

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Summer

Welcome

- Welcome: "Mileage Mike" Mike Stein: May take over Indian Heaven South. Mike is trying to hike the circumference of the earth. He retired about a year ago and is trying to find his calling. Is a Trail Angel, with his wife, and they hand out packages of Oreos.
- Absent: Carole (climbing in Cuba); Tammy (Scotland); Worm (busy)
- Attended: Pace, Steve P, Summer, Jane, Ron, Gentleman Bob, Underbucker, Tim, Chris K, Mike, Kelley, Ruth, Hilary, Little Brown, OG, Leif, Roberta (17 people)

Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

Thanks to Pace for generating these stats. Summary: Fiscal Year numbers are in, Pace is auditing. 19K hours, 142 crews. Over 4.5 miles tread rehab. Way up over last year for miles logged and maintained. Thanks everyone!

Mount Hood Chapter Stats - Sept 2016						
		YTD	YTD		prelim	
	Sept	Sept	Sept		FY	FY
	2016	2016	2015		2016	2015
Volunteer Hours, total	1,593	16,588	14,534		19,208	16,444
Specialized hours	232	2,791	887		2,994	1,045
Miles Logged out	2	264	n/a		264	n/a
Miles Maintained	9	52	232		82	220
total miles logged & maint.	11	316	232		346	220
Feet of Rehab/Recon	3,164	20,159	8,073		24,180	8,963
# Trail Work Crews	9	122	97		142	106
Trail Maint - on trail hours	1,296	9,982	7,235		11,498	7,715
Trail Maint - support hours	242	3,010	2,984		3,973	3,328
Outreach Event hours	39	258	405		285	827
Training hours	18	3,338	3,909		3,453	4,570

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. Sep 16: Logout Timberline Trail: Leif, Pace, Roberta

- Pace: We went for an early start and got to the new crossing on the Elliot Trail. They put in some big boulders to cross. Mike was on the 2nd boulder and fell off and dunked himself. He lost his glasses. So Roberta helped guide him to his car. Leif and I went ahead with the tools.
- Roberta: We were chatting about how bad our eye-sights are. Mike had no spare glasses and I offered my extra pair and they worked. So he was able to drive home. We filled out an incident report. He was really happy to carry our cross cut. He put the sling on and then his backpack so the saw couldn't move much. He tripped on his way down the switchbacks. Brand new guy, really unfortunate. He didn't get hurt, did get a couple of scratches that I bandaged up. All in all we were pretty lucky. We were only 15 min from the trail head so he was able to warm up on the walk and in the sun. Mike had started out using 2 hiking poles and then he was only using one and I told him to use both to cross but he didn't. I think he was a little off balance.

