and would pack it all down anyway.

The next day we worked on the Snow Bunny Trail running out on the old road past the Yellowjacket Trail junction. The trail went well, but the kids complained that it was the hardest day for them so far due to the heat and bugs. Of course most were wearing a long sleeve hooded sweat shirt in 70-80 degree weather. But these two trails got a good clean up and are ready for ski season. The Snow Bunny trail does offer a nice intermediate ski with nice views. Many thanks to the Forest Service and the AntFarm group for helping out on the ski trails! ♦

Ken Wenzel, Trail Tending Coordinator

Trail Tending/Tilly Jane

Set aside a day to work on the ski trails.

Help improve our winter trails. Volunteer for to join one or lead one of these trail tending parties or help with Tilly Jane. To sign up or for info contact: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 (h) 503.729.6571 (cell) skiwenzel@hotmail.com For Tilly Jane work contact: André Fortin at reservations@tillyjanecabins.org

What to bring: Most trail tending parties involve light brushing, tree limbing and the hanging of blue diamonds. Bring a comfortable pair of gloves to protect your hands (gardening gloves work well). Wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt, and hiking boots. We provide the tools, but quantities are limited. If you have tools that you don't mind sharing (pruning shears, long handled loppers, bow saws), feel free to bring them. Finally, bring a lunch, snacks and lots of water, as you are sure to work up an appetite.

August 3-4, Sat-Sun, Trail Tending Party—Campout or come for a day June Lake Trail and Kalama Trail, Mt. St. Helens, Southside, WA

See day tours schedule for details

August 8-9, Sat-Sun, Tilly Jane Phase 4 Tilly Jane area, East side of Mt. Hood, OR

Help the all-volunteer, Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter, non-profit for the Phase 4 restoration project set for this summer.

See day tours schedule for details ♦

DAY TOURS

Note: if weather or road conditions are dangerous, please contact the tour leader.

More tours may be listed here:

◆ onc-pdx.org/activities/day-tours

◆ onc-pdx.org/forums

◆ meetup.com/Oregon-Nordic-Ski-Club-Portland-Chapter

Note: dogs are only allowed on tours designated as “dog tours”

August 3–4, Sat–Sun, Trail Tending Party—Campout or come for the day June Lake Trail and Kalama Trail, Southside of Mt. St. Helens, WA

We'll be working on trails on the Southside to Mt. Saint Helens Saturday and Sunday August 3–4. We will work on cleaning up the June Lake trail and the connector trail going to Marble Mt. Sno-Park. When this is done we will switch over to the Kalama Ski Trail starting by the Cougar Sno-Park. We will camp out overnight at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park. The camping is optional, So you can do a single day or stay over and enjoy the summer evening and night.

Please RSVP with name, cell phone, emergency contact, food restriction, and what days you are coming for. I am unsure if cell phones work up there? If you plan to camp we will try to arrange car pools (let me know where you live). We will try and arrange a pot luck dinner meal after happy hour. I am planning to leave Portland at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and return Sunday to Portland by 5:00 p.m., maybe sooner if it gets to warm. If we get done early maybe we will search for bigfoot!

Plan on brushing, limbing and hanging blue

Lead a day tour

Join the ONC-PDX tour leader team...

Lead your ONC-PDX friends on a hike or bike tour. Submit tour descriptions with the Day Tour Input Form (on our website click on “Activities and Events” then click on “Day Tours”) or send tour description (by August 14, 8 p.m. for the September newsletter) to oncdaytours@gmail.com.

Last minute tours can be posted on the website and, if you wish on Meetup. New to leading? Contact us for more info? ◆

Day Tours Committee

diamonds. You need boots, gloves, a cool long sleeve shirt and pants, bug juice and sunscreen. ONC-PDX will provide tools and hard hats. Bring plenty of water and a lunch for both days.

For more info and to RSVP contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 (cell) 503.297.2958 (h) skiwenzel@hotmail.com.

August 8–9, Sat–Sun, Tilly Jane Phase 4 Tilly Jane, East side of Mt. Hood, OR

Join us to on Phase 4 of the Tilly Jane restoration. The work includes: installing a new composting toilet, replacing the cedar wall shake, patching the concrete floor inside the A-Frame and rehabilitating the Guard Station garage. Volunteer, we need your help. Please share the word and gather your friends and fellow cabin mates and sign up for a volunteer shift! Better yet, volunteer to lead a crew! Meet at the cabin at 9:00 a.m., we'll work till 4:00 p.m. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, sturdy boots and wear appropriate clothing for the conditions at elevation and chainsaws.

All volunteers will earn a stay at one of the club/volunteer weekends next winter (Jan–April 2020).

