

MINUTES

PCTA CHAPTER MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2012

Members Attending:

Bob Arkes, Roberta Cobb , John Cunningham, Bill Hawley, Leif Hoven, Steve Plant, Steve Queen, David Roe, John Vhey, Jim Webb, Becky Wolf, and Ruth Weston

Guest: Tim Duncan

Past Events:

The calendar is up and running on the chapter website

It was a darn busy month for trail work!

July 12-13: Rites of Passage Urban Youth project near Three Corner Rock

July 13-15 : Becky Wolf Road 42 to Jude lake. Did most but chased off by weather

July 14: Geoff and Patty at Top Spur

July 15: Roberta and Tim Duncan did Herman Bridge Southbound

July 15: Leif going North from Lolo Pass to Trail 617

July 16: Busdriver John at Wahtum Lake

July 18: Jim Webb at Road 43 (Trout Creek) to Road 41 (Sedum Ridge)

July 20-22: Bob and Jane Arkes at Mt. Adams Wilderness

July 22: "Pig Pen" Cunningham at Crest Camp to Road 68

July 23: Ruth scouting Timberline to Paradise Park

July 26: Chris and Leif at Carpenter's Lake

July 27-29: Ernie Strahm at Jude Lake to Jefferson Wilderness Boundary

July 27-29 PCTA Trailfest in Big Bear, CA. Tammy Turner attended and worked

July 28: Roberta did dry Creek northbound

July 28-August 4: Henry Panter at Lava Springs

July 29: Leif logged out Lost Lake to Buck Peak

July 30-August 2: Forest Youth Success Crew #1. Road 24 to the mighty Columbia. Was a success.

August 3-5: Indian Mountain to Lost Lake Brushing Extravaganza with Leif Hoven!

August 3-5 : Log out Timberline to Paradise Park and on to Ramona Falls with Ruth

August 6:-8 (at least) Forest Youth success crew #2. Road 24 to The Columbia with Tom L.

August 7: Jim Webb finished his section to the cheers of 3 older ladies. Ran into a mother/son hiking pair who were very inspirational, having hiked 1,400 and 800 miles with physical challenges.

Bus Driver gave a talk to the Boy Scouts about the PCT. They had many questions!

Future Events:

Future events are easily reviewed on the PCTA calendar. Otherwise, here are some notes taken from our discussions:

August 14-20 Bill Hawley at Lils Lake with a crew doing tread and rock work. You are welcome to drop in for all or some of it.

There will be trail work in Goat Rocks in August. More rock work.

Bus Driver John and Bob Arkes are having a terrible time getting pack support for their weeklong Mt. Adams trip starting September 9. That trip is now called "Horseshoe Meadows/Mt. Adams."

Rites of Passage, Warm Springs, and Forest Youth Success crews continue to do good work. Warm Springs crew has traveled far and wide.

Budget

Kim Owen is hiking somewhere but sent word that we are a little under budget. Please submit your receipts when you can. Bob, Becky and Leif have receipts to submit. Reminder to caretakers that you can request funds to support your trail crew's needs.

Tools

Jerry was missed but says that he has new chains for the MS 260 Pro's for Wind River, Southern Cache, and Trout Lake.

Please bring first aid kits from Wind River, Trout Lake, and Southern cache to the October meeting. Portland will take one from Southern cache to even things up.

Leif has one Reinhardt handle

Fiskars are going fast. Leif was able to repair one set and return to the PDX cache.

Does Kim have the D handle XC saw?

There are too many long (7') XC saws in the PDX cache. They are hard to pack and not useful. Perhaps 1 is all that's needed. Dave Roe is willing to turn the long ones into 4' saws. Much handier!

Training and Safety

We need someone to lead this.

Trail Skills College

No discussion yet

Volunteer Coordinator

Tammy was working but sent a glowing report. She has been working on the 75th anniversary celebration for Timberline Lodge on Monday, September 3rd. We have some hike leaders and folks to sit at a table. Set up around noon and tear down around 7 pm. It was hoped that the photos of trail work will be there and protected from the weather. Steve mentioned that we can highlight the trail we built above the lodge as we show people around. Tammy will email the poster publicizing the event to the volunteers.

Trailfest happened and enjoyed by all.

Potluck! October 6th. Tammy would like some help with this.

Discussion Items:

Steve won the lifetime achievement award from the PCTA. He wasn't able to be at the award ceremony but after the meeting, he showed us his acceptance speech which was really a lovely virtual hike. Congratulations!

Bridges: The Muddy Fork crossing will be unbridged for the foreseeable future. USFS has researched and funding may be a concern. The bridge in Jerry's section that burned in a fire won't be replaced. Bill Hawley reported that a crew "dressed up" the reroute.

Dean (USFS) has a crew to log out the South end of Indian Heaven.

Please copy Roberta when you send your work reports

There are some gifted funds available for signage on the PCT and feeder trails. If you see something you'd like amended, added, or repaired, please take a picture and/or draw it the way you'd like to see it. Arrows help. Roberta will collect the information in the fall.

Columbia Dispatch has a newer email: columbiadisp@gmail.com

Send your section's TCP to Steve with the hard-to-find info filled in and he will post it on the chapter website.

Ron met a good volunteer (aren't they all?) Justin Popov who would like to be saw certified next time that's offered. It's a reminder to us all to think about volunteers that we'd like to see get saw certified next spring.

Roberta will ask if PCTA can offer email accounts for caregivers who would like them.

Roundtable

Unusually quiet. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm followed by the Steve Queen movie.