

UPDATE and Journal

Newsletter of the Northwest Chapter of the
Oregon-California Trails Association

February 2002

President - Glenn Harrison Editor - Jim Tompkins

CONVENTION PLANNERS AND WORKERS NEEDED

The Northwest Chapter is sponsoring the 2004 OCTA National Convention in Vancouver, WA. Planning is under way. Convention chair Dave Welch reports that the following manager or coordinator positions need to be filled soon:

- Risk management
- ADA compliance
- Publicity
- Childrens events
- Raffle manager
- Transportation
- Food and catering
- Assistant treasurer
- Registration database
- Registration mailing prep
- Book room & author's night
- Pre-tours coordinator
- Convention tours coordinator
- Post-tours coordinator



A job description for each of the work areas is available. If you are interested either as a leader or a worker please contact Dave at <djwelch@csi.com>, (253) 584-0332, or 102 Chinook Lane, Steilacoom, WA 98388.

Baker City and Pendleton enjoyed a high level of volunteer support. If you have not been active in OCTA, working on a convention is a great way to get started and make many new friends. With the experience of two recent conventions, the work to be accomplished and how to do it is well-defined.

Any convention suggestions should also be forwarded to Dave. At this time, it is our intent to include a Lewis and Clark component in the program. Other program content is still being defined.

ANNUAL MEETING SET



2002 MEETING IN OREGON CITY MARCH 16

All members of the Northwest Chapter are invited to meet Saturday March 16, in Oregon City at the Rivershore Hotel. (See arrow on photo above.)

Rivershore Hotel is on Hwy 99E (McLoughlin Blvd.) across from the OC Shopping Center. From Interstate 205 take exit 9 then go north 1/2 block to the first light, turn left, then left again. The hotel is next to the Willamette River. The parking lot is between the hotel and the bridge (near where the Abernethy Elm used to grow.)

Sign-in begins at 9:30 AM and the meeting begins at 10:00. There is a \$15 fee for lunch.

There will be the annual raffle of trail related items. Search your collection for your contribution to this event.

A decision will be made to adopt the new, completely rewritten chapter bylaws. Please take the time to read the revised bylaws printed in this issue.

Following lunch we will be entertained by Medorem Crawford, Joe Meek and Dr. John McLoughlin as they argue "The Oregon Question."

Wyoming's Russ Tanner is sending a slide program, "The Oregon Trail by Air." We should conclude around 3:00 PM.

A chapter board meeting for all officers, directors and committee chairs will precede the general meeting at 9:00 am.

Please fill out the enclosed registration sheet and send it to Joyce Bolerjack as soon as possible so she can order enough lunches.

THE PEOPLE OF NWOCTA

ELECTION RESULTS

From the Parks Bench

Results of the December election:

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RENAME OLD UPPY?

Is the name UPDATE getting a little ragged around the edges? If you have an idea for a new name for the newsletter, please send it to Jim Tompkins at the address above.



A little over two years ago my telephone rang. It was Jim Renner, saying "I think you'd make a good chapter president." I had attended some chapter outings and a few national conventions, put together a couple of chapter outings, spoken up a time or two at chapter business meetings, and I had been appointed to fill out a term on the Northwest OCTA board. That's not a lot of experience for a potential chapter president. But Jim is a persuasive fellow, and eventually I said yes.

The past two years have been interesting, definitely a learning experience, occasionally frustrating, and often fun. Probably the most important thing I've learned is what a truly dedicated and wonderful group of people make up the Northwest chapter. Every job that has needed doing has had willing volunteers step forward to do it, every problem that has needed to be solved has had people trying to work together effectively to achieve the goal. Though people have not always agreed on all the details of how to get there, I believe they have agreed on where we were going.

We have accomplished some housekeeping sorts of things in the last two years. We have the beginnings of a chapter organizational handbook that can help guide chapter officers and committee chairs in the future. We have accomplished a major revision of the chapter bylaws. Chapter members will be voting on those soon. We have prepared a budget to guide the officers and board in the expenditure of chapter funds. More exciting to most members, we have an excellent preservation and trail marking process in place and have been very successful in obtaining cost share grants to help with those efforts. We have an excellent array of outings planned for 2002 and planning for the March annual meeting in Oregon City is well underway.