Sign up: onc-pdx.org/events/categories/tj-summer-work-party-2019. For more info contact: André reservations@tillyjanecabins.org ◆

Common meeting places: Gateway Transit Center parking structure, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave. Parkrose/Sumner Transit Center, NE Sandy Blvd. & NE 96th Ave. McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, take I-84 to Exit 16 (Wood Village) turn right, go to Halsey (1st stop light) turn left, go 1/2 mile, it's on the right.

Portland Sunday Parkways

Join other cyclist for family-friendly,

car-free bicycling in Portland this summer!

Portland's Department of Transportation is hosting these free events through September.

Green Loop (Downtown/Inner SE) PDX (7 miles)

August 25, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Northeast Portland (7.6 miles)

September 22, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Info and maps: portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929

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the maximum total contribution by all passengers is limited to 45 cents per mile.

Typical carpool cost per person for Mt. Hood is \$18 for Government camp to \$25 to Teacup (via Hood River). Please respect this policy by paying your drivers prior to their prompting.

Dogs

Dogs are only allowed on a few ONC-PDX trips. If you don't see dogs allowed on the trip write-up then please don't bring your dog (you will not be allowed to ski with the group).

FS Dog Policy

Dogs must be on a leash in all sno-parks (Forest Service regulation). Please keep dogs off ski tracks and pack out dog waste.

TOUR/TRIP RATINGS

All ONC-PDX tours/trips are rated as either Novice, Easy, Intermediate, or Advanced. These terms are an approximate guide to the skill and commitment required for the tour/trip. Use the rating guide to select the right tour/trip for your ability and inclination. Please do not attempt a tour/trip that is beyond your ability; you could endanger yourself or others in your party.

Novice Ski

2–5 miles slow-paced day tours over gentle terrain. These tours are for beginning cross-country skiers with a little prior skiing experience (the ability to do a reasonable shuffle on skis). Leaders will not teach skiers how to ski, but will help continued on page 6

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them as much as possible.

Easy

Ski: 4–6 miles over gentle terrain at a pace comfortable for all participants.

Bike: Mostly flat terrain, 8–10 m.p.h. pace, frequent regrouping.

Hike: < 8 miles; 200 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Backpack: < 5 miles/day; 200 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Intermediate

Ski: 6–12 miles. Terrain flat to long hills that are no steeper than found on a road (maximum 10 degrees). Moderate pace. Trail turning skills required, if there are hills.

Consult tour/trip description for specifics.

Bike: Moderate terrain with rolling hill (some short steep hills); 10–14 m.p.h. pace, regrouping when appropriate.

Hike: 8–10 miles; 200 to 400 ft. per mile elev. gain.

Backpack: 5–7 miles per day; 200 to 400 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Advanced Tour

Ski: > 12 miles; terrain flat to steep hills (> 10 degrees); moderate to fast pace.; strong turning skills required on the tours with steeper slopes.

Bike: Difficult terrain with one or more major hills/series of longer, steeper hills; 15–18 m.p.h. pace, regrouping when necessary.

Hike: > 10 miles; 400 ft. per mile elevation gain; steady pace and/or difficult terrain (a workout).

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ONC-PDX MEMBER BENEFITS

Columbia Sportswear 911 SW Broadway—15% discount on purchases. Access to Columbia Sportswear Employee store, 4100 NW Science Park Drive, several times a year, store has large discounts. Current membership card and Columbia flier required. columbia.com

Mountain Hardwear 722 SW Taylor Street—15% discount on purchases. Current membership card required. mountainhardwear.com

Mt. Hood Outfitters 88661 East Government Camp Loop, Government Camp, OR. 25% off rentals and tours. Current membership card required. mthoodoutfitters.com

The Mountain Shop 1510 NE 37th Ave., 10% discount (15% discount for leaders) on purchases and 15% discount on rentals. mountainshop.net

Next Adventure 426 SE Grand Ave., 15% discount at Next Adventure for ONC-PDX members, current club membership card required. nextadventure.net

Oregon Mountain Community 2975 NE Sandy, ONC-PDX members—subscribe to OMC e-newsletter and received the following discounts: 15% discount on purchase price. omcgear.com

Otto's Ski & Bike Shop 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy, offers a 10% discount on purchases of ski equipment and apparel. Cross-country ski package rentals for the entire season. ottoskishop.com

Wy'East Nordic offers ONC-PDX members a 10% discount on cross-country ski and telemark lessons. weastnordic.com

Jupiter Hotel PDX and Hood River Hotel in Hood River give ONC-PDX members a 15% off online booking. jupiterhotel.com hoodriverhotel.com

Welcome new members!

No new members in July.

