



Northwest Trails

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Northwest Chapter 2018 Annual Meeting

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the NW OCTA Chapter on Saturday, March 17, was held at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum, The Dalles, OR, with 38 attending. The meeting was interesting and informative. Everyone brought their own lunches, and as usual, the dessert table was loaded. After lunch, Stafford Hazelett presented a program on Levi Scott and the Southern Route to Oregon, based on his book, *Wagons to the Willamette*.



Lethene Parks at raffle table.



Stafford Hazelett.



Listening to Gail Carbiener during the business meeting.

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Celebrating 175th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Oregon City, OR



At the NW OCTA Annual Meeting, Bob Hill explained the postcard below that lists activities at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center this summer.

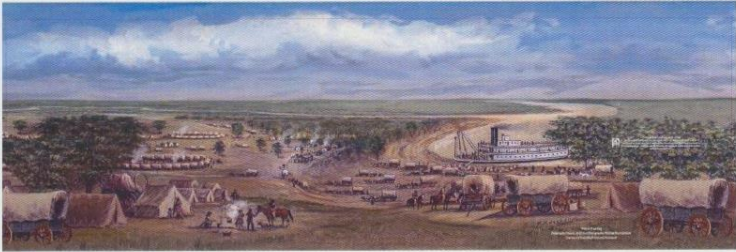
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THE ROAD WEST LIVING HISTORY DAYS

Celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail with us! 1843-2018

FREE EVENT FREE PARKING	Saturday and Sunday, August 25th-26th End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center	
Pioneer Reenactors Trail Encampment	Historical Presentations and Demonstrations	Live Music Pioneer Crafts and Skills



Check out events commemorating the 175th Anniversary
at the End of the Trail Interpretive Center
at www.historicoregoncity.org

President's Message

Plans are underway for an event-filled 2018 with several activities planned to provide our members with a variety of opportunities to get involved and participate.

We started off this year's activities on February 17 at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem. Our chapter was invited to help celebrate the State of Oregon's 159th birthday celebration. We had a table set up in the main rotunda of the capitol and met with the general public and introduced them to OCTA. We answered all the questions they had about the Oregon Trail, handed out trail maps and brochures, and listened to stories of their families' Oregon history. We had several people who expressed an interest in our chapter activities, and they have been contacted and will be followed up with invitations to join in chapter outings. Dr. John McLoughlin was also present at the festivities, and he expressed an interest in our preservation of the trail and extended a heartfelt "Thank You" for our efforts.

The NW OCTA annual meeting was held this year at The Dalles, OR, and as promised, it did not rain. The meeting was held at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum on Saturday, March 17. We had annual reports from the chapter officers and committee chairs as well as informative presentations on chapter activities and outings coming up this summer. Lunch consisted of individually prepared meals specifically designed to each individual's preference. Stafford Hazelett was our afternoon speaker, and he gave a very interesting presentation titled, "New Perspectives on the Applegate Controversy." He is the editor of *Wagons to the Willamette: Captain Levi Scott and the Southern Route to Oregon, 1844-47*. Stafford is very proud of his ancestor's contribution to the settlement of the Oregon country.

Gail Carbiener and his committee are making final plans for the Saturday, May 5 event at Eastern Oregon University at La Grande, OR. The event theme "Artifacts and Tales from the Trail" is a celebration of 175 years of the Oregon Trail. This is a NW OCTA chapter project and will introduce our mission of preservation of the Oregon Trail. We want to introduce OCTA to the residents of the La Grande and Baker City areas and make them aware of our organization, our effort to preserve the trail remnants, and the trail legacy. I want to encourage membership involvement to both attend this event but also to help out by contacting Gail to see where he needs help the day of the meeting. You don't want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity.

This year we will be participating in the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail and the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails Act. I have been working with the Oregon City Heritage Coordinating Committee as they are planning activities for this summer. I have committed our chapter to help celebrate the arrival of the pioneers on October 11, 12, and 13. This will be an indoor event at the Museum of the Oregon Territory and will initially involve our chapter having an information booth and answering questions of the public. We are encouraged to dress in period clothing. More details will be provided as they are worked out.