We have an excellent set of officers and board members to take us through the next two years: Glenn Harrison as president, Jim Tompkins as vice president, Marley Shurtleff as secretary, Joyce Bolerjack as treasurer, and Carol Buss, Rich Herman and Susan Badger Doyle as board members. I will remain on the board as immediate past president. Chuck Hornbuckle continues as our chapter preservation officer, Vic Bolon and Gail Carbiener will head up trail marking activities, Joyce Bolerjack continues as membership chair par excellence, and Jim Tompkins will resume editorship of our Update and Journal. Please offer all of these people you help and support as the Northwest chapter of OCTA continues into the future as one of the strongest and most active chapters in the country.

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MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

So you have elected a new NW OCTA president. Who is he? What has he done?



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Glenn

Glenn Harrison is a charter member of NW OCTA. In the last ten years he has been a director for two years and our vice president responsible for outings and activities for eight years. Along with many others he helped with the 1993 OCTA convention in Baker City and the 1998 convention in Pendleton. He has attended eight national conventions and chaired two of the chapter meetings at conventions.

Glenn, who lives in Albany, Oregon, is a descendant of four Oregon Trail pioneers. His historical interests have led to several leadership positions. He was the Linn County Historical Society treasurer for six years and is beginning his ninth year as its president and eleventh year as its newsletter editor. He is the treasurer of the Boston Mill Society, which is attempting to preserve an 1858 water powered grist mill. He is the chair of the Linn County Historical Museum Commission and vice chair of the Linn County Historic Resources Commission. He is involved with several other historical groups, helped produce a video on county history, written historical introductions to three books and a booklet "Abner Hackleman's 1845 Trip to Oregon," and been a speaker on historical topics several times.

Glenn was a high school math teacher for thirty-two years and taught a night class at Linn-Benton Community College for fifteen years. He took early retirement in 1993. In his community he was on the school board for five years and city budget committee nine years, chairing it the last six years of his service. His board experience includes nine years on the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System board - three of those as vice chair and one as chair. He currently chairs the PERS Insurance Committee and is on the PERS Legislation Committee. He is one of sixteen people in the nation on the Pension Round Table. For seven years he was on the Oregon Education Association Board of Directors and for three years on the National Education Association Board. At both levels he was on the budget committee.

He is in his seventh year on the board of the state retired teachers (NEA-R-OR) and the sixth year as president of the retired educators (OREA) of Linn and Benton Counties. His second term on the OEA Legislative Advisory Council ends June 30th.

Glenn comments, "We have had fine leadership and involvement over the years in NW OCTA. Through the efforts of the NW OCTA Board, committee chairs and other members, we should accomplish much in the next two years as well."

EXPLORING INNER NW OCTA

by Marley Shurtleff



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When I joined NW OCTA some years back, the structure and order of the chapter's general and convention meetings all seemed fairly familiar. The usual officers followed Roberts Rules of Order, and there were some other people reporting out about activities supported by the chapter.

Before long, I found myself putting my hand up and saying, "If I'm part of this organization, I want to help, somehow." In 2000 I became secretary when Lethene Parks became president, and Glenn Harrison and Joyce Bolerjack continued in their positions as vice president and treasurer.

A great idea Lethene Parks had during her tenure as NW OCTA president was to encourage the development of a chapter officer's handbook. As she remarked, NW OCTA has run well and has grown to be the second largest chapter because it has had good leadership and capable people organizing activities and programs and conventions. However, once an organization reaches an age at which the founders start to retire from positions of responsibility, all the good information they carry in their heads is in danger of leaving the positions they filled, with them.

Suzanne Hornbuckle, the previous chapter secretary, recently told me, "The first two years you spend learning what you need to do for the job. After that it isn't so hard." She was talking about being secretary, but she might as well have been talking about volunteering. Since I have always been interested in learning how things work, I put my hand up—again—and it became my job to find and capture that good information before it got away.

I found developing the first draft of the handbook to be a little like peeling the layers of an onion—occasionally vexing but

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also fascinating. As I went deeper into the material, I learned about the way NW OCTA is assembled, and why it operates the way it does.

In the next few Update issues, I'll be sharing some of the things I discovered. I hope you'll enjoy learning a little more about inner NW OCTA, too.

The Directors

I was frankly confused about why the chapter had "directors," why they were chosen for the position, and what they did once they were in office. Chapter bylaws tell bare bones, but do not particularly illuminate the roles and responsibilities. From them we learn that there shall be three directors, and their term of office is for three calendar years, with one director being elected prior to January first each year. The directors shall assist and advise the chapter officers in the performance of their duties and make suggestions when appropriate. Further, they may fill in for any officer unable to attend a meeting, at the discretion of the president, and they may also perform any other duty as assigned by the president.