July membership report: 359 total memberships (249 single and 110 family). Last year at this time there were 320 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX June 25 Board Meeting at Cedar Hills Library

Board Members Present: Ken Wenzel, Bill Neuman, Ted Scheinman, Laurel Dickie, Mary Bourret

Guests: Richard Crimi, Nick Applemans

May 2019 Minutes were approved; Mary made the motion, Ken seconded.

Treasurer's Report: No real activity. Bill noted some income from Ted's Norway and Victoria trips.

Overnight Trips Committee: The committee feels the carpool policy is inequitable and only seems to apply to day trips only. This rate seems to come from the IRS figures. This potentially would add considerable cost to an overnight trip. The committee feels the IRS rate for "moving expenses" would be better (20 cents). ■ Should any of the fixed costs be considered to come up with a new reimbursement rate? The ONTC suggests setting a carpool rate of 25 cents/mile with all passengers sharing the costs equally, including the driver. ■ Bill N. asks that any unusual costs (such as parking costs) also be included. ■ The consensus is the Day Tour Committee and ONTC meet to hone this issue into policy. Bill N. asks the board to recommend the Day Tour Committee adopt this policy. ■ Nick suggests any excess the driver doesn't want to accept be placed in a club fund. This rate is consistent with what trail tending drivers are getting as reimbursement. ■ This issue needs to be decided by the middle of August. This will be a discussion at the board retreat.

Web Committee: Clint Sykes (the hired webmaster) has been given a to-do a list of issues. ■ Some folks have

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asked for a change in the appearance of the site. The committee wants to hold off at this point because of a lot of background work. Changing the photo on the site would be relatively easily done. Should the membership app include a photo release? ■ Administrative privileges were too broad and too many. Permissions have been given to membership committee members and activities members. Nick will create a training video for folks given administrative privileges. ■ Nick suggests we get a non-profit account with Google to use as a collaborative tool, shared documents, groups can create a subgroup for committees, etc. This can help eliminate multiple "personal" email accounts. This may effect how the membership can post forum posting feature. Mary B. motions we start this project, Bill seconds. ■ Personal info on the website is a concern. Clint suggests this be placed behind the login wall, but Nick feels this would hinder activity and interest from non-members. How do we protect member info from the public? Mary B suggests we split between public and private posts. The board approves Nick looking into this feature.

Ski Bus: Ted found a bus company with smaller bus, although more cost as a replacement of the existing buses we're using from Ken Barker's company. The board feels this isn't a viable option with the other services from Meadows and Timberline in existence. This topic will be discussed at the Board Retreat.

Tilly Jane Cabin: Project approvals - as a recap, the project list (all remaining project work at TJ) was accepted via the FS form 299. The FS had a meeting on the 24th to review the projects but I've yet to hear the outcome. All to say, I'm still in a holding pattern on what will be included (if anything) for this year's phase 4 project work. I've included a copy of the documents I've submitted to the FS if you'd like to review in more detail. ■ Sandy Shake transported the A-Frame wall shake and the Guard Station Garage roof shingle to the FS Parkdale work center for storage and transport to the cabin. ■ Normally, I'd have established a project date and begun the volunteer recruitment process by now. I've explained all this and the multitude of variables to the FS.....to no avail thus far. ■ If I'm successful and a project does happen this summer. I'm targeting an August 5th start date.

New Business

Action item: Mary will look into the legalities of asking members to agree for their info to be posted to membership and what to do about spam.

Old Business

Mary H. had sent board members a document regarding MeetUp's policies changing some of the specifics and privacy to their site. The board saw no real changes affecting the club.

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Board Retreat: Tuesday, August 13, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m, location TBD

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Laurel Dickie, Secretary

Backpack: > 7 miles/day; 400–600 ft./mile elevation gain.

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Pack these essentials on any ONC-PDX activity, "just in case." Remember that cotton offers no insulation when wet.; choose wool or synthetics for warmth and comfort.

Skiing & Hiking Essentials

- First aid kit ■ Matches (in waterproof case) and fire starter
- Rain gear and extra clothes, including a warm sweater ■ Extra food and water ■ Plastic whistle ■ Map and compass (know how to use) ■ Flashlight, extra batteries and bulb ■ Space blanket or bivy bag
- Pocket knife ■ Toilet paper and trowel (ziplock bag to carry out toilet paper) ■ Sunglasses, lip balm and sun screen ■ Foam sit pad
- Biking Essentials**
- Helmet (required on all bike rides) ■ Spare tube ■ Patch kit ■ Tire pump ■ Water bottle (filled) ■ Tire irons

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No meeting or program in August

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Lucky Labrador Brewing Company (1945 NW Quimby St.) located between NW 20th Ave. and NW 19 Ave. in Northwest Portland.

Upcoming programs

September 3–Whitewater rivers from Grand Canyon to BC

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