



# Northwest Trails

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## NW OCTA Annual Fall Picnic Clark County Genealogical Society Annex, Vancouver, WA

The NW OCTA Annual Fall Picnic was held in conjunction with the chapter's Annual Meeting on September 23 at the Clark County Genealogical Annex in Vancouver, WA. The morning began with a social hour at 9:00, followed by the business meeting. Since the annual meeting usually held in March was missed this year because of the OCTA Symposium, the business meeting was actually the annual meeting. Thirty-two members attended, including a group of enthusiastic new members.

After a bring-your-own lunch and desert table contributed by all, Shirlee Evans presented a program on her two historical fiction books about her ancestors, the Bonney families, who traveled the Oregon Trail to Oregon Territory. She had copies of her books *Their Troubled Trails* and *No Belonging Place* for sale at the meeting. They and Shirlee's other books are available online or from booksellers.

The meeting ended with the always popular raffle.



*Checking in.*

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## President's Message

Starting to feel a lot like fall and looking back, it has been a very successful summer for the NW Chapter with an assortment of activities.

Henry Pittock led two fun and rewarding outings on the Barlow Road from Barlow Pass, through Government Camp, to the bottom of Laurel Hill. New ruts/potential routes were discovered, old ruts reviewed, but most of all, the presence of friends, both new and old, were enjoyed. It was especially enjoyable to spend time with our newer members (the "Barlow fabulous six") and to share their infectious enthusiasm for the trail.

Next summer, we will be helping to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail and the 50th anniversary of the National Trails Act. Preliminary contacts have been made with the Executive Director of the End of the Oregon Trail Museum and Wendell Baskins, representing the Oregon Trail Heritage Society. The NW Chapter has volunteered to participate in community events in an effort to call attention to the importance of the Oregon Trail to local history and to make people aware of OCTA as an organization.

Our 2017 Annual Meeting this year was held in conjunction with the traditional picnic because of the conflict with the spring symposium. Committee reports were made and much discussion transpired. Gail Carbiener made a request for funds for two projects, both influenced by the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Transmission Line project. Both of these projects were viewed as trail preservation and thus approved by the Board. He also proposed that NW Chapter support a one day symposium next spring in La Grande, OR, which he will chair. The purpose would be to make the public aware of OCTA, our mission, and ultimately grow our membership. We desperately need to have more members in eastern Oregon.

Roger Blair proposed that NW OCTA take on a project to build a memorial bench dedicated to Greg Franzwa, the founder of OCTA. Roger will chair a committee to further investigate the details, including the location for the bench and funding.

Shirlee Evans provided an interesting program and presented two historical fiction novels that she wrote about family members. Contact Shirlee directly if you are interested in purchasing her books.

—Rich Herman



## More from the Annual Fall Picnic



## Volunteer Time and Expenses Report

If you have not reported your volunteerism directly to OCTA Headquarters please report them to Chuck Hornbuckle, NW Chapter Volunteerism Coordinator, as soon as possible. Volunteer activities include attending or participating in any historic trail function, program, or other activity in which you were an active participant or which you attended to learn about our historic trails or associated heritage event. Time and personal expenses should be reported “home-to-home.”

In the future report volunteer hours, miles and expenses to the OCTA website:

**[octa-journals.org/octa-volunteer](http://octa-journals.org/octa-volunteer).**

Please let Chuck know you report to HQ so his file will be accurate. For members without internet access please continue to report to Chuck, and he will report to Headquarters.

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## OCTA Support for the StopB2H Coalition

Gail was successful in his proposal. Here is the action taken for a recommendation to the OCTA Board to spend some of the funds from OCTA's Martin Fund. It is not official until the OCTA Board acts, but the motion should pass.

The Grant Review Committee recommends the approval of the proposal submitted by Gail Carbiener to provide financial support to the StopB2H Coalition in the amount of \$12,000 to be withdrawn from the Martin Fund. It is anticipated that an additional \$8,000 will be required in 2018.

Submitted by:  
Duane A. Iles, Chairman

## Trail Anniversaries in 2018

The 175th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail and the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails Act will be celebrated in 2018. OCTA HQ is working with the National Parks Service to coordinate special events to bring attention to the Trail. All chapters along the trail have been encouraged to participate in local festivities

## NW OCTA Treasurer's Report

*By Glenn Harrison*

We started the 2016–2017 fiscal year on October 1, 2016, with \$12,195.88, of which \$3,200 had been donated for specific purposes and \$8,995.88 for other NW OCTA purposes. During the year our income was \$2,729 and our expenses were \$6,705.31. All of the specified donations from the previous year was spent, so we ended the fiscal year on September 30, 2017, with \$8,219.57.