It turns out that directors have a vital role to play in the continued health of our chapter.

—They are expected to know about the national organization, its goals and its inner workings, and to use that knowledge to ensure that the chapter doesn't step outside national OCTA policies and procedures.

—They are expected to have knowledge of the western emigrant trails.

—Although not a requirement, directors usually have had experience in other profit or nonprofit organizations.

That broad background experience and knowledge ensures that directors are able to guide the officers, as necessary, in the most

appropriate performance of their duties. Directors are also able to step in for an officer or take on any other activity for the chapter. They are indispensable!

Carol Buss, Rich Herman, and Susan Badger Doyle are our current directors. I'm impressed, and most appreciative of the skills and abilities they bring to the chapter. Take the opportunity to visit with these people at the next chapter meeting, and you will be, too!

FUTURE TRAIL MAPPING

by Chuck Hornbuckle

Frank Tortorich, CA/NV Chapter, and I were invited by the NPS to participate in the 2001 Spatial Odyssey held near Las Vegas, Nevada the first week of December. Over 250 federal employees from 33 states and several U.S. possessions attended.

The National Park Service in cooperation with the BLM and Forest Service hosted the week long conference. The goal was to establish a common basic vocabulary for recording geographic data on public lands, including historic trails and sites, in the United States.

Frank and I attended many workshops where federal presenters described their agency needs. We quickly learned the task is enormous since the three agencies have different demands, all of which must be compatible for use by Congress in funding allocations.

The impact on OCTA's trail marking and mapping for the NPS could be significant. Not only will we simply record locations of trails and sites, but we will document geographic data such as vegetation changes which may have affected routes chosen by emigrants. Gathering that data will require more field time than previously spent. On the bright side it should result in additional funding for our efforts, and provide what you might call "job security and enjoyment" for us and our successors.

Although our expenses were paid by the NPS, I believe we were the only participants not directly employed by the government. We consulted with numerous individuals who had an interest in preserving the trail. One BLM employee from Wyoming stands out in my mind. He managed aerial mapping surveys of the trail in that state which demonstrated the value of aircraft; a proposal supported by Dick Pingrey.

Yes, our wives went with us and, no, we did not gamble.

TRAIL PRESERVATION AND MARKING REPORT

by Chuck Hornbuckle

Much of our preservation efforts have focused on trail marking, mapping and increasing trail awareness. Several members participated in local Sesqui-centennial events including those for the founding of Seattle and the establishment of Thurston County in 1852. A mid-summer Forest Service archeology project near LaGrande confirmed the location of one trail segment. Both of these activities produced several new members.

We have been fortunate to have few projects posing significant threats to the trail. A planned major gravel mining operation in the vicinity of the Barlow Cut-Off has not moved forward due to public and NW OCTA concerns. Several of last summer's range fires near Vale damaged existing trail markers. The markers will be repaired by Boy Scouts this year. On the plus side, the fires improved visibility of several trail segments.

The last survivor of the Oregon Trail is now just a memory. In 1850 the wife of Governor Abernethy planted an elm tree near the end of the Oregon Trail in Oregon City. Over the last 150 years the elm has silently watched over traffic along I-205 and growing neighborhoods. The tree,

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ravaged by disease became a major public safety concern and was removed. Horticulturists took cuttings to generate a new Abernethy elm tree to be located in a city park, and wood from the former tree will be used to create appropriate plaques like the one used by NW OCTA.

The city of Irrigon near the Columbia River is under a Department of Environmental Quality order to build a sewer treatment plant to avoid seepage into the river. The 20 acre parcel that the city wanted to use included two traces of the Oregon Trail cutoff to the Columbia River bypassing the Whitman Mission and the fur trading Fort Walla Walla connecting to the main Oregon Trail. The trails are located on the east side of town at the corner of Highway 730 (Main St.) and 15th Street (to the Desert Lawn Cemetery). The swale in the northwest corner begins near the Stop sign. The second swale to the east is 200 feet from the stop sign. With the help of the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council and the Oregon-California Trails Association an agreement was reached to locate the sewer plant on the eastern 15 acres so that the 5 acres containing the ruts will be preserved. An interpretive sign will be placed near the ruts.

