

Mt Hood Chapter of PCTA Meeting March 14, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm

Present: Dave Roe, Steve Plant, Chris Sanderson, Tammy Turner, Jim Webb, John "Pig Pen" Cunningham, Roberta Cobb, Leif, Ernie Strahm, Jerry Bentz, William "Freak of Nature" Hawley, Ron Goodwin, and Ruth Weston taking notes.

Past Events:

January 25: Horsetail scouting: Ron and Katie

- 27: Eagle Creek Crew: David
- 27: Horsetail falls crew: Ron, Bill, and Katie
- 28: Larch Mt. Crew I
- 28: Wakeena Loop
- 29: Bill scouted with Edan Lira to Larch Bridge

February 5: Larch Mountain Crew II

- 9: Oneonta Root Wad clearing with Bill, Dana, Roberta, and Ron
Also scouted to triple falls.
- 11: Kim and Pam Owen scouted the PCT in WA., Tamanous trail
- 12: Kim and Pam scouted Wyeth
- 13: Oneonta rescue of rigging with OHSTAR help
- 13: Clearing of PCT in OR and scouting on WA side near bridge on Gods: Bill and

Dennis Beard

- 19: Oneonta crew: Ruth, Roberta, Pig Pen
- 21: Gordon creek Crew: David R. Dave took some non-sawyers and taught a "103 class in the field". He would like to keep doing that.
- 27: Fort Rains Crew and cleared Tamanous trail logs: Bill and Dennis

March: 7: Scouted a Starvation trail: Jim Webb

- 9: Scouting Eagle Creek: Dennis
- 9: Wind River Video taping trip at Warren Gap: Dave Roe., Volunteer Frank, and Kim.

They cleared 1 mile of the PCT and found great spots for saw cert training between the road and the horse camp on the PCT.

- 10: Larch Mountain Crew III: The Johns (Pig Pen and Bus Driver)
- 10: Wauna View Trail Crew: Leif
- 11: Scouted another Starvation Creek Trail: Leif

Future Events:

March 24-25 Saw certification weekend in Estacada. BSI certification and B sewer cards with Winston.

March 31: Larch Mountain Crew IV: John "Bus Driver" Vhey

TBA: Starvation creek clean up crew

April 20-22: Trail Skills College

May 4-5: Saw certification weekend in Wind River. You should apply for a spot here.

May 19 or 20: Volunteer Recruitment at Clackamas REI: Tammy

June: First weekend is National Trails Day

June 16: Get Outdoors Day in Vancouver

June 16: Jerry Bentz doing from Joe Graham to Little Crater

June 23-24 Chris S. on his section with "Hiker Trash"

June 23-24 or the next weekend: S. Indian Heaven Log out, weather permitting.: Bill

July 13-15 Becky Wolf on her section

July 27-29 Ernie at and around Ollalie Lake

July 27-29 Trailfest in Big Bear, CA. Registration opens soon.

August 25-26 PCT Days in Cascade Locks

Labor Day: Dana and Paul Hendricks expect a baby!
September 10-15 Work party with Class of 2010: Dana, Kim, Roberta,

Saw Related News:

So far there are no volunteers to help with the Estacada saw cert. Looking for a camp host and radio person in camp.

Bill will be working for the PCTA in S. California and asks for help from the BSIs to carry on with the saw cert practicum program. Mid to late May, Bob Woods will need help with their program in Seattle. Policies for the saw program are stuck somewhere. Approval won't happen before the Estacada training but you will be forest service certified at that event. Cards issued by the PCT trainers may not be available this spring. Winston has been a great advocate of this program and he is retiring in December.

Safety and Training: No news

Budget: No Kim

Tools:

Pole Pruner needs to go to Wind River.

Leif volunteered to pick up the saw and brush cutter now at Roy Boys. He was encouraged to buy a 10" saw blade for the brush cutter. It was suggested that we have a pouch to go with the brush cutters that carry files and parts.

Radios: The southern half of Mt. Hood have had their radios reprogrammed to meet their needs. One radio (#1) at the PDX cache won't receive; it only talks. Kim is aware.

Dave showed us a peavey that he designed. It's light weight and easily dismantled for hiking.

Dave tells us that green plastic fencing is on sale at Home depot ? . This is the fencing that we use to cover the cross cut saws. \$3 for 8 feet. What a deal.

Volunteers:

Tammy has seven volunteers who responded to a request for a photographer. Let her know if you'd like to use them.

REI has a big sale in May and we are welcome to recruit volunteers at that time. Also a Memorial day sale. We are welcome to use a 10 x 10 canopy outside of REI.

Next Adventure is interested in an indoor volunteer recruitment drive. The Mountain Shop has been contacted as well.

People thought that the annual potluck would be nice at the arboretum again. September 29 or October 6 were offered as good days and Tammy was encouraged to pick the one that was available.

Meritt Hoeh from the Sacramento office sent self addressed envelopes for us. They will be at the next meeting.

The swag from the annual meeting will be available at Aprils' meeting. If you know anyone who earned some and you want to take it to them, you may!

Other news:

Trail skills college is coming along. Adam Sawyer did a nice write up in a local paper which may have added to registration filling up in 2 days. One hundred and twenty people are signed up. The Back Country Horsemen are providing meals. Entertainment is lined up.

The annual meeting wrap up: The weather was too nice that day. People enjoyed the lecture and liked the location. Twelve new volunteers signed up and some already have been on a work party. Maybe we could showcase a power point of caretakers and things happening on their section.

Ron Goodwin has been doing some great PR with 2 articles about trail work being published.. The Columbian Outdoor editor may be interested in our goings ons. Jim Webb said that Bob Welch from the Eugene Register-Guard may be a good keynote speaker for the annual meeting.

Roberta Cobb announced that she will be easing into the Presidential spot as Steve Queen eases out. With this transition taking place, people were encouraged to talk about what they'd like to see for the organization. It was suggested that we have more structure to the organization. It was also suggested that Steve's 20 year tenure was a bit long and term limits may be helpful. Roberta said she is willing to do a four year commitment. Kudos to Roberta for stepping up. We are so thankful to Steve for all he's done.

Joseph D. Shelley, trail name Shrek, hiked the trail in 2006 and now has bought a house in Cascade Locks, where he will be trail angel-ing.