



Join CTA on the Trail on National Trails Day – June 4th

By Tom Griffith

Let's celebrate National Trails Day at the Tarbell Trailhead on Saturday, June 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will give the Tarbell Trail a little trail love by doing some maintenance work on this well-used section of the popular Tarbell Trail in the Yacolt Burn State Forest.

After putting in a morning's work on the trail, CTA will host a BBQ so we can replace all those valuable calories burned on the trail. Join us, will you! The Tarbell Trailhead is located off of Dole Valley Road on the L1100 Road.

For further info, contact Ted Klump at 360-907-5733. To join the crew, please RSVP at chinooktrails@comcast.net.



Tarbell Trail
(Photo by Tom Griffith)



Ed's Trail

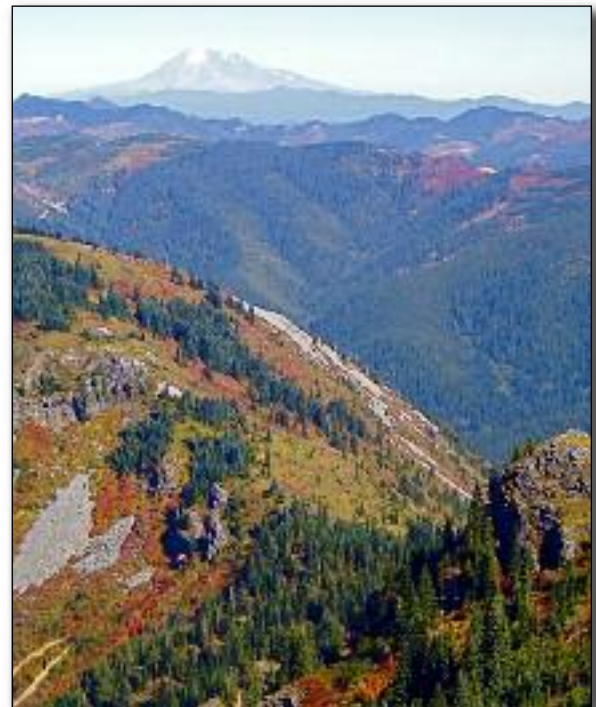
Silver Star Mountain

By Phil Delaney

On Thursday, April 21st, I drove to the Silver Star Trailhead at the end of the 4109 Road. I found the road snow free, but very rough and very difficult for travel by a passenger car. That being said, I did encounter a young lady coming down from the parking lot in a van.

I spoke with Gala Miller, the featured speaker at our annual meeting, about the condition of the road. She said that because of the limited Gifford Pinchot NF budget, the 4109 Rd was very low on their list for repair. Hopefully, if enough people complain, some repair can be made.

On my hike up the mountain I found the trail snow free up to Joe's Arch, but there was some snow beyond that. I also noticed that the resident Mountain Goat seems to have a mate, which is great news to me. Spring flowers are starting to appear in the lower areas.



Looking north from the summit of Silver Star Mtn.
(Photo by Ted Klump)



Washington Trails Association Crew
(Photo by Ted Klump)



New turnpike
(Photo by Ted Klump)

New Turnpike on Bells Mountain Trail

By Ted Klump

In February, the Washington Trails Association Thursday Crew (many of whom are also members of CTA) constructed a new

turnpike on the Bells Mountain Trail through a very wet area. Drainage was improved, culverts installed, native logs were cut, peeled, and installed, and gravel

hauled with CTA totes. Thanks to WTA and DNR for their efforts in improving the trail.

We have renewed our website

By Steve Jones

This spring marks renewed activity on the Chinook Trail Association's website. Late last year the domain name expired and the webpage stopped working. The website came back on-line in early April after successfully re-acquiring the domain name chinooktrails.org in late March.

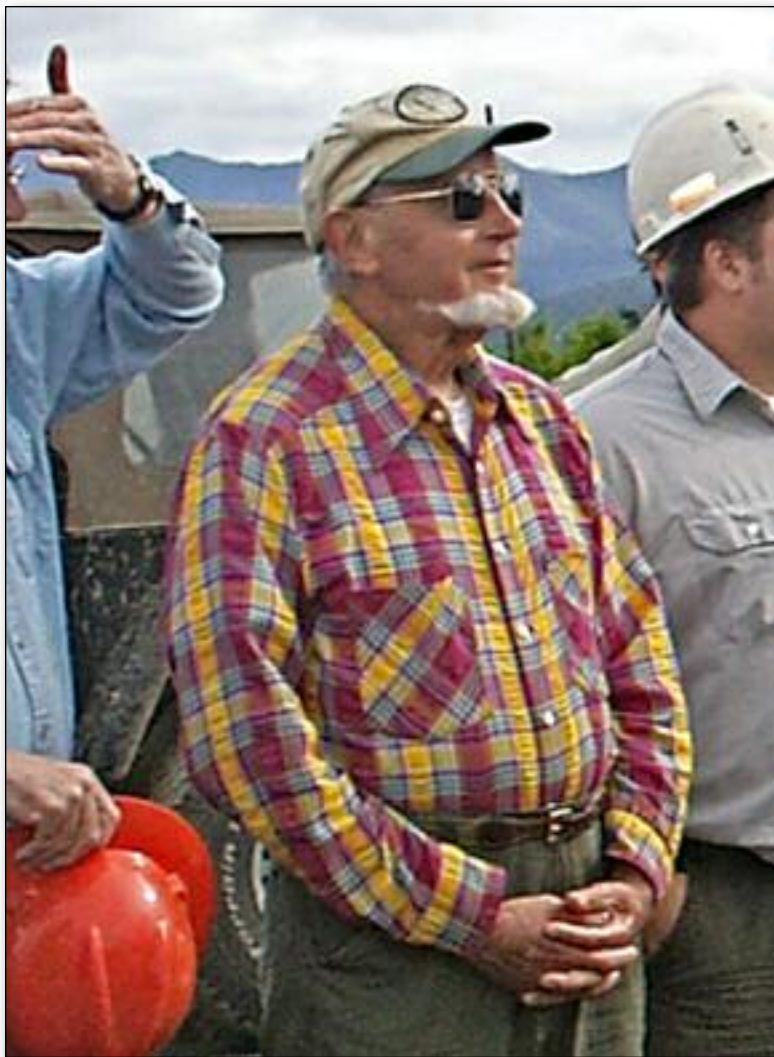
The website has recently been updated and changes will continue to be posted to make the site more useful, including better mapping information. The website will help highlight that the Chinook Trail is in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, which has more than one million visitors annually. You can find basic information about the trail sections that help make up the Chinook Trail as well as upcoming events and work parties. Future plans include better maps and information on connector trails and the Chinook Trail.

