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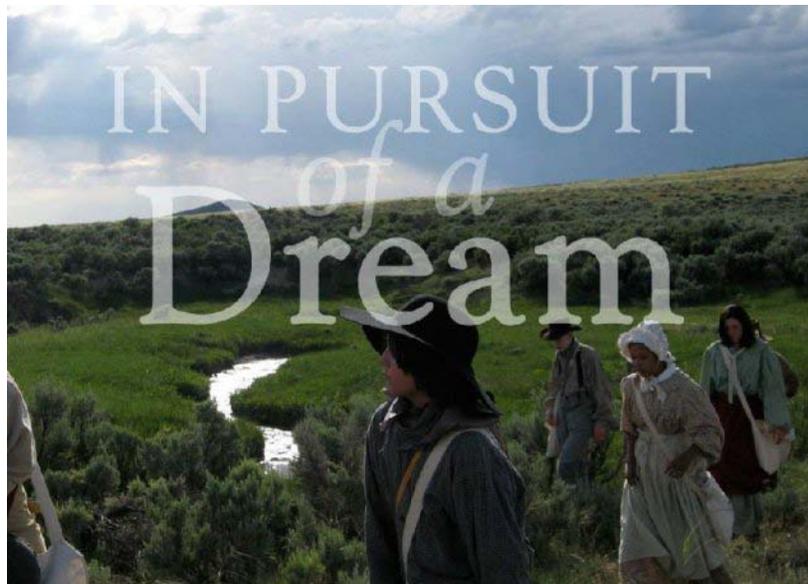
Northwest Chapter 2010 Annual Meeting Saturday, March 13

United Methodist Church
18955 South End Road, Oregon City

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Northwest Chapter will be held on Saturday, March 13, at the Oregon City United Methodist Church in Oregon City. Activities will include the annual meeting, a buffet lunch, a program, and a silent auction and raffle. A registration flyer will be sent out in February.

We will convene at 10:00 a.m., but come as early as 9:00 a.m. to socialize and bring in raffle items before the meeting starts. The raffle is always a great success, and we will also have a silent auction. Please bundle issues of the same title of journals or magazines together.

The annual business meeting will be from 10:00 a.m. until noon, followed by a buffet lunch. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. The program will be a showing of OCTA's documentary film, *In Pursuit of a Dream*, which premiered at the OCTA convention in Loveland last August.



A MAP SHOWING THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS ON PAGE 9

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In Pursuit of a Dream An OCTA Documentary Film

What would it be like to go back in time (with no cell phones, IMing, Twitter and Facebook, or running water for that matter) and travel across the country just like the pioneers did. That's what twenty-four kids from across the U.S. (some who had never been out of their home town), did for their summer vacation. Led by three amazing teachers, these new-age "emigrants" trekked through Wyoming and north to Oregon on a once-in-a-lifetime journey that challenged even the toughest in the group. They traded their modern conveniences for long dresses and overalls, loaded their wagons, and took off for adventure on the Oregon and California Trails. Along the way they met gold seekers, scoundrels, and natives. And while they learned about what made us a great nation as we moved west, they also learned about themselves and how the decisions they made could have serious and unexpected consequences for their group. Some made it, others did not. Join these kids in this film drama as they are challenged to find the right direction, *In Pursuit of a Dream*.

In Pursuit of a Dream was produced by Boston Productions, a group of inspired storytellers that for over twenty years has been recounting important history through a variety of media including film, interactive multimedia, and immersive theatrical productions. Boston Productions produced the signature multi-screen film presentation for the National Historic Trails Interpretative Center in Casper, Wyoming. *In Pursuit of a Dream* was directed by Bob Noll and produced by Candy Moulton. Both Bob and Candy are lifetime members of OCTA and are passionate supporters of trail preservation.

ANNUAL REPORT OF NW OCTA VOLUNTEER HOURS AND EXPENSES

*Submitted by
Chuck Hornbuckle*

Hours	2,462
Expenses	\$14,643.19

President's Message

This is my first piece for the newsletter since being elected your chapter president, and I figured you might wish to know a little about me.