Continuing west, remnants of the Umatilla Cutoff which connected the mainline Oregon Trail with the trail from the Whitman Mission were located within the Umatilla Chemical Depot military reservation. The reservation Commander has promised to mark the route.

TRAIL MARKING POLICY

At the January 11 NW OCTA Board meeting the following trail marking policy was adopted:

1. No trail markers other than carsonite or novalloy "pedestals" (as described in OCTA's national policy manual) shall be placed by the chapter until OCTA's national organization adopts a policy on the use and placement of other types of markers.
2. All trail marking conducted by the chapter shall be in strict accordance with OCTA's national policy.
3. Proposals to place markers other than carsonite posts shall be reviewed by the chapter's board of directors. Minimum information to be provided shall include:
 - a. A description of the marker or markers to be used.
 - b. The proposed location of each marker on a 1:24,000 USGS map (or equivalent).
 - c. The location of existing markers in the area to be marked.

d. Text to be included on the marker.

e. Copies of appropriate permits and permission for each marker (some permits and permissions may cover more than one marker).

f. Identification of controversial aspects of the marking (e.g., a "new route"), if any.

4. The names of living OCTA members shall not be included on any marker.



BE A CANDIDATE

It is important for the Chapter to have a candidate or two for the next National OCTA Board of Directors election. There will be four positions up for election on the OCTA Board and two existing Board members, Randy Wagner and Bob Kabel, do not plan to run for reelection. That means we should have a good chance to elect at least one candidate from the NW Chapter. It is desirable but by no means essential that the candidates have some national name recognition.

OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES

COMING IN 2002

Saturday, March 16 - The Annual Meeting in Oregon City. 9:00 Board Meeting. 9:30 sign-in and socialize. 10:00 business meeting and by laws revision. 12:00 lunch and raffle. 1:00 **"The Oregon Question"** Tom Laidlaw, Patrick Harris, Ron Peterson of the Clackamas County Historical Society. **"Oregon Trail by Air"** Russ Tanner's slides.

Sunday, March 17 - The 1852 McCully Wagon Train, Sandy & Sally Wilbur. Lakeside Center at the Mennonite Village, Albany, OR Glenn Harrison. Joint

meeting with Linn County HS. Diary quotes and info about the wagon train to Linn County.

May 11 - Cowlitz Trail - Chuck Hornbuckle The Cowlitz Trail was one of two overland routes to the Puget Sound. This final 60 mile "push" was one of the most difficult due to early winter rains when settlers arrived. We will follow the route of the emigrants who chose to turn north upon reaching Fort Vancouver.

The tour honors the 150th Anniversary of Thurston County [see Chuck's article below](#) and is a practice run for one 2004 OCTA Convention tour in Vancouver.

Saturday-Sunday, May 25-26 - **Fur Traders, Missionaries, Soldiers and Settlers in Stevens County - Lethene Parks**. Tour starts in Spokane with stops that include Tshmakain (site of Walker and Eells mission), St. Paul's Mission, HBC Fort Colville, U.S. Army Fort Colville, and a presentation on migration into the area by Oregon Trail emigrants and their descendants. There will be a booklet of background information and maps.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday May 31, June 1, 2 - **"On the Oregon Trail"**, Pendleton - *Keith May*

• Friday May 31-Reception and Dinner at 6 pm
Romance on the Oregon Trail *Roger Blair*
Pendleton Overview *Keith May*

• Saturday June 1 - **"Pendleton: The REAL West" (National Trails Day)** 8:00 breakfast, arrange tours. 9:30 Pendleton Underground Tours. 11:00 Tour Pendleton Historic homes, antique shops, etc. 12:30 **"The Blue Mountain Experience"**- *Keith May*. Carpool from Umatilla County Historical Society for drive to Blue Mountains. Tour includes trail sites from Blue Mountain Summit, through Meacham, Emigrant Springs State Park, Deadman's Pass, and summit of Poker Jim Hill (Mt. Prospect). Tour stops include emigrant diary readings. 6:00 dinner; **"The Trail Experience From the Women's Point of View"** and **Pioneer Clothing Worn by the Emigrants** - *Christina May*. Oregon Trail Ruts Slide Show - *Jenny Miller*

• Sunday June 2 - **"The Invaders: From the Native American Perspective"** 8:00 breakfast. Drive route of Oregon Trail from base of Poker Jim Hill through the Reservation to Tamistalikt. 12:00 optional lunch at the museum or drive to Echo Meadow trail sites.