At the fall meeting, two projects were proposed for \$1,000 and \$2,000 dealing with the B2H transmission line project, which were approved by the NW chapter officers and board and approved. The first for \$1,000 was paid on October 2. Also, we traditionally donate \$1,000 to OCTA. With these amounts paid NW OCTA will have only \$4,219.57 for other purposes this fiscal year ending on September 30, 2018.

If you would like to make a donation for any NW OCTA project, such as B2H, you may make out a check to NW OCTA and mail it to Glenn Harrison, 1132 30th Place SW, Albany, OR, 97321-3419 and note on the check or include a note indicating for what purpose you want it applied. A donation to NW OCTA without a designated will be used for NW OCTA's administration costs, including the newsletter. Money donated to NW OCTA is tax deductible.



# Family History Day at Philip Foster Farm

*By Sharon Brown*

Not to be eclipsed, NW Chapter president Rich Herman and OCTA Western Region Representative Sharon Brown attended and staffed a table at the Family History Day at the Philip Foster Farm in Eagle Creek, Oregon, on Saturday August 19, 2017. Visitors to the farm were encouraged to meet with local historians and authors and to learn how to discover their own family history. While overall attendance to the event was lower than in year's past (most likely due to the upcoming solar eclipse), Rich and Sharon talked to about 20 visitors, passed out trail maps and OCTA brochures, and met four direct descendants of the farm's founders Philip Foster and Mary Charlotte Pettygrove Foster.

## Levi Scott Program

*By Glenn Harrison*

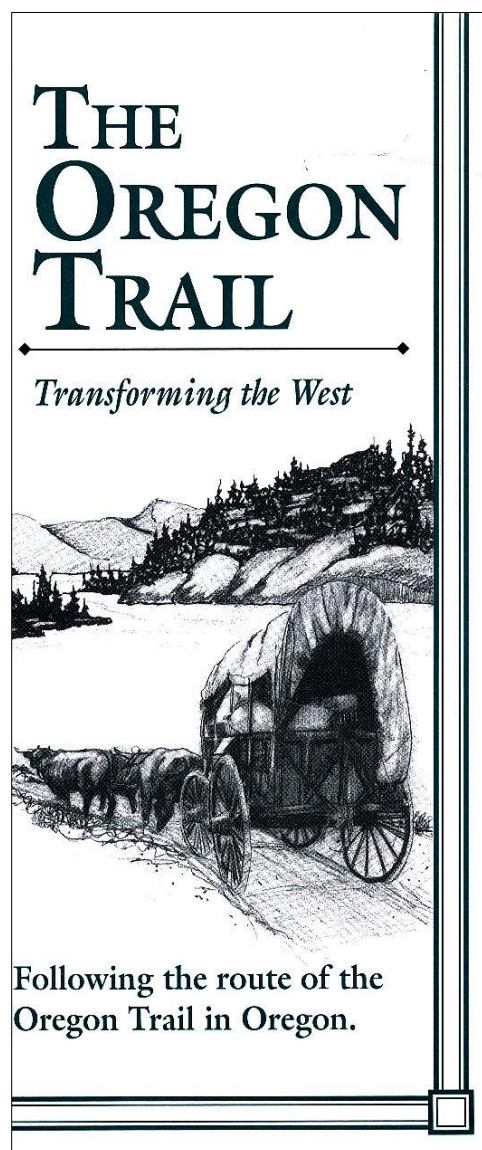
NW OCTA members are invited to attend a free program about the Southern Trail to Oregon that is sponsored by the Linn County Historical Society. Stafford Hazelett will speak on Sunday, January 21, 2018, about Levi Scott and his reminiscence of his Oregon Trail experiences. Scott came west with his son John in 1844 over the Oregon Trail. Scott explored the Oregon Country for a place to settle in 1845. In 1846 he participated in two exploring parties searching for a new southern route into the Willamette Valley. On the second journey, Scott found the route across the Black Rock Desert in Nevada that made the journey possible for covered wagons. He stayed with the emigrants and their wagons while the rest of the exploring party went ahead to the settlements. The route became known as the Applegate Trail.

Scott wrote out the reminiscence of his trail experiences forty years later, and the text was put away for more than 100 years. Hazelett will

relate the story of the manuscript and some of Scott's adventures, and he will show some of his photographs of the Applegate Trail. Scott's annotated reminiscence, with maps and photographs, will be available for sale at the presentation.

The program is open to the public and meets at 2:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Center of the Mennonite Village, 2180 54th Avenue SE, Albany, Oregon.

## New Oregon Trail Map



Brochure produced for Travel Oregon, in part by funds from Oregon Community Foundation.