My earliest recollections of learning about the trail were about sixty years ago, and I have been studying the trail ever since. As a young boy I would listen to my great Aunt May (Hawley Oglesby), my grandmother's sister, tell me about their mother (Anna Rowland Hawley) coming over the trail as a child in 1868, as well as their paternal grandmother (Martha Freel Hawley) being orphaned on the trail in 1852 by cholera. I knew the stories were authentic because whenever my aunt got something wrong there was always this loud "harrumph" from my great-grandmother's room. We shared a birthday, ninety years apart.

About twenty years later I was teaching at a junior high school in the Gresham area, near where I had grown up. I was repeating these same stories as well as numerous others to my 8th graders. Over the nearly 30 years that I taught junior high, I developed an extensive Oregon Trail unit. It included diaries and letters written by teenagers on the trail – a great motivator for that age group – as well as bringing a covered wagon to school (an 1853 Studebaker) and having the 8th graders write and produce a play for the 4th graders. We also went on field trips to the Barlow Road. Since there was no textbook for teaching the Oregon Trail, I wrote one called *The Road to Oregon*. It was edited by two OCTANs, Merrill Mattes and Greg Franzwa, and can be found on the internet (see below). I was also teaching teachers about the trail through Portland State University's School of Education. For all of this, I was named Oregon's History Teacher of the Year in 1990.

My involvement with OCTA began in 1983 when I was being mentored by Clackamas Historical Society's curator Claire Belsher. She was asked to lead a tour of the Barlow Road for OCTA's second convention, and I came along as her assistant. By the time the Boise convention rolled around I was a member. At the Omaha convention I was teaching how to do mapping and assisting with writing the brand new MET manual. I also contributed to the WET map. I served on the national education committee at the time OCTA started giving teacher of the year awards (for which I was ineligible, since I was a judge). I served the chapter for two periods as your newsletter editor and held that post when the newsletter was first sent out by e-mail.

During a dark period in my life when I suffered a series of health and personal issues, I slowed down. I did continue to write and have produced several guidebooks, including a self-guided tour of the Barlow Road, local history books, and two articles for the *Overland Journal*. I am currently working on a book about the 1847 migration and collaborating on a potential OJ article about Quakers on the trail. As if that were not enough, I am also president-elect of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, teaching about the Oregon Trail for Clackamas Community College (this is my 40th year of teaching), and just last weekend became a grandparent for the second time. In my spare time I tilt at windmills.

—Jim Tompkins

The Road to Oregon, by Jim Tompkins, is online at

http://www.historicoregoncity.org/HOC/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=89&Itemid=118



In Remembrance

Richard Wendle Ackerman

A Charter and Life member of OCTA, Dick was a gentleman and wonderful trail supporter. While he has been in declining health for a number of years, Dick was always with us in spirit whenever and wherever we were on the trails.

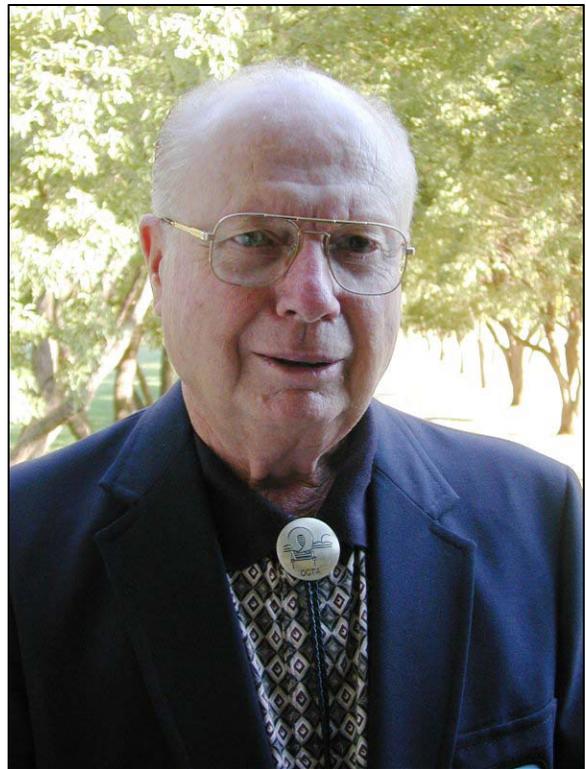
Dick served as OCTA's President from 1987 to 1989 and later as National Trails Preservation Officer. He selflessly gave of his time and even moved temporarily to Independence to negotiate the deal that brought OCTA's Headquarters to Independence, and then stuck around to set up the operation.