Saturday, June 8 - **Oregon Trail Flyover: Pendleton to The Dalles** - *Dick Pingrey*. Fly over a section of the Oregon Trail. This is a cooperative, ongoing activity between NW OCTA and the Washington and Oregon Pilots' Associations. [See Dick's article below](#)

August 14 - 17 - **OCTA CONVENTION** - Reno, NV
Saturday October 17, **Chapter Meeting** - Circus
Circus, Reno, Nevada



Saturday October 5 - **Free Emigrant Road** - *Del Spencer, Gary Brumbaugh, Ike Woodruff, Lowell Tiller, Glenn Harrison*. Joint outing with OHTAC. view/hike parts of 1853 Elliott and 1854 Macy routes. Possible evening program.

Sunday October 6, OHTAC meeting in Oakridge.

Saturday October 19, Fall Chapter Board Meeting,
Albany, Oregon

WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES CELEBRATE SESQUICENTENNIALS

by Chuck Hornbuckle

Denny Party lands at Alki Point

The City of Seattle celebrated its Sesquicentennial birthday Nov. 12-13. Over 40 historical groups commemorated the Denny party's landing at Alki Point on a wet November day in 1852.

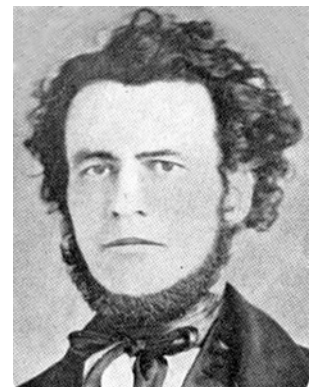
Our Chapter participated in the two-day event held at the Seattle Center. Joyce Bolerjack and Chuck Hornbuckle "manned" their display booth, providing OCTA literature to many visitors and answering questions. Several new members were recruited.

Thurston County Established in 1852

2002 marks the Sesquicentennial of the establishment of Thurston County. Numerous events associated with it's history are scheduled throughout the year.

The celebration began in Olympia with a Sesquicentennial Ball on New Years Eve. On January 12 our Chapter had a booth at the annual "Thurston County Birthday Party" in the State Capitol Rotunda in Olympia.

Thurston County was named in honor of Samuel Thurston, 1847 Oregon Trail emigrant and Oregon's first territorial delegate to Congress. Unfortunately, he died of the fever in 1851 while crossing the Isthmus of Panama. Although he did not visit Thurston County his ambitious efforts benefited all those who crossed the plains to the



Pacific Ocean, climaxing the Manifest Destiny.

Among his many accomplishments Thurston was instrumental in establishing the Donation Land Claim Law, mail routes and post offices, lighthouses and procuring pensions for veterans of the War of 1812.

If you travel along I-5 stop at the Olympia Visitor's Bureau to obtain further information.

OREGON TRAIL OVERFLIGHT

*A Proposal By Dick Pingrey,
WPA Board Member and OCTA National VP*

A proposed joint activity between the Yakima Valley Chapter of Washington Pilots' Association (WPA) and NW OCTA.

As an annual activity for the Yakima Valley Chapter of Washington Pilots Association it is suggested that we conduct passenger flights along segments of the Oregon Trail in Oregon and Washington and that this be done in coordination with the Northwest Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association. The plan would include the following elements.

Normally one weekend day per year would be scheduled for this activity. The actual flight along the Trail segment would be on one day, preferably Saturday, weather permitting.

The segments of the trail to be flown would take about one to two hours of flying time and would cover a trail section such as from Baker City, OR to La Grande, OR. Normally the flight would be out and back so that passengers on both sides of the airplane get a good view of the route being flown. Over a span of about five or six years the entire route from Ontario to Oregon City would be covered doing one segment per year.

Pilots would be reimbursed by OCTA members for expenses to include fuel to and from their home base to the point on the trail where the segment to be flown would originate and the fuel for the flight along the trail. Some other expenses may be covered as well.

Flights would normally start by mid morning so as to avoid turbulence associated with summer warm weather flying. The actual over flight should finish by noon.

