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Saddle Hill Wind Farm Project

By Stafford Hazelett

A new wind farm project in Oregon filed its Notice of Intent on August 7. It will fit into the missing spaces in the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm Project to completely cover the land between Cecil and the Four Mile Canyon Interpretive Site. It is all on private land, probably Krebs.

The alternate north route will be crossed by at least two, maybe three, tower strings. Roads will be built.



The soon-to-be former view looking back to the east from the crest of the hill in the BLM interpretive site. Photograph by Stafford Hazelett.

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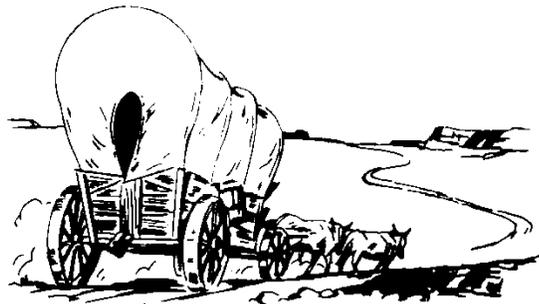
President's Message

This will be my last report to you as chapter president. I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving the chapter for the past four years. Except for soon becoming the Past President, I plan to take a less active role in OCTA affairs. I have been involved at either the chapter or national level since OCTA was founded in 1982. This comes at a crucial time for OCTA both at the chapter and national levels. We are faced with ever increasing threats to our historic trails. At the same time I see an apathetic "let someone else do it" attitude pervasive throughout our chapter membership. Many of our long-time members who have served in leadership roles have had enough. I admit I have reached that point. Yet, there are few individuals who have expressed any interest in stepping up to fill the vacancies. I have seen this happen in other chapters who are now struggling to remain viable. NW Chapter has been the most enthusiastic, hard working chapter in OCTA. Let's not vacate that role.

We will soon be electing a new president. Please step forward to offer as much assistance as you can. One recent action I have taken is to appoint Dave Welch as Chapter Preservation Officer. He has served as National Historic Preservation Officer and has a unique set of credentials to assume this role. However, preservation is not a function that one individual can accomplish alone. He necessarily will need to rely on chapter members to help fulfill his role and therefore avoid or minimize the impacts of the myriad threats to the trails. Each member has a duty to assist Dave. Contact him to see how you can help. Adopting a segment of trail as trail monitor is one way. Writing your political representatives to protest potential destructive actions is another. Taking an active role in chapter duties is yet another, albeit more indirect, avenue.

Again, thank you for your support over the last four years. Please renew your efforts and extend your support to the new president and board.

—Roger Blair



NW OCTA Fall Picnic

By Susan Badger Doyle

The chapter fall picnic on September 19 at Borst Park in Centralia was a pleasant, well-attended event. After an informal business meeting, acclaimed storyteller Karen Haas presented a delightful program of trail stories and songs. The audience joined in on some of the songs.

Next, Roger Blair presented Outstanding Educator awards that were announced at national convention to Eastgate Elementary School and the Pacific Northwest Ballet, in Bellevue, Washington. Bob Kabel introduced Katy Bouljon who accepted on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Ballet. She explained the ballet company's outreach program "Discover Dance" for elementary schools. The students in the program developed dances based on the Oregon Trail and other topics.

After lunch Wendell Baskins and Stafford Hazelett presented a slide program on the impact of windmill development on the trails and a chapter project to document the trail over time in digital photos. Next, Dave Welch spoke on preservation issues. See page 5 for his article in this newsletter.

The meeting ended with the ever-popular raffle and silent auction.



Bob Kabel introducing Katy Bouljon



Roger Blair and Katy Bouljon



Karen Haas



Display of the "Discover Dance" program at Eastgate Elementary School.

More Fall Picnic Photos



Wendy Welch and Nancy Bolon



Weldon Rau and Jack Fletcher



Raffle Table



Wendell Baskins



Desert Table

Davis Ranch Trail Marking

Billy Symms will be leading a group to the Davis Ranch outside of Wamic, Oregon, for some trail marking and verification on June 29, 30, and July 1 of 2010. Details will be announced later.