Born in Wendell, Idaho, Dick attended public schools in southern Oregon and served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1941–1945 throughout the South Pacific. He returned to active duty in 1950–1954, this time serving in Korea.

After working in telecommunications for thirty-six years, he then spent ten years as Director of Human Resources for a subsidiary of his telecommunications company. He also served on an advisory panel for the University of Wisconsin regarding labor relations and was co-chairman of the Industrial Relations Research Association for the State of Iowa for ten years. He shared his work experience by conducting labor relations seminars at several universities throughout the Midwest.

Dick became interested in western migration while still in grade school, and it remained a key passion for his entire life. In addition to serving in positions at the national level of OCTA, he helped form the Northwest Chapter. He was Chapter President for a number of years and was Chairman of the 1993 Baker City and the 1998 Pendleton conventions. While working as OCTA's National Preservation Officer, he also served as Chairman of Oregon's Heritage Signing Committee and was tapped to sit on the Governor's Oregon Historic Trails Council. In his spare time, he loved to conduct RV tours on western migration routes for Western Oregon University.

For the past several years Dick and Trudy have been living in Renton, Washington, so they could be closer to their son, who lives in nearby Bellevue. The two of them have been quite private over the past years. Dick died October 22, 2009.



Cherie Ninteman Evanhoe

February 2, 1938 – January 10, 2010

Cherie was born in Bakersfield, California. She graduated from high school and briefly attended Bakersfield City College before moving with her family to San Diego. She graduated from San Diego State College with a BA in journalism and then acquired a teaching credential at Cal Western University in San Diego. She and her late husband John, a printer, bought a print shop in Yreka.

Cherie began her work toward a Master's degree in Organizational Management from Chico State. At the same time the Siskiyou County Schools office asked her to teach Special Education with a provisional credential. She became so interested in special needs children she obtained a Special Ed credential at University of California at Davis, and completed her Master's with an emphasis on Special Education. Before long she also had administrative and secondary credentials. She retired in 1993, having served several years as Deputy Superintendent of Siskiyou County Schools.

Bob and Cherie both lost their spouses in 1989. They did not know each other, but Bob's brother and sister-in-law were square dance friends of Cherie and John. After seven years of subtle hints, a meeting was finally arranged. After seven months, their engagement party turned out to be a surprise wedding ceremony, March 8, 1997.

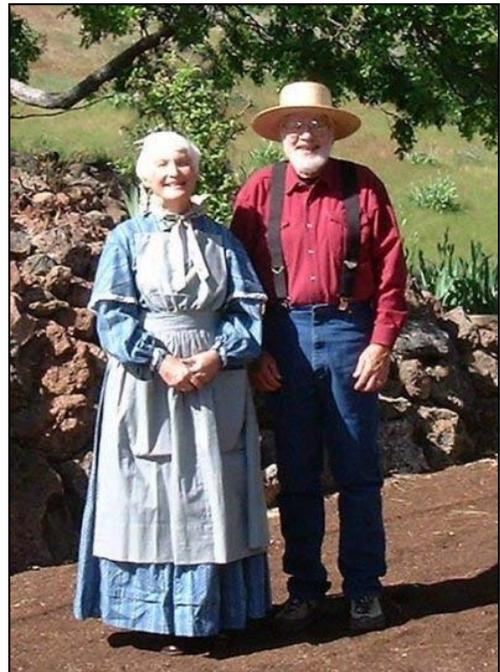
Both loved history and travel, and combined those loves often. OCTA members Richard and Orsola Silva were neighbors. And, in a perfect example of small world occurrences, a 16-member tour to Peru and Ecuador was also attended by OCTA members Pinky and Jackie Ellis. That led to membership and attendance at the Casper Convention. They attended all conventions through Loveland last year.