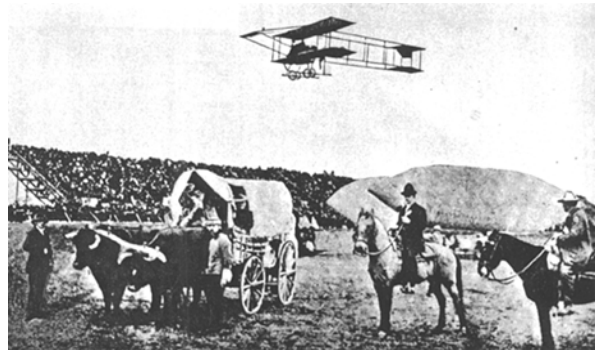
Ezra Meeker at 1910
Los Angeles air show.

In most cases a related ground activity would be planned for the afternoon of the day of the flight. For example: if the flights were conducted out of Baker City a tour of the Oregon Trail Interpretative Center would probably be planned for the afternoon..

Most OCTA members will stay overnight and thus the group would normally gather together for dinner and a social time in the evening. Pilots would be encouraged to participate in this activity. Pilots may even want to become OCTA members.

Pilots and OCTA members would be given background documents that would show the route to be followed and related information. Prior to the flight there would be a briefing to go over the printed material and details of the flight. At that time passengers would be assigned to fly with specific pilots.

It is anticipated that between fifteen and twenty-five OCTA members would like to take part in this activity on average. If the program is successful that number may increase. There would be a need for between five and ten airplanes and pilots in order to conduct this program for that number. In most cases a single day would be all that is required, but pilots may wish to participate in the full program which would be from Friday evening through Sunday morning. OCTA members would provide ground transportation.



RECENT OUTINGS

ROAD REPORT

by Glenn Harrison

On Friday, Oct. 19, twelve people visited the Crossroads of the Cascades at Big Marsh. It is on the Menefee Ranch, as well as private land along Marsh Creek.

The site was a camping grounds for the 1853 Elliott and 1854 Macy Wagon Trains on the Free Emigrant Road. It was also a campsite for Fremont's exploration party, Williamson & Abbot's railroad survey, and Bynon Pengra's Oregon Central Military Road crew. Near the ranch, several trees still showed blazes.

We were fortunate to be joined by Del Spencer, Ike Woodruf and Gary Brumbaugh, who have spent several

years searching for the route. Lowell Tiller, who coauthored "Cutoff Fever" with Leah Menefee shared his knowledge of the area. We discussed our trail hopes over lunch and viewed some of the trail through the forest on Del's camera replay. Leslie Hickerson, present Archaeologist for the Forest Service at Crescent, accompanied us and gave permission to research in the Forest Service files for information about the route.

We then drove to nearby Forest Service property and followed the route which had been marked by the former Forest Service Archaeologist, Paula Sutton, in 1987-88. Another FER outing is being planned for next October 5.



Glenn Harrison photos of the Free Emigrant Road field trip October 19, 2001. Ruts can still be seen of the 1853 Elliott and 1854 Macy parties that extended the Meek Cutoff over the Cascades to Eugene. Gary Brumbaugh and Suzanne Hornbuckle, shown at a kiosk commemorating the lost 1853 Elliott Train, are both descendants of FER emigrants.

**NORTHWEST CHAPTER OF THE OREGON-CALIFORNIA TRAILS ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS**

Recommended by the NW OCTA Chapter Board on January 11, 2002 for
Chapter Consideration at the March 16, 2002 Annual Meeting in Oregon City, OR
AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the NORTHWEST CHAPTER OF THE OREGON-CALIFORNIA TRAILS ASSOCIATION and is abbreviated NW OCTA. It is a Chapter of the National Oregon-California Trails Association, which is abbreviated OCTA.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The purposes of this organization shall be to:

- Section 1. Initiate and coordinate activities relating to the identification, preservation, interpretation and improved accessibility of trail remains and associated historic sites and landmarks along the pioneer western migration routes in the Pacific Northwest. These efforts should concentrate on those routes designated as National Historic Trails by the United States Congress, those cutoffs and segments that have potential for inclusion under the National Trails Act and those sites and segments that qualify for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Section 2. Initiate and coordinate efforts to secure permission to access trail segments, ruts, swales, traces and sites; to mark and map trail ruts, swales, traces and sites; and to secure easements from private land owners relating to trail sites or segments deemed suitable for controlled public use.
- Section 3. Actively publicize the Chapter and National Association goals and activities to create popular awareness and concern for preservation of extant segments of these trails and their associated sites.
- Section 4. Assist the National Association in reaching it's goals and objectives in a prudent manner.
- Section 5. Assist members and friends of the trail in locating suitable places for safekeeping and/or storage for items of historic nature relating to the pioneer western movement.
- Section 6. Cooperate with other groups, which have an interest in historic trails, especially in the Northwest. This includes the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC).