# Mapping and Marking Activities – Summer 2017

*By Henry Pittock*

Trail exploration, trail documentation, and hikes took up the rest of the summer. On July 23, Rich Herman, Jim Riehl, Sharon Brown, Wendell Baskins, and Henry Pittock went to Laurel Hill where Wendell showed us the Barlow Road below the old Mt Hood Loop Highway at the very base of Chute 3; none of the rest of had been down there before. We then walked the old highway past both loops to the top. Again, Wendell pointed out ruts that were new to us, as well as the old campground on the inside of the second loop. Following the trail from there, we viewed Chute 3 from above before going back to the car. Next, we went to the Trillium Lake Sno-Park where Wendell led us down and back about 300 yards of Class 1 ruts. We visited the Summit Pioneer Cemetery, explored the Summit Meadows area, and a little further north, the old Swim resort area. Next was near the east end of Kiwanis Camp Road where the 1930s Pioneer Bridle Trail is across US26 from Chute 3. Sharon, Wendell, and Henry hiked about a mile to the west and back and saw Barlow Road ruts on the ridge high above us.

August 5th was a hiking outing at Laurel Hill. Rich Herman, Sharon Brown, Robin Baker, Theresa and Steve Fisher, Jim Loeffl, and Henry Pittock participated. We stopped at the first turnout to view the area where Chutes 4 and 5 come down the face of the hill to the highway, then we stopped at the second turnout to look back and down to the bottom of Camp Creek canyon to where the chutes would have ended. At Laurel Hill, we repeated the hike we did on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then at Ski Bowl West we looked at the ruts in the wooded island.

We also repeated the July 23 hike at Trillium Lake, Sno-Park, Summit Meadows, and Swim resort areas. At Glacier View Sno-Park, the group walked the Barlow Road/Pioneer Bridle Trail from the east end to the west to where it joins the old highway, then on a new-to-us portion of the Barlow Road. Running out of time, we stopped at possible Barlow Road locations at Rhododendron and Lolo Pass Road, and then the Sandy River Crossing plaque on East Barlow Trail Road to end the day.

On August 23, after Theresa had explored the area around the Summit Inn at Government Camp, Henry, Steve, and Theresa hiked the Barlow Road ruts that we had found on the 5th, from the old highway to the road cut for US26. Here you can look across the highway to see where the old highway continues on the west side of the cut.



*Rich Herman, Robin Baker, Theresa Fisher, Steve Fisher, Sharon Brown, Henry Pittock.*



There was a recon trip on September 12, when Rich, Robin, Theresa, and Henry checked out the route from the Pioneer Woman's grave, across the East Fork of the Salmon River to cross Hwy 35, then south along the Salmon River through the boulder field to the highway again.

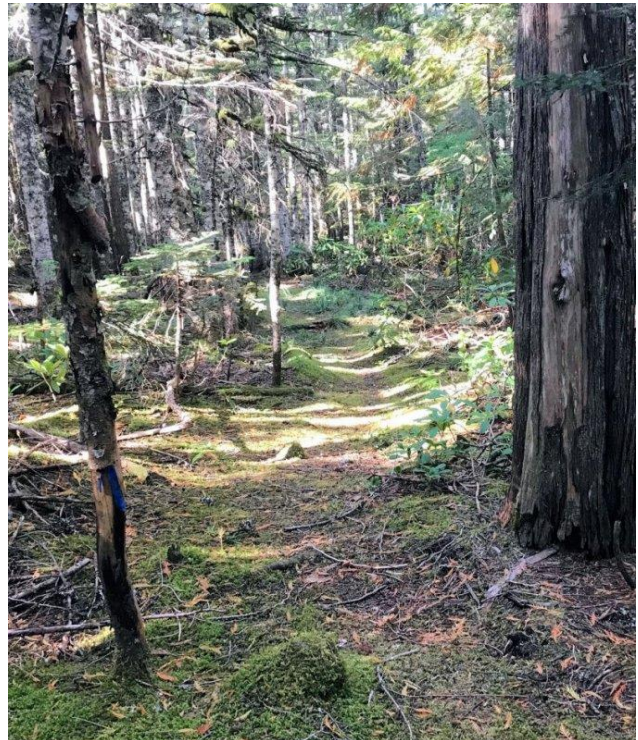
September 16 was the other big hike (see Theresa's article).

Finally, on September 17, about midway along the Kiwanis Camp Road, Rich, Paul, and Henry located Barlow Road ruts on both sides of the road.

Now the scene shifts to reviewing this summer's findings and start working on plans for next year. There is still much to be done, especially along Marmot Road and also some areas nearer Oregon City. One of the things that our group wants to do is to start compiling a detailed auto tour guide from The Dalles to Oregon City.



*Barlow Road along Kiwanis Camp Road.*



*Barlow Road at Glacier View Sno-Park.*

Please report your volunteer time and expenses  
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# Barlow Road Hike, September 16, 2017

*By Theresa L. Fisher*

On Saturday, September 16, 2017, a group of nine “rut nuts” met at Government Camp for a day of hiking the historic Barlow Road. Included in the group were NW OCTA President Rich Herman, NW OCTA Vice President Paul Masee, NW OCTA Mapping and Marking Officer Henry Pittock, OCTA members Steve and Theresa Fisher, OCTA member Robin Baker, OCTA member Steve Ludeman, as well as friends (and possible new members) Jeri Gauthier and Alex Couch. Henry did a thorough job of mapping and planning the hike and led the group on 8.5 miles of historic hiking. The smoke from the Eagle Creek fire had Mt Hood looking hazy, but the smoke smell wasn’t too bad for us hikers. We were fortunate to have Rich and Paul as shuttle drivers so we did not have to re-trace our trails. They dropped us off at the trail heads and then picked us up at each trail end. Thank you to Henry, Rich, and Paul for making this hike happen!

The day started with breakfast stops for the various carpools at either Joe’s Donuts in Sandy or at the Huckleberry Inn at Government Camp. We met up in Government Camp at 9:30 a.m. and were in our two shuttle vehicles around 10 a.m.

Our first hike was from the Mazamas Sno-Park/Trail 601A to Still Creek Campground. We walked downhill and ended up at the historic SWIM resort site viewing the old foundations and the Wagon Tongue grave. At Summit Meadows, we explored the Pioneer cemetery, Baby Morgan grave, the Summit House and teepee foundations, Pawson’s Rock, and various ‘graffiti’ rocks.

Next, we headed to the Trillium Lake Sno-Park and walked to the intersection of the Barlow Road. We headed west down the Barlow Road along a beautiful swale, while ducking under/climbing over many downed trees. Having two Master Gardeners with us, Jeri and Paul, enhanced our hike with information of the plants and trees we were seeing.

The next stop was at the Barlow Pass area where Henry took us to the large Barlow Road sign at the entrance of a vehicle road (FS Road 3530) that parallels the Barlow Road. This dirt road can be driven nearly all the way to Wamic if desired (high clearance vehicle and four-wheel drive is recommended). We enjoyed a picnic lunch and then headed down the trail towards Pioneer Woman's Grave. Steve F and Alex did some trail clearing of smaller trees across the trail as we walked. A small beaver skull was discovered along this path. We ended up at Pioneer Woman's Grave, reconnected with Paul and Rich, and then starting at the East Fork of the Salmon River followed the trail to where we eventually crossed Highway 35. We walked along the Salmon River-through the boulder field and out onto Highway 35. Rich and Paul waited to pick us up here. Along this portion of the Barlow Road we discovered a rock with parallel gouges along it at wagon axle height and another giant boulder that appeared to have a directional arrow carved into it where the trail veered to the left.

Next, we drove to the Enid Lake Road/Glacier View Sno-Park. From here, we walked along the Barlow Road, crossing under the power line, and eventually coming out at the Highway 26 road cut. From here, we looked across the freeway to the Old Mt Hood Loop Highway that runs up the backside of Laurel Hill. Throughout the day we noticed many various colored ribbons tied to trees that seemed to correspond with the route of the Barlow Road. We also saw “Barlow Road” spray painted on paved roadway in various places. We wondered what group/person was leaving these Barlow Road markers. Henry stopped into the ZigZag Ranger station earlier in the



week to ask a Ranger what they knew of these markings, and they did not know who was leaving them.

Our last stop was along the guardrail near the Mirror Lake parking area. We walked up the backside of Laurel Hill along the old highway. Theresa and Robin had explored the area independently earlier in the week and showed the group where each went down into a possible swale that came out below the guardrail. There was much discussion regarding the locations of Chutes 1 and 2, as well as discussion of the old wooden signs that we saw bolted to trees marking Pioneer Bridle Trail, Original Wagon Route, and Route of Barlow Road. The sun began to set around this time, and it was a beautiful red sunset due to the slight smoke in the air.

We ended the day with dinner at Mt Hood Brewing Company in Government Camp. The day ended with new friends, lots of new historic information, good conversation, lots of laughs, and all of us looking forward to the next outing on our beloved historic trails!



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MASTHEAD: Replica of *The Old Oregon Trail* bronze relief sculpture created in 1924 by Avard Fairbanks for Oregon Trail monuments.



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