Cherie was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in February 2007. She underwent surgery late the same month. She had been the chief organizer of the CA-NV Chapter's Spring Symposium in Yreka. She never did stop working on it and fully participated in its success in April. Although she vigorously pursued chemo and radiation, the cancer was again detected in February 2008. She never stopped seeking further treatment, routine or experimental. Attendance at OCTA functions continued with only short interruptions for treatments. She was a great support to Bob as he was elected to the CA-NV Board of Directors and then became President in December 2008.

Cherie was very much in evidence in Loveland where she organized the Elko Convention table and sold the shirts and hats which she had designed, using the elephant logo, and ordered. Cherie's 99-year old father passed away on October 15, 2009. Cherie and Bob flew to San Diego where she wrote a eulogy and delivered it to a packed church on October 22.

Finally, the spread of the cancer proved to be too much. She was placed under Hospice care in November but remained at home. She asked to be placed in a recliner in the living room where she could gaze past the Christmas Tree, over the city that she had called home for 40 years, to her beloved Mt. Shasta. With family at her side and a faithful cat in her lap, she slipped away peacefully on Sunday morning, January 10, 2010.

Cherie had hoped very much to be able to be a vital part of the Elko Convention. She loved planning and organizing, and was active in that capacity until last fall. She talked about it with Bob as long as she could find breath.



Dick Ackerman

By Dave Welch

Many of us mark our involvement with OCTA from 1992 when Dick was seeking volunteers for the 1993 OCTA Pendleton Convention. We quickly learned that we were in the hands of a trail expert and one who knew how to get things done. His leadership was repeated for the 1998 convention in Pendleton and provided the organizational basis for the 2004 convention in Vancouver.

My fondest memories of Dick are of working to set up tours for the conventions. Dick, and his sidekick, Lowell Tiller, provided the outline for the tours and then led us through the trips on practice runs. Those were the best convention tours of all.

In addition to his trail knowledge, Dick also brought management skills to the organization both at the chapter and national levels. As the third national president, he was responsible for insuring the organization's long term viability. As part of this work, he and Trudy were instrumental in establishing OCTA's national headquarters in Independence, MO.

We in the Northwest have been fortunate to have a cadre of trail enthusiasts who led the chapter organization and have provided strong participation in the national organization as officers and board members. Dick was the "leader of the band" and for that we should be thankful. We should also work to insure that his legacy is carried forward.

Next time you listen to the Trail Band, think of Dick Ackerman. He would like that.

Voices from the Trail

"Then we reached Laurel Hill, in the Cascade mountains. Oh that steep road! I know it was fully a mile long. We had to chain the wagon wheels and slide the wagons down the ratty, rocky road. My aunt Martha lost one of her remaining shoes, it rolled down the mountain-side. I can hear her now as she called out in her

despair, 'Oh, me shoe, me shoe! How can I ever get along?' So she wore one shoe and one moccasin the rest of the journey.

As we started down the road my father said: 'Jump on the wheel and hang on, Fanny!' It was an awfully dangerous thing to do and he didn't realize what he was telling her to do. Poor sister Margaret fell, and rolled down and down. When she picked herself up, Uncle Levi was there with his humor, 'Maggie, ain't this the damndest place you ever saw?' 'Yes, it is.' 'Well, you swore, and I'm going to tell your father.'"