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Anyone holding membership in the National Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) may become a member of the Northwest Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association by paying annual or life dues. Chapter membership shall be limited to members in good standing in the National Association.
- Section 2. Memberships shall be classified as individual, family or corporate and as annual or life.
- Section 3. All members or corporate representatives in good standing are entitled to all rights and privileges including the right to vote and to hold office.
- Section 4. Corporate membership may be held by agencies, societies, public bodies and private enterprises. Each corporate member shall designate an official representative.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President.
- Section 2. The term of office for Officers shall be two calendar years.
- Section 3. There shall be three Directors elected from the Chapter membership. No person may be both an Officer and a Director.
- Section 4. The term of office for Directors shall be three calendar years, one being elected annually.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Section 1. President:
- (a) The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter and shall preside at all Chapter, Chapter Board and Executive Committee meetings.
 - (b) The President shall carry out the expressed wishes of the Chapter Board and shall appoint any special committee not provided for in the Bylaws.
 - (c) The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a replacement for any Officer or Director vacancy that may occur. Appointment and approval shall be made within 60 days.
 - (d) The president shall make appointments as noted under Article IX Committees and Positions.
 - (e) The President shall be considered an ex officio member without vote of all committees except the President shall not be a member of the Nominations and Leadership Committee.
- Section 2. Vice President:
- (a) The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President during the President's absence and assist the President as requested.
 - (b) The Vice President shall be in charge of making arrangements for activities and outings through Outing Tour Leaders and Activity Coordinators when practical.
- Section 3. Secretary:
- The Secretary shall keep all minutes of the Chapter, Chapter Board and Executive Committee meetings and other pertinent records and assist the President as requested.
- Section 4. Treasurer:
- (a) The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds, accepting said funds, depositing them in an interest bearing account when feasible, and disbursing them as authorized or approved by the Executive Committee or the President.
 - (b) The Treasurer shall report at each meeting the status of the Chapter's funds. The financial records shall be audited by a member or committee appointed by the President at any time it is deemed appropriate and between terms of Treasurers.
 - (c) The Treasurer shall maintain a copy of the membership roster.
 - (d) The Treasurer shall assist the President as requested
- Section 5. Immediate Past President:
- (a) When a President leaves office, he or she will continue to serve as a Chapter Officer with the title "Immediate Past President" until his or her successor as President leaves office. The Immediate Past President shall act in an advisory capacity to the President and shall perform other functions requested by the President. If the Immediate Past President chooses not to serve, or is unable to serve, a Past President shall be designated by the Chapter Board by a majority vote from those who have previously served as Chapter President.
 - (b) The Immediate Past President shall chair the Nominations and Leadership Committee.

Section 6. Directors:

- (a) The Directors shall attend Board meetings and assist and advise the Officers in the performance of their duties and make suggestions when appropriate.
- (b) Directors may fill in for any Officer unable to attend a meeting, at the discretion of the President.
- (c) Directors may perform any other duty as assigned by the President.

ARTICLE VI CHAPTER AND BOARD MEETINGS

Section 1. Chapter Meetings

- (a) There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Chapter. There may be additional general membership Chapter meetings as necessary.
- (b) There may be a Chapter meeting held in conjunction with the National Oregon-California Trails Association Convention.
- (c) Chapter meetings are regularly called by the Chapter Board and may be announced through mailings, e-mails, the Chapter Newsletter and the NW OCTA website.
- (d) General business of the Chapter may be conducted at any regularly called Chapter meeting by a simple majority vote of the members present and voting. In voting each individual member or corporate representative is allowed one vote and each family membership is allowed two votes if cast by two different family members.
- (e) General business shall mean action on minutes and reports as necessary. General business shall not include the appropriation of funds, setting of policies, or determination to conduct programs or projects.