Please review the "2018 NW OCTA Outings and Activities" schedule in this newsletter for a complete listing of chapter events and trail-related opportunities.

—Rich Herman



2018 NW OCTA OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendars now and watch for details in *Northwest Trails* and check the OCTA website www.octa-trails.org for updated NW Chapter activity.

April 21, Sat: “Bound for Oregon: Farewell,” 175th Anniversary of the first wagons to Oregon, at Abernethy Grange.

May 5, Sat: “Oregon Trail: Artifacts and Tales from the Trail,” NW OCTA Oregon event at La Grande, OR (registration flyer in this issue).

June 16, Sat: Philip Foster Farm Family Day, 11a.m-4p.m., OCTA information booth (email Henry Pittock, hpittock3@icloud.com).

June 23–24, Sat, Sun: Lavender Festival, 10a.m.-5p.m, OCTA information booth and nearby ruts (email Henry Pittock, hpittock3@icloud.com).

July 21–23: National Park Service, “American Solar Challenge,” Burns to Bend (See Sharon Brown sabocta@gmail.com and NPS website).

July 27, Fri: The famous “Trail Band” will perform at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (EOTIC) Wagons (www.historicoregoncity.org).

July 28–29: 175th Anniversary festivities at the EOTIC Wagons (www.historicoregoncity.org).

Aug 6–10: OCTA National Convention at Ogden, Utah.

August 25–26: 175th Anniversary festivities at the EOTIC Wagons. NW OCTA will have an information booth at this event. More information will be provided as plans come together. (www.historicoregoncity.org).

Sept. 29, Sat: NW OCTA Annual Picnic at Clark County Genealogical Center. Exact date has not yet been verified.

Oct. 11–13: “Her Story in History,” 175th Anniversary festivities at the EOTIC Wagons (see www.historicoregoncity.org)

Oct. 22–25: Partnership for A National Trails System national meeting at the Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA.

This is a work in progress, and several events have not yet been finalized. New updated versions will be sent out via email.

I am always looking for ideas for future meeting locations, historical outings, and trail-related field trips. Please give me your input so we can discuss it. I am open to all suggestions. Contact Rich Herman at buddy359@comcast.net.

The Good and Bad, Both Lots of Work!

By Gail Carbiener

As I write this article for the chapter newsletter, it is an awkward time as we are in between key events. The staff of the Oregon PUC has just recommended acknowledgement of the Idaho Power's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan to be presented to the PUC Commissioners on April 10. It is not likely that the Commissioners will overturn their staff's recommendation. It is difficult for me to understand how a governmental agency that is intended to protect the Oregon citizens can rule against almost 100% opposition. I will continue to keep everyone posted on our efforts. I am hopeful that OCTA will have had a good attendance at the April 10 meeting.

The GOOD part of this article, is the upcoming event in La Grande on May 5th. The title of the event is "Artifacts & Tales from the Oregon Trail." This all-day event has a great lineup of speakers and living history reenactors. For your \$15.00 registration, you will also get a nice lunch. You may recognize Ezra Meeker (Ray Egan), Dennis Larson, and Roger Blair from our own NWOCTA lineup. Rachael from the Flagstaff Interpretive Center in living history lets us know what she has to leave behind. Loren Irving, expert on John C. Fremont, tells of Fremont's trip through the Grande Round Valley. We have Sharon from the Union County Museum talking about four emigrant families that stayed in La Grande and will show some of their items that made it across the trail. In between speakers we have diary readings.

A grand time will be had by all. Come to Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. The event starts at 9am and over about 3pm. To insure a seat, clip the form on the bottom of page 9 and send it with your check by April 23 to Gail Carbiener.

Questions? mcgccarb@bendbroadband.com

2018 Spring Mapping and Marking Activities

By Henry Pittock

Another season will soon be upon us for getting out on the trail. But first, there are two community events coming up in June that NWOCTA has been involved in for several years, and we have been invited back to participate in them

First up, on Saturday, June 16, is the annual Philip Foster Farm Family History Day from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are located at 22912 SE Hwy 211, Eagle Creek, Oregon. The Foster Farm website is philipfosterfarm.com if you would like to find out more information about what will be happening. I need two more volunteers to staff our table. Other participants in the past have been cemetery societies, genealogy researchers, historical groups, etc.