—Harriet Scott, 1852



NW Chapter Election Results

Elected:

President: Jim Tompkins

Vice President: Wendell Baskins

Secretary: Polly Jackson

Treasurer: Joyce Bolerjack

Director: Rich Herman (3 years)

Director: Chuck Hornbuckle
(1 year, completing Wendell Baskins's term)

Continuing:

Past President: Roger Blair

Director: Jenny Miller

Preservation Activities

By Dave Welch

Two projects—the Antelope Ridge Wind Farm on Ladd Hill and the Montague Wind Power Project south of Arlington—are the focus of current preservation activities. Both are wind farm developments in eastern Oregon. Both are on private property.

Horizon Wind Energy, the developer of the Antelope Ridge Project, has provided OCTA with a draft of their application to the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (OEFSC). This is very helpful in that otherwise we would receive the information only when it is formally filed later this year. Comments are being prepared in coordination with national preservation officer Leslie Fryman. We should not expect that we will stop this project, but it is possible we will obtain some modifications that will lessen the impact.

The Montague Project has just filed its “Notice of Intent” or NOI. This is the first step in obtaining approval from OEFSC. The NOI is a preliminary version of the application and thus gives us early insights into the project and its possible impacts. Comments have been submitted to the Oregon Department of Energy.

Both projects have the potential for major impacts to the Oregon Trail’s setting. As far as we have been able to determine, impacts directly to trail remains are minimal. However, both developers take a very restrictive view of what constitutes trail remains. OCTA policy is to protect Class 1, Class 2, and sometimes Class 3 remains (as defined in the MET Manual). So far the developers have limited their interest to Class 1 (pristine or intact segments), with no consideration of the viewshed or scenic resources. This will be a point of contention.

There are several other wind projects underway, but they are already at a point where we can have little impact. In accordance with the chapter board’s guidance, we will focus our limited resources where we can have the most impact. Our efforts would be enhanced if we had active trail monitors covering all trail segments, which we do not have at the present

time. Trail monitors are the “eyes and ears” of OCTA. Part of the job involves monitoring websites for new announcements and does not require travel. If you can help, please contact me at welchdj@comcast.net or 360-923-0438.



