



# Northwest Trails

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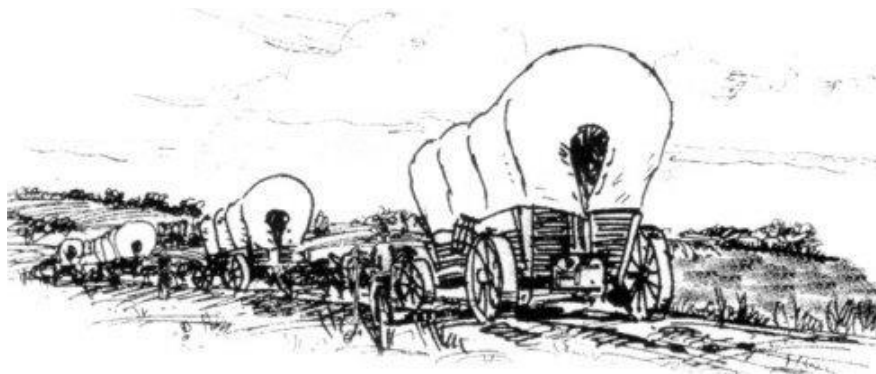
**Summer 2020**

As our lives continue through the Covid-19 pandemic and we cannot gather in person, this issue of Northwest Trails is one way we can stay connected. No chapter outings or meetings are planned for the foreseeable future, so this issue is consequently sparse. However, it contains updates on our chapter finances, new members, and B2H status as well as a message from President Sally Riehl.

As you know, the annual convention that was to be in Elko, Nevada, has been postponed until September 13–16, 2021. OCTA relies on the income from conventions, so please consider answering the fundraising appeal that you recently received from headquarters.

Stay safe and well,

*—Susan Badger Doyle,  
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## President's Message

I hope you are all safe and healthy now that we are still staying close to home because of Covid-19. At least we have been able to talk to one another by phone and email. In fact, we will be having a Zoom meeting with the Leadership committee this coming week. I was able to participate in a Zoom meeting in June with the other OCTA chapter presidents, and it worked well. It is hard to plan for any outings right now, but I would appreciate any ideas you might have for next year.

We have been gaining new members for the Chapter over the last two months. Chuck Hornbuckle, Membership Chair, has done a good job reaching out to them and encouraging their participation. Please be sure you read his report in this newsletter.

I have had plenty of time to read lately (since I can't go back to volunteering at the library yet) and the *Overland Journal* has been a joy. The spring issue has a report on the honorees who have been inducted into OCTA's Emigrant Trails Hall of Fame. Jere Krakow and Bill and Jeanne Watson are most deserving of the recognition. Jere worked so hard through the National Park Service and through OCTA after he retired to preserve what we have left of the trails. The Watsons spent many years working with Congressional leaders and reminding them that the volunteers spent many hours working on marking and mapping the trails.

The B2H project still looms large in the future of the preservation of the Oregon Trail in the eastern part of Oregon. Gail Carbiener is still working with the group from that area who oppose the project. His dedication to the cause is most appreciated, and we need to aid him whenever we can.

—Stay well, Sallie K. Riehl

## Treasurer's Report

*By Glenn Harrison, NWOCTA Treasurer*

Thanks largely to a generous donation, we are in good shape financially. This is where we are from October 1, 2019 – July 1, 2020:

Beginning Balance 10/1/19	\$7,091.06
Income	\$13,720.32
Expenses	\$1,845.35
Ending Balance 7/1/20	\$18,966.03

# Our Wagon Train Grows

*By Chuck Hornbuckle, Membership Chair*

Since we began our journey 17 months ago, 27 adventurous families added their names to our wagon train roster of 223 families bound for Oregon. There are now 250 families in our train, while three others with the main train behind us are debating moving ahead to our company. The 27 families hail from hometowns you may recognize.

**Theresa Nauschuetz**, Salisbury, MD; **Gregory Nokes**, West Linn, OR; **Tam and Barbara Moore**, Medford OR; **Phyllis Naish**, Milwaukie, OR ; **Roxanne Camp**, Deer Park, WA; **Constance Lane**, Olympia, WA; **Polly Kennison**, Seattle, WA; **Michael Lee**, Houston, TX; **Charles Hauntz**, Boulder City, NV; **Mike Nelson**, College Place, WA; **Grayson and Carol Sorrels**, Sisters, OR; **Puyallup Historical Society**, Puyallup, WA; **Joe and Jean Ellingson**, Corvallis, OR; **Carolyn Priest**, Waitsburg, WA; **James Daylay**, Placerville, CA; **Carol Reed**, Enumclaw, WA; **Jason Pomajevich**, Vancouver, WA; **Susan Lewis**, Twin Falls, ID; **Richard Quinn**, Gleneden Beach, OR; **Helen Gbala**, Itasca, IL; **Jeff Longshaw and Gail Love**, Bandon, OR; **Ronnie Allen**, La Grande, OR; **Stephen Fraser**, Oregon City, OR; **Jon Willers**, Reno, NV; **Sandor Lau**, Portland, OR; **Angie Jenkins**, Dallesport, WA and **Donald Pearson**, Bellingham, WA.

The three families who may push ahead to our train are: **John Klatt**, West Linn, OR; **LindaMae Nuessle**, Westfall, OR; and **Lisa Cejka**, Keizer, OR.

If you share a campfire with any of these families along the way, give them a robust Welcome. As we work our way to Oregon, they may need your assistance to ensure we all arrive safely.

## Boardman to Hemingway (B2H)

*By Gail Carbiener*

The future is blurry as the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and the Energy Facility Siting Council seem to be looking in opposite directions. A week ago, the staff at EFSC published their draft Project Order with the recommendation to the Council for approval. After years of analysis and meetings, the staff approval was almost the same as where they began.

The PUC is concerned that Bonneville Power is pulling out of the project and PacifiCorp is in no hurry, as B2H is not even included in their two-to-five-year action plan. PacifiCorp is working on getting wind energy from Wyoming to Utah. For its part, Idaho Power is having a hard time showing B2H to be the lowest cost, least risky resource. Idaho Power's Integrated Resource Plan due June 2019 is now due July 31, 2020, a year past the required date.

Meanwhile, the Energy Facilities Siting regulations require those of us still fighting, to petition for contested case hearing. That document is due August 6 to an Administrative Law Judge. If the judge determines I have a basis for appeal of staff's recommendation for approval, there will be yet more hearings. Maybe a 50/50 chance that I will be granted a hearing.

So, we are getting closer to an Idaho company plowing a 250-foot-wide swath through eastern Oregon. Seems like 99% of regular Oregonians are opposed, but both our own Oregon Public Utilities and Energy Facilities siting governor-appointed members just do not hear us.

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



## **38th OCTA Convention**

*Through the Lens of History  
- Preserving the Past -  
Focusing on the Future*

**September 13-16, 2021**

**Elko, Nevada**