The following weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 23–24, is the Clackamas County Lavender Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. This takes place at the Oregon Lavender Farm, 20949 S Harris Road, Oregon City. Their website www.libertynatural.com has more information, including directions. We will have our table there again – I think this will be the fourth year. I'll need four volunteers for each day. You can pick either day, or both days, if you so choose. And you don't need to do the full 7 hours!

We will be working primarily in the Rhododendron to Government Camp area again this summer. There may be some small "reconnaissance" trips mid-week, and we are thinking of a couple of hikes on Saturdays. I'll put out further announcements as plans firm up and dates are selected.

Talks are underway to mark and map two sections of the trail on the Umatilla Army Depot grounds at Hermiston.

Please contact Henry Pittock for more information and to sign up for any of these events at hpittock3@icloud.com.

Annual OCTA Convention Ogden, Utah August 6–10, 2018

"Rails and Trails – Confluence and Impact on the Crossroads of the West"



Northern Utah was in many ways a Crossroads long before the emigrants, settlers, railroad, and military came here. As early as pre-Fremont Native Americans, we find evidence of trails and trade routes across this geographic area. The trappers and traders, both English and American, knew the area and crisscrossed it following many of the Native American trails. They also established new routes. Explorers sought additional routes to avoid natural barriers such as the mountains and the Great Salt Lake. As emigrants and settlers traveled west, knowledge of the area spread. The Crossroads designation was permanently established once the railroad spanned the nation. Thus, the theme of this convention is "Rails and Trails – Confluence and Impact on the Crossroads of the West."

So much history occurred in this northern part of Utah, but it is less well-known compared to routes through central and southern Utah. We seek to give attendees the opportunity to learn about the history of the area through in-depth experiences. Much more information is available at the Utah Crossroads chapter website, www.utahcrossroadsocta.org.

Registration materials will be mailed soon and will also be available online. For more information, email octa@indepmo.org.

175 Years after the Oregon Trail: Baker City on May 8

Reflecting on the 175th anniversary of the first major Oregon Trail overland migration, Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute offers Baker City audiences a variety of public programs on the history and contemporary life and governance of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. On May 8, Tamástslíkt and CTUIR staff will offer free programs designed specifically for heritage site volunteers and staff-members; local, regional, and state government employees; educators; and the general public. For a full schedule of events visit ohs.org/bakercity.

Email Scam Warning

Recently some NW OCTA members have received emails from Glenn Harrison and Rich Herman saying they need the recipient to pay a vendor over \$1,000 and they will be reimbursed. In the emails purportedly from Glenn, he says he is having knee surgery and is asking for the payment to be made.

These emails are frauds. Glenn and Rich's emails have been hacked. So far, a limited number of chapter members have reported receiving these emails. But be alert and immediately delete such an email if you receive one.

In Memoriam



Bud Shoaf

NW OCTA member Bud Shoaf of Bend, Oregon, passed away after being ill for several months.

Cedar Spring Sign Placed

By Glenn Harrison

The anticipated rain ended, and thanks to several willing workers, the new Cedar Springs sign was placed on April 7. Then several people had a great hike led by Stafford Hazelett and Rich Herman in Oregon Trail ruts. At the March Annual Meeting the ranch owner, Herbert Holzapfel, was the announced winner of the 2018 Northwest Chapter Friend of the Trail Award. He could not attend the April 7 sign placement and dedication, so Glenn presented the plaque to Tim Jones, who gave it to ranch owner Herb Holzapfel when he arrived at the ranch three days later.

The sign includes diary quotes of emigrants as they passed through that area in different years. Since the spring and area was also used by Indians as they traveled to and from Celilo Falls, the sign includes a sketch in the lower left that was provided by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Sea Reach produced the sign and colored the sketches. The Northwest Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association was responsible for placing the sign, but the responsibility for its maintenance is the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council. This was a joint project of NW OCTA and OHTAC and was the first time in Oregon that an energy company has paid for mitigation—this time a total of \$22,000—for this educational sign and its long-term maintenance.