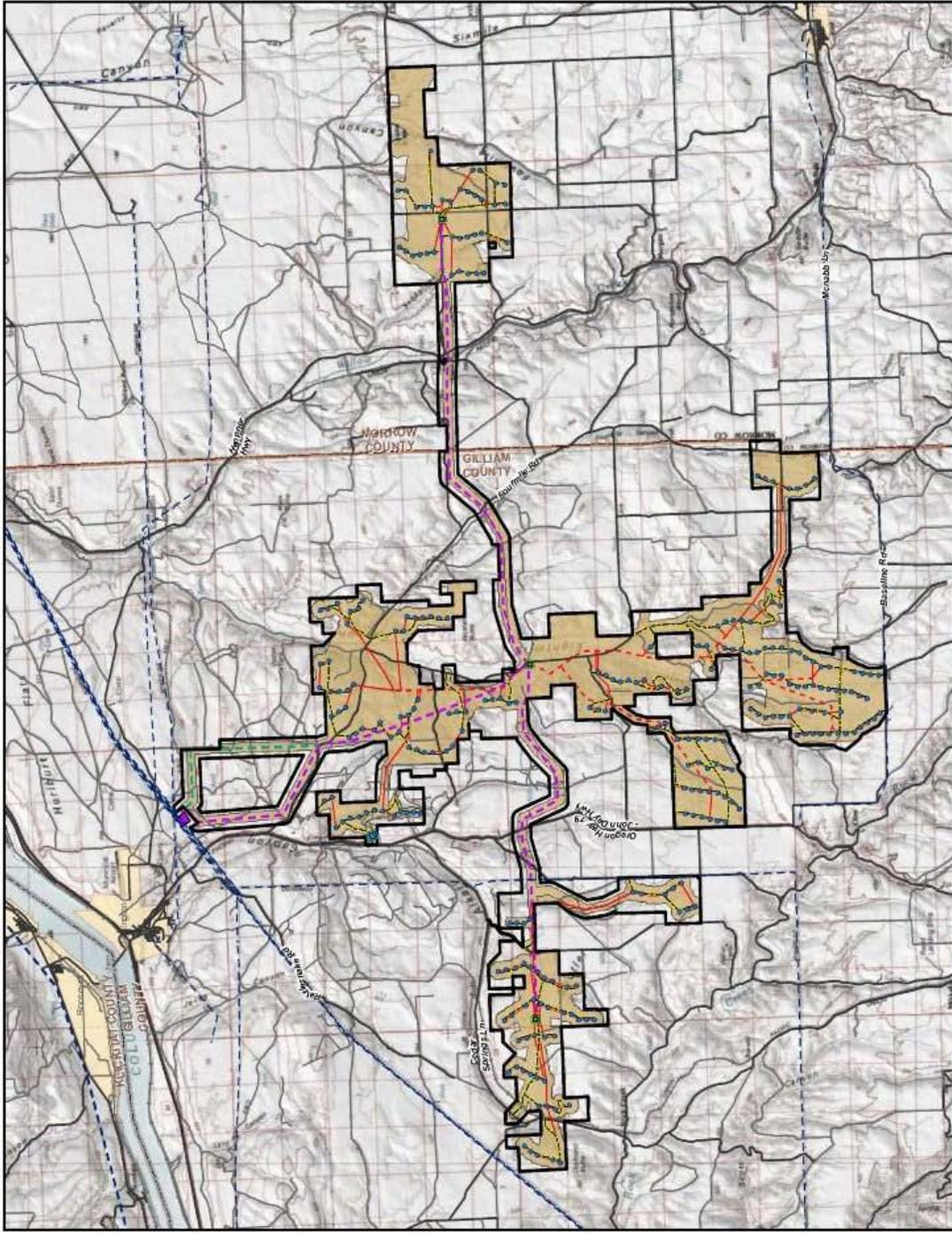
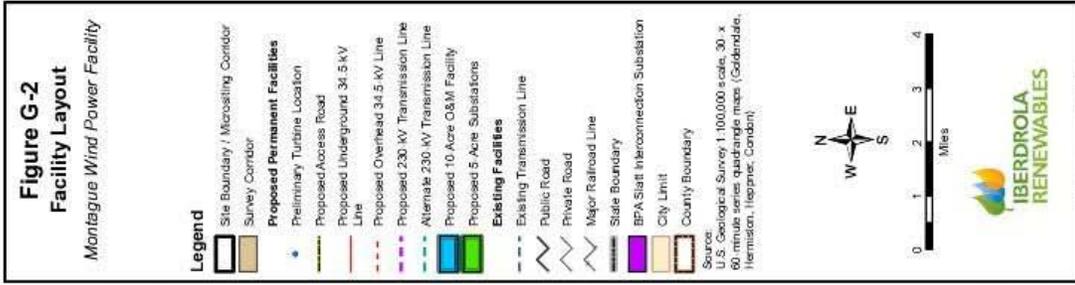
Dave Welch provided Figure G-2 on the next page that shows the facility layout for the Montague Wind Power Facility.

Mapping Committee

By Dave Welch

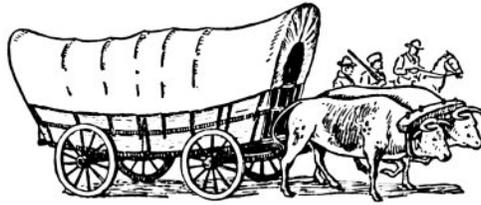
I serve as the chairman of the national mapping committee and will serve as the acting chair of the chapter mapping committee until a new leader is found. At the national level we are putting together a new mapping approach that will build on the techniques described in OCTA’s Mapping Emigrant Trails (MET) Manual by using GPS units and computer-based mapping software to generate trail documentation.

I hope to hold a mapping seminar in June or July, and we have two mapping projects that have been proposed for this year. If you are interested in participating in these activities, please contact me at welchdj@comcast.net or 360-923-0438.



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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