- Chris K: I think the boulders are a little tricky. You have to step up. For someone a little short like me, it is a little bit of a stretch.
 - Pace: We finished up the log out on the north side of Mt Hood. Another 12 hour day for us.
2. **Sep 17: Wacoma Ridge Tread work: Leif**
- Leif: My crew member is one guy who we need to keep an eye on, he is someone we want to keep. We hiked in, it was raining and we were protected. Worked for a bit, did drains and hiked out in horizontal rain.
3. **Sep 18: Steamboat Sign Installation: Tyler**
4. **Sep 19: Scout Eliot Crossing: Pace**
- Pace: I went up and met Claire Pitner and Ken and Mark. We scouted the east side of the new route and originally I thought they were going to do both sections but they were only concerned with scheduling work on the east side. It was nice to see Ken and how he interprets the trail. It was a good scouting trip
5. **Sep 21-25: Mt Adams North Tread Work: Pace et al**
- Pace: That was our 5 day trip, 3 days on the trail. It was a 5 mile drive to the trail head and we hiked south. Bill and I worked on log steps/check steps and drain dips. Roberta and Leif built a beautiful turnpike.
 - Roberta: It is the most beautiful turnpike I've ever built.
 - Kelly: Let's hope with this weekend's storm it stays
 - Pace: Kelley was there and her friend Karen. We did 11 check steps, 27 feet of turn pike and over 1000 feet of tread work. We stayed Friday night and Saturday night. On Sunday morning we headed home. Two days later I was in the hospital getting my appendix out. On the way home I started feeling a little ill, I called the doctor and the more we talked they said to get yourself to the emergency room. They said it started to rupture when they got inside. I'm fine now.
 - Chris K: I heard the appendix is really painful
 - Roberta: We had some interesting radio problems the first day on Mt Adams. We were able to check in fine but we couldn't check out. Pace drove all the way to Packwood to borrow a landline at a pizza place.
6. **Sep 24: Lewis and Clark College @ Paradise Park Trail: Chris K**
- Chris K: I had 14 people working on converting old water bars to the new style. That was the latest I've ever started, 1130am, we were an hour late starting. They had never done any work. It was good. We worked an hour later than planned. We got 11 water bars done. The first ones were slow as I showed them how it was done then we were moving. Worked great, these kids were great. Most were enthusiastic about being out there. It was a fun day. Lewis and Clark outfitted them and everything. They had trucks, tents, clothes, and boots. They want to do it again so there will be other opportunities. I had only planned on 3 water bars so it was great we got so much done.
7. **Oct 1: Eliot Crossing Tread Work with Wilderness Stewards, TKO, Mazamas: Roberta, Leif, Kim, Pam, Chris K**
- Pace: I was still in the hospital. I called Roberta to see if she could take over for me.
 - Roberta: Worked with TKO, Mazamas, Leif, Kim, Pam, and Chris K. We broke into smaller groups and worked on the brand new tread. The contractor gave a hint that there should be a drain and that ran into a pile of debris. Leif worked with the sawyer guy to cut back everything that the contractors didn't cut back far enough.
 - Leif: We threw all the stuff that was cut but left there another 15 feet further in. There was so much stuff. So now you aren't looking at garbage that was left there.
 - Roberta: Chris's team did signage and rope removal.
 - Chris K: Right past the boulders they put in the perfect stair case. It is beautiful and blends in so well. Of all the laziness on the trail they nailed that. We put in a new wilderness boundary sign and broke 2 bolts. It was me and Wes, the climbing ranger, and Mike Mathews and one of the Mazamas hike leaders. We were the last 4 people on the mountain to cross the Elliot with the ropes and took them out after we crossed. End of an era. It was fun, it was a good day
 - Roberta: We had 25 people all together. TKO was supposed to have 3 crew leaders but only Curtis showed.
8. **Oct 3: NSM crew at Paradise Park Trail: Roberta and Little Brown (the beast)**
- Roberta: The last NSM for the season. Little Brown got a new name – The Beast.
 - Little Brown: There was an old rotten log and we needed to move it. Roberta said to get a saw and I said we could hit it with an axe. I hit it and it blew up.
 - Roberta: We converted 10 water bars.
 - Chris: Right past the overlook, that was an old converted road. The lower part is good, done in the late 80s or 90s. It certainly needs to been redone. Still probably 20 years old. The upper ones are worse. I'll add them to my 5 year Forest Service plan.
9. **Oct 5: Sandy River Re-route: Tim, Marty, Roberta, Pace**
- Tim: We started out with 2 corporate crews and ended with ½ a PCTA crew.

- Roberta: REI backed out so I called a PCTA crew. I was worried we would be over our wilderness limit but Hi-Tec didn't show up. The lady from Hi-Tec called to apologize, they had car trouble up at Timberline and she is giving me a new pair of boots.
- Tim L: 1200 feet of new trail, decommissioned the old trail. Raining most of the day. Pace wasn't supposed to pick anything up, he had a 10lb limit and was dragging around 9.5lb branches. We got the trail tread in and both reroutes on the Sandy River trail are open.

10. Oct 8: Volunteer Picnic at Guy Talbot State Park

- Roberta: Thanks to those that came. It was small but fun. Do we want to keep having it?
 - Tim L: I think it's a good time for the caretakers to get together to talk.
- Chris: Not that there is anything you can do about it but it is tricky to get into the Gorge.
 - Ron: You could always go to Rooster Rock. Dorothy may be able to help us out with entrance payments.
- Roberta: If anyone is going across the BOG for PCTA reasons, there are tickets in the cache so take those. It is \$1 for tickets and \$2 if you pay cash.
- Roberta: Do we want to not advertise it a lot and make it more of a volunteer thing?
 - Leif: I think we just keep doing what we do.
- Steve P: Mary Young park in West Linn might be an option

11. Oct 10: Scout PCT along Sandy River: Pace

- Pace: Went out and hiked the new reroute and across the river. The river is high and has change some of the log crossing we have been using. Came back via Ramona Falls. I met a thru hiker, he said he was going to Cascade Locks and then calling it quits. I could see where the water wasn't running off the trail. I have a crew coming up to