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In Pursuit of a Dream

There have been additional materials posted on the *In Pursuit of a Dream* website, including a day-by-day account of the trip, with dozens of photographs.



www.octa-trails.org, then click on *In Pursuit of a Dream*.

—Candy Moulton

Northwest Chapter Trail Preservation Activities

By Dave Welch

In the Northwest we face significant challenges resulting from the emphasis on renewable energy in the form of wind farms. The challenge is great: the eastern portions of Oregon and Washington are the location of extensive energy projects (wind turbines and transmission lines) which often coincide with important trail resources. While trail protection is our priority, we must acknowledge the need for energy from these sources.

Our Northwest Chapter preservation activities have not kept pace with the emphasis on these new energy sources. This is not a criticism of any individual, but of our chapter efforts as a whole. Perhaps I have been too pre-occupied with threats in Wyoming at the expense of problems in my own backyard. In any case, I have been asked to serve as the chapter's preservation officer and I have accepted. A description of my proposed preservation program follows.

First, we need to re-build our preservation organization. The work can not be done by one person, especially when that person is located in Lacey, WA. Glenn Harrison has agreed to help on issues involving government agencies in Salem and occasionally elsewhere. We also need representatives in other areas along the trail.

In the past, the Northwest chapter had assigned Local Preservation Officers (LPOs) for various segments of the trail. We need to determine if those members with assignments are willing to continue to serve and find new volunteers for unfilled positions. Each volunteer will be trained in the monitoring function as described in OCTA's preservation training program. They will also be trained in preservation processes such as "Section 106" since it is the main tool for preserving trail and setting on public lands. They will also be trained on Oregon's unique permitting processes which control development on private lands. If LPO positions are unfilled, then we should recognize that some portions of the trail are not going to be protected as well as others.

Second, we should back away from on-going projects in which we have little chance to have an impact. The permitting process as described by law has specific points for entry by the public. If you miss that opportunity, or provide inadequate input, you are excluded from the process from that point on. Many projects that you observe today fit fall in that category. As a first step I have prepared a comprehensive list of relevant projects from which we can make a determination of the appropriateness of our participation at this time.

Third, we should build constructive relationships with those responsible for making decisions affecting the trail. Because we will be people-limited, we will have to be selective. We will focus on Oregon first and as a minimum we should have good relationships with the Oregon Department of Energy, the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council, BLM field offices, USFS district offices, and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

While it would be nice to have good contacts with developers, that will come about when we have the support of government agencies who insist that they work with OCTA as part of the permitting process. This is not a legal requirement, but it will come about when they realize that they can shorten project timelines by cooperating. This has occurred in Wyoming, but it took several years to accomplish.

I do not see legal activities as a primary avenue of action. The only basis for a legal challenge is when the agency does not follow its own procedures and rules. When we are more directly involved we can watch carefully for compliance, but we need to recognize that you can't initiate legal action just because you don't like the outcome. That lesson was learned by the rock climbers at in their suit against the NPS on the City of Rocks.

In summary, I propose a back-to-basics approach. We need to determine what we want to do, followed by a determination of what we can do. They are not the same. We are not going to undo what has been done, but we can do a better job in the future. Please join the effort.

Trail Marking Work Party

By Tuck and Kay Forsythe

Stafford Hazelett, Kay Forsythe, and Tuck Forsythe were the active NWOCTA members who joined with a Trails West work party Sept 11–13, 2009, marking the Applegate Trail, known as South Road to Oregon. This was a variant of the California Trail that branched off from near Winnemucca, Nevada, and went across the Black Rock Desert to Ashland, Oregon.