The Chinook Trail Association's Facebook page will become a better source of information with more friends and better information tie-ins to the website. Friend the Chinook Trail Association Facebook page and get information about events and trail conditions.

The DNR 17-Mile Project

By Phil Delaney

At the DNR Trail Advisory Group meeting on Thursday, April 14th, we were told that progress on the 17-mile project was coming along nicely, with most sections flagged and GPS'd. Section two, the section charged to CTA's care, was almost done, with only a short section remaining to be finished. The next step will be route checking by DNR staff. After approval by DNR staff in Olympia, trail work will start. This will probably be a year or so in the future. We look forward to a new loop trail out of the Cold Creek Day Use area.



Paul Clare
March 2, 1928 - March 6, 2016
(Photo by Ted Klump)

In Memoriam: Paul Clare

By Ted Klump

Paul Clare, a very active, long-time charter member of the Chinook Trail Association, passed away on March 6, 2016 at 88 years of age. His contributions to CTA were numerous, serving as secretary on the Board of Directors and Executive Board and he was editor of the newsletter. He took part in trail work parties too numerous to mention.

Paul gave generously of his time and was always willing to help. Besides CTA, Paul was also a founding member of the Ptarmigans and the Loo Wit Chapter of the Sierra Club. He also volunteered his time to Share House, the Democratic Party, and his church.

Paul's contributions to the Chinook Trail Association were invaluable and he will be greatly missed.

Volunteers and donors make it all happen

Without our volunteers and donors, the Chinook Trail Association would be impossible. Over the last 30 years, countless CTA supporters have dreamed the dream, and sweated the sweat, and looked to the future with the hope that generations yet to come would enjoy the fruits of their labors.

The needs are still there. Volunteers serve on the Board of Directors, go out on trail work projects, tackle various computer and clerical tasks, and attend a variety of meetings with our partner agencies.

And of course, we support this passion with our financial gifts. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please use the enclosed envelope to do so.

Oh, and one more thing: We need people who will energetically recruit new members and promote the trail.

Will you join the team and help the dream become reality?

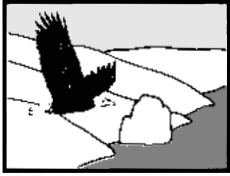
Funding for the Ellen Davis Trail

By Ted Klump

The Chinook Trail Association is the grateful recipient of two grants from the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. This funding will support upgrades for the Ellen Davis Trail.

A \$4000 grant from the Hazel Defenbaugh Fund for Trails and the Barry Disdero Charitable Fund was received in March. Also, a \$5000 grant from the Vancouver Audubon Society Endowment Fund was received in April. The Community Foundation has been a financial partner with CTA for several years, and we are grateful for their support.

Don Cannard is spearheading the work on the Ellen Davis Trail with a tentative completion date this summer.




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New Tracks for Our Totes

By Ted Klump

In our last newsletter we made an appeal for funds to purchase track replacements for our Honda Power Carriers (3), referred to as totes. Thanks to the generous donations of some of our members, CTA was able to purchase all new tracks (three sets) for our machines. Our totes are 20-plus years old and have been used extensively in trail construction and maintenance projects. They were in use on new trail construction at Vancouver Lake when one of the tracks broke, so that one was replaced only to have the other one on the same machine break. That machine now has a new set of tracks. When a third one broke it was decided the best thing to do was replace all the old tracks without which the totes are basically useless. Thanks to all of you who donated funds for this endeavor, and to Dick Blackburn (**featured in this photo**) for being the chief mechanic on the track replacement project.



Dick Blackburn installs new track on a CTA tote.
(Photo by Ted Klump)

CTA Annual Meeting

By Evan Hull

C & L Catering once again provided an excellent brunch for the annual meeting held at the Water Resources Education Center on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Anne McEnery-Ogle, Vancouver City Council member, gave the welcome to the members and guests of the Chinook Trail Association who were gathered for the 28th annual meeting. Ted Klump, CTA office manager, introduced the guests, including Ty Stober, Vancouver City Council member. Brunch followed.

The program featured Gala Miller, Engagement and Title II Projects Coordinator at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. She gave an update on what is going on with the GPNF including an overview of users and how users engage the forest at different levels. Questions were asked about how CTA moves from a trail building organization to also a trail promoting group. Marcine Miller Miles, vice-president of CTA, gave the closing remarks, and Ted Klump gave a report for 2015. The meeting was a great time to review 2015, and visit and share thoughts and ideas about the future of the CTA.