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Annual Meeting Registration

Plan to attend the 2005 NW Chapter Annual Meeting from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, **March 12**. It will be held at the Oregon City United Methodist Church, Cornerstone Community Life Center at 18955 S. South End Road in Oregon City. The directions are on the registration form.

The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes lunch provided by Busters Barbecue. At 9:30 am there will be refreshments and time to get your name tag, buy raffle tickets, and visit with friends.

During the business meeting, OCTA Association Manager Travis Boley will speak and OCTA President Richard Pingrey will bring greetings. Reports of chapter activities will be given. The program will include author **Jane Kirkpatrick** discussing Marie Dorian and **Dennis Larsen** presenting "Ezra Meeker in Oregon." Be sure to mark your meat preference and send in the registration form. Bring a friend or potential member and raffle items.

Marie Dorian

Jane Kirkpatrick is nationally recognized for her authenticity and accuracy in telling stories of the West. Jane's many books were noted in the January newsletter.



Jane Kirkpatrick

Her last 3 historical novels, have been a Marie Dorian trilogy - [A Name of Her Own](#), [Every Fixed Star](#), and [Hold Tight the Thread](#). Copies of all Jane's books may be purchased and autographed.

Ezra Meeker in Oregon



Dennis Larsen

Dennis Larsen will present "Ezra Meeker's Travels Through Oregon March 2 - April 30, 1906." It will be the story of the two months Meeker's fledgling Old Oregon Trail Monument Expedition spent in Oregon, his most successful state in terms of numbers of monuments erected. Follow the ox team from The Dalles, over the Blue Mountains, and on to the Snake River. The citizens of Oregon welcomed Ezra with open arms, with one or two notable exceptions. (Yes, he will name names!!) Learn exciting, never before revealed details!! And Dennis will let you in on a secret that Ezra has kept for nearly 100 years. Both of our speakers are chapter and OCTA members.

Driving Directions

From I-205 going either direction, take exit 9. Turn left on 99 E going south. Stay on 99 E until you go under a railroad tunnel. Get into the left lane. At the 2nd street signal turn left and go one short block. At the 4 way stop turn right onto So High to South End. Follow South End Road until you get to the church. You have to climb the hill, go through a 4 way stop. Cornerstone is on South End Road.

For 99 E travelers, South End Road intersects with 99 E outside of Oregon City. You can turn right on South End Road and drive to the church, or you go into Oregon City and follow the directions given above starting at 2nd street. If you have questions, contact **Wendall Baskins** at 503.655.0311.

Rivershore Rooms

The Rivershore Hotel on the Willamette at 1900 Clackamette Drive in Oregon City has offered a reduced lodging rate of \$75 plus tax for OCTA members attending the Annual Meeting. It includes an individually prepared, hot breakfast in their restaurant for two people. Rivershore is planning rooms with one or two queen beds. When you call 1.800.443.7777 to register, let them know that you are with OCTA.

Volunteer Efforts

Be sure to keep track of your expenses and time spent in travel and attending the Annual Meeting. Like other OCTA activities it counts as a volunteer contributions to be applied toward cost share grants. Information may be given to **Chuck Hornbuckle**. For 2004 the NW Chapter reported 11,426 hours and \$81,574 in unreimbursed trail related expenses.

Newsletter Changes

Because the newsletter is a major way of communicating with Northwest Chapter members, the board decided on January 15 to mail a black and white copy to all members who want a paper copy. Those wishing an emailed color copy will still receive it, with the same content as the mailed version. All articles submitted for the newsletter will be from members unless the editor requests a special article.

The newsletter will be sent 5 or 6 times a year and keep you up to date on chapter activities. The chapter will absorb the extra mailing costs without the \$3 that had been announced. Those who made the extra \$3 payment with your membership renewal may get your money back by contacting **Joyce Bolerjack**. Alternatives could be to count it as a donation to the chapter or use it to purchase raffle tickets for the Annual Meeting.

Olympia Meeting

A two day outing has been planned by **Chuck and Suzanne Hornbuckle** beginning at 1:00 pm on **April 30** in the State Capitol Coach House in Olympia. Cowlitz Tribal member Mike Iyall will discuss "Native Americans Before and After the HBC and Settlers Arrived" and NW OCTA member Dick Carter will tell about his "Ancestors on the Oregon Trail". We will visit the Washington State Capital Museum, which features displays on early Washington history. Then Winfred Olsen will tell about "George Bush and his Family: Impact on Washington" and Detective Mark Curtis will discuss "The History of the Thurston County Sheriff's

Office". After dinner Mary Thompson will discuss the "Role of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and Mike Houser will explain "SHPO's Role in Preservation".

On Sunday, **May 1** gather at the Coach House at 8:30 am. Winifred Olsen will lead an auto tour to the Union Cemetery in Tumwater where George Bush of the Simmons-Bush Wagon Train is buried. Then Jan Watson will head the tour south of Olympia to the Grand Mound Cemetery, which is the resting place of Indians and several pioneers including some who had followed the Free Emigrant Road to Oregon before going to Washington. A \$5 charge for participants will cover the museum entry fee and other expenses.

Remarking Echo Meadows

Gail Carbeiner reports that he was contacted by the BLM about remarking the section of BLM land on Echo Meadows. In **late May, Keith May** will have several children and parents helping to mark a half mile section of the Oregon Trail using brown BLM carsonite markers. **Jenny Miller** and other area teachers will have some other students cleaning up a BLM site. Some OCTA members in period dress will assist. This is part of our effort with trail education.

Trail Monitor Workshop

Chuck Hornbuckle will conduct a workshop for active and potential Trail Monitors from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm at 2540 Coral Avenue NE in Salem. The date is Saturday, **June 4**, which is **National Trails Day**. Lunch will be catered.

Willamette Valley Tour

From 3:00 to 5:00 pm on **June 4** there will be a guided tour of Salem's Mission Mill Museum, both the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill and Methodist Mission houses. Then **Glenn Harrison** will lead a car caravan to Albany, where we will have dinner at Lum Yuen Chinese Restaurant. Glenn Harrison will discuss why pioneers came to the Willamette Valley and what it was like when they arrived.

On Sunday, **June 5** the caravan will continue to Brownsville. There we will see an early campground and, at the Linn County Historical Museum, many items brought over the Oregon Trail plus an actual covered wagon that followed the Applegate Trail. We will drive to the Shedd Museum, to see some Oregon Trail items, including a trunk that opens into a table and an actual Oregon Trail diary. After driving through the farmland, we will visit pieces of the Applegate/Southern Road Trail route near Corvallis then visit the Polk County Historical Museum.

Date Changes

The May 22-25 Oregon Trail marking has been combined with the outing scheduled for August. It is now August 23-30 marking from the Idaho border to Huntington, based at Vale and along I-84 to Flagstaff Hill, based at Baker City. The activity in Olympia will be April 30 and May 1 instead of earlier in April.

Baker City Event Update

There will be a full day of activities on July 9. In the theater of the Interpretive Center at Flagstaff Hill near Baker City, Daniel Slosberg will present Pierre Cruzatt at 10:00 am. Then the 2004 & '05 Ackerman award winners will be recognized. A soup bar and build your own sandwich lunch will be served in "Old Dining Room" at Geiser Grand Hotel for \$9. Dave Welch will discuss OCTA's preservation efforts.

We will then caravan to Powder River crossing of the Oregon Trail in North Powder where diary quotes will be read and a trail marker will be installed. Continuing the caravan to Clover Valley exit on Interstate-84 and up to newly discover and marked ruts. Jack Evans, author of Powerful Rocky, will describe the surrounding terrain. After a reading of several diary quotes of this area there will be a 1/2 mile hike up gradual hill. Then we will return to Baker City where dinner will be at 5:30 in the the Geiser Grand dining room for \$18.50. Marian Brown will portray a "Grandmother on The Oregon Trail."

Trails Study Bill

On January 24, Senator Orrin Hatch, Utah, introduced bill S-54 - The Pioneer National Historic Trails Studies Act in the U S Senate. It has the same wording as was used last session in both the Senate and the House bills. Other Senators are encourages to be a cosponsor. Soon a House bill should be submitted with the same wording.

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Trails Calendar



Oregon Trail near Birch Creek-Glenn Harrison photo

We are in the process of gathering photos, quotes, and cost information about producing a Northwest Chapter Trails Calendar for 2006. It may be for more than a 12 month period if the expense is low enough for copies to be sold. If you would like to share your great scenic trails photos, without people, send them as a PDF to **Glenn Harrison** at harrison@cmug.com. Thanks to **Gail Carbiener** for suggesting this project.

Memberships

Our chapter memberships are for a calendar year, so we hope you already submitted your dues. Those who are life members don't owe anything. Those who want to become a member for 2005, it is \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a family. Life memberships may be purchased at any time for \$200 for an individual or \$300 for a family. With family memberships two people get to vote in elections. Remember that you must be a member of OCTA to be a member of the chapter.

Northwest Chapter of OCTA 2005 Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 12
Gather & Refreshments 9:30 am
Meeting 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cornerstone Community Life Center
Oregon City United Methodist Church
1895 South End Road, Oregon City, OR



Annual Meeting location, Oregon City
(See driving direction in the newsletter.)

See your friends
Congratulate award winners
Hear about chapter activities
Hear Jane Kirkpatrick - Marie Dorian
Hear Dennis Larson - Ezra Meeker in Oregon
Hear OCTA Assoc. Mgr Travis Boley & Pres. Dick Pingrey
Eat a great lunch
Win raffle items

Bring a friend or potential member and raffle items.

\$15.00 per person includes lunch catered by Busters Barbecue
Choice of meat, salads, bbq beans, bread

2005 Annual Meeting Registration Form

__ Number attending @ \$15 = \$_____

Meat preference: __ beef brisket, __ pork tenderloin, __ turkey breast

Nametag(s) should read:

We need a firm count by February 25, so send your registration form and check to
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