We were roughly 50 miles SSE of Klamath Falls, in the NE corner of California. Bob Black of Grants Pass was our wonderful trail boss. Fifteen vehicles participated overall. Stafford backpacked the 30 pound backpack-GPS Trimble-computer around to incorporate the GPS locations of Applegate trail markers into a national trails database. He assisted Kay and Tuck to enter our first waypoints.



Kay photographed Stafford Hazelett at marker #A-36 (post-2006 numbering system), which includes a September 23, 1846, diary quote from Stafford's gr-gr-gr-grandfather Virgil Pringle.



In the photo of Kay digging hole for marker #A-44, the lake situated so dramatically in the background is Lower Klamath Lake. A-44 is near the SSE corner of the lake.



Tuck and Kay Forsythe

NW OCTA Charter Members

Margaret and Bob Carey Remembered

By Glenn Harrison

Margaret Carey

Margaret June Standish Carey, 82, of Halsey died May 15, 2009. Margaret was born in Albany on November 28, 1926, to John and Helen (Collins) Standish. She grew up in Oregon and Montana, and graduated from Halsey High School. She attended Cascade College and Multnomah College in Portland between 1945 and 1949. She worked at the *Corvallis Gazette-Times* in 1949 and 1950.

On September 3, 1949, Margaret married Robert E. Carey in Halsey and lived on the family farm in Halsey from 1951 until her death. She was president of the Linn County Historical Society from 1984 through 1988 and served on its board for many years. She was on the Linn County Historical Museum Advisory Commission from 1974 until 1998, and chaired it for many years. She participated in several Moyer House Teas raising funds for its preservation.



Margaret was a member, organist, and vocalist at Halsey United Methodist Church and a founding member of Oregon Women for Agriculture. She worked as a co-publisher and editor of Calapooia Publications and as an author and amateur historian. Her writing collaborator for 23 years was her good friend Patricia Hainline, with whom she wrote books about the history of Halsey, Brownsville, Shedd, and Sweet Home.

From September 1985 through July 1995, they published 60 issues of an historical newsletter, *Northwest Passages*, and wrote a “Past Times” column on local history for the *Brownsville Times*.

Margaret was survived by her husband, Robert Carey, of Halsey; children, William Carey and Elizabeth “Beth” Lawson; two grandchildren, Jonathan and Carrie; a half-brother, Larry Sullivan; and a half-sister, Sally.

Bob Carey

Robert “Bob” E. Carey was born on September 9, 1925 and died at 83 on July 7, 2009. His parents were Everette and Rosa (Seefeld) Carey. Bob grew up, farmed, and lived most of his 59 years of married life and raised a family within a half mile of his parents farm near Halsey.

In 1944, he graduated from Halsey High School. He served in the Naval Air Corps as a tail gunner during WWII with the “Blue Raiders.” After the war he finished flight school in Pensacola, Florida, and taught flying in Sweet Home in his own Cessna. He married Margaret Standish on September 3, 1949, and attended Oregon State College for a year until his father was injured. He returned to help run the farm, and in 1951 they bought the farm next to his parents and lived there the rest of their lives.



In the late 1960s he began working as an Farm Bureau Insurance agent. He was a trustee and Sunday School teacher at the Halsey United Methodist Church, Scoutmaster, President of Linn County Farm Bureau, and in 1963 he and Margaret were selected as the Outstanding Farm Family, Central Linn School Board member and chair, and board member of Sharing Hands. He was active with the Republican Party, Association of Naval Aviation, Izaak Walton League, and American Legion. He and Margaret were members of OCTA and charter members of the Northwest Chapter of OCTA. Bob assisted with the Linn County Historical Society and he and Margaret assisted with the Shedd Museum. He had heart problems and pneumonia and died six weeks after the death of his wife.

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

It's Time to Report Volunteer Time and Expenses

In order to provide an accurate accounting of OCTA members' volunteer time and expenses related to OCTA activities, each participant is asked to report hours and non-reimbursed expenses annually to the Chapter Volunteerism Coordinator by **January 1**.

NOTE: Time and personal expenses should be reported "home-to-home." A form is available.

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