Ranch manager Timothy Jones, Sharon Brown, Amy and Walt Henry, Stafford Hazelett, Kit Jones, Ely Jones, Jenny Miller, Glenn Harrison, Gail Carbiener, Wendell Baskins, and Rich Herman. Not in the picture: Kim Boddie and Carol Harrison.

April 10 OPUC Meeting

By Gail Carbiener

Oregon Public Utility Commissioners acknowledged Idaho Power's 2017 Integrated Plan for the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) transmission line project on April 10. They remarked on the difficulty of their decision in the light of many unanswered questions concerning the declining costs of new technologies, the absence of Idaho Power's partners in the project, and the undeniable impact of the transmission line on eastern Oregon's open views, especially on the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. In response to Idaho Power staff assurances that they would "make an effort to minimize impact on the Center," Gail Carbiener, an Oregon California Trail Association member from Bend asked, "How do you minimize 190' high transmission towers?"

OPUC Commissioners emphasized that acknowledgement did not constitute approval of the project and commented that they would be closely monitoring several issues raised by Stop B2H and members of the public who testified against the B2H. Since Idaho Power has only 21% interest in the line, Commissioners remarked on the absence of Pacific Corps, which has a 54% stake in the project. Pacific Corps must also provide a separate IRP for OPUC acknowledgement. It has not yet started that process. The Commissioners did not approve Idaho Power's request to waive filing a mid-cycle "update" to their IRP.

Irene Gilbert, Friends of the Grande Ronde Valley, reminded Commissioners that there was no urgency in making a decision, since the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council, which normally rules on the completeness of site applications within two months, has already spent seven months analyzing Idaho Power's application and is likely to spend several months more. Gilbert predicted that "All things considered, it could be at least two years before the amended application is complete."

Jim Kreider, representing Stop B2H, presented a series of unanswered questions based on evident inaccuracies in Idaho Power's IRP. He voiced concerns about choice of appropriate modeling, completeness of cost analysis, and the environmental and economic consequences of maintaining power from coal-fired plants. He took the long view of the OPUC decision. "Their decision was based on the requirement to use 'the best information available at the time.' In future meetings, I'm hopeful that current and developing technologies will replace the need for expensive and intrusive transmission towers which may soon be obsolete." Fuji Kreider added a cautionary note. "It's also important to be aware that transmission lines caused fires in southern California last year. That's an additional fire danger we don't need in eastern Oregon."

Commissioners expressed concerns that acknowledging this IRP might discourage Idaho Power from investing in new technologies. They responded positively to Peter Barry's request that the 2019 IRP contain a portfolio analysis of wind and solar resources with battery backup, distributive generation, smart meters to encourage conservation, and additional new technologies to provide cost comparisons with outmoded transmission lines.

Next Page: Flyer for the May 5th Event in La Grande, OR
Clip the reservation at the bottom and send to Gail Carbiener to attend

Artifacts and Tales from the Trail

Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, OR

Saturday, May 5, 9:00 to 3:00

Huber Auditorium, (Badgley Hall). Free Parking on Both Sides

- Hear from Ezra Meeker.
- See the recently found Meeker marker that was lost for 50 years!
- Learn about Meeker's monuments in Eastern OR.
- Hear about Love on the Trail.
- Rachael tells what she left behind.
- Find out about John C. Fremont in Eastern OR.
- See trail artifacts brought to the La Grande area by families.
- And MORE!

Presenters include Ray Egan, Dennis Larsen, Roger Blair, Loren Irving, and others.

This is a reservation, or pay-at-the-door event, and is being advertised to the La Grande community, so it would be a good idea for OCTA members who wish to come to register and pay in advance.

Questions? mcgccarb@bendbroadband.com

DIRECTIONS:

To reach Huber Auditorium (Badgley Hall), enter the University from the corner of 6th St. and K Ave. and go to the first building on the left.

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REGISTRATION

\$15.00 per person includes a deli lunch.

Make checks payable to NW OCTA and mail by **April 23** to:

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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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Ogden, Utah**

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