Section 2. Chapter Board Meetings

- (a) There shall be a Fall meeting of the Chapter Board held prior to November 1. Additional Chapter Board meetings may be called by the President as needed.
- (b) Voting members of the Chapter Board are the Officers and Directors.
- (c) Any NW OCTA member or corporate representative may attend any Chapter Board meeting in a non-voting capacity. Any NW OCTA member who holds an OCTA or NW OCTA elective or appointive position is especially encouraged to attend and report on the progress or function and give advice in their area when called upon.
- (d) By two-thirds majority vote of the Chapter Board, any Officer or Director may be removed from office for failing to perform the duties specified in the Bylaws or failing to uphold the purposes of the Chapter.
- (e) The Chapter Board shall review and make a recommendation concerning any proposed Bylaws amendment.

ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Chapter Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee is authorized to conduct the business of the Chapter between Board meetings according to National and Chapter guidelines.

ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS AND TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Officers shall be elected by mail ballot prior to January 1 of even numbered years.

Section 2. One Director will shall be elected by mail prior to January 1 of each year.

Section 3. Officers and Directors may succeed themselves in the same position.

Section 4. In voting each individual member or corporate representative is allowed one vote and each family membership is allowed two votes if cast by two different family members.

- Section 5. A majority of those voting shall determine the outcome of an election. In the event of a tie or if no single candidate for a position receives a majority of the votes actually cast by qualified voters, a run-off mail ballot election shall be conducted within 30 days between the two candidates with highest number of votes received.
- Section 6. The term of office for Officers and Directors shall begin on January 1 following election.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS

- Section 1. The Nominations and Leadership Committee shall be composed of the Immediate Past President and two Chapter members who shall be elected by the Chapter Board. The purpose of this Committee shall be to identify and propose candidates for Officers and Directors. The Committee members shall be elected at the Fall meeting of the Chapter Board and shall function during the following year and report by the Fall meeting of the Chapter Board for that year.
- Section 2. The Chapter Trail Preservation Officer shall be appointed by the President. Local Preservation Officers shall be approved by the Chapter Board.
- Section 3. Other Committee Chairs necessary for carrying out the purposes and functions of the Chapter shall be appointed by the President from the general membership.
- Section 4. The Chapter Newsletter Editor and the Webmaster shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Chapter Board.

ARTICLE X DUES

- Section 1. Annual dues for individual, family and corporate memberships shall be determined by the Chapter Board.
- Section 2. Life membership dues shall be twenty times the annual dues.

ARTICLE XI FISCAL YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR

- Section 1. The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30 of the next year.
- Section 2. The membership year has been the fiscal year, but in 2002 it shall be extended to the calendar year.
- Section 3. Beginning with 2003 the membership year shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at the regularly called Annual Meeting of the Chapter.
- Section 2. Following review by the Chapter Board, the membership shall be advised of proposed amendments to the Bylaws at least two weeks in advance of a regularly called Annual Meeting of the Chapter.
- Section 3. Properly approved Bylaws amendments become effective upon approval.

NWOCTA ANNUAL MEETING
Oregon City March 16, 2002

The annual membership meeting of NW OCTA will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday March 16 at the Rivershore Hotel in Oregon City.

This is an important meeting as we have new officers to induct, new bylaws to discuss, activities to plan, and don't forget to bring raffle items for our annual raffle. See Winter Board Meeting for more details.

Rivershore Hotel
1900 Clackamette Drive
Oregon City, Oregon
503-655-7141 or 1-800-443-7777, ext. 12

From the South on I-205: Take the Oregon City Exit (#9). Turn right on McLoughlin (Hwy 99E). turn left at light opposite shopping center. Turn left on Clackamette Drive.

From the North on I-205: Take the Oregon City Exit (#9). Turn right on McLoughlin (Hwy 99E). turn left at light opposite shopping center. Turn left on Clackamette Drive.

Parking: Rivershore Hotel has asked us to use the lower parking lot on the south end of the hotel. It provides convenient access to the lower level banquet room where the meeting will be held.

Rooms: Rivershore Hotel is holding a block of ten rooms until March 1, 2002 for us. When calling for reservations, please indicate that you are with the Oregon-California Trails Association or OCTA. Room reservation includes full breakfast. Single Queen Rooms - \$63 plus 10% tax. Double Queen R - \$69 plus 10% tax.

The meeting is free to all members, but lunches will be available at a cost of \$15.00

Don't forget to bring a raffle item!

PLEASE PRINT AND MAIL THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!

I / We will attend the annual meeting. Number of attendees _____

Number of lunches at \$15 _____

Name(s) of attendees _____

Mail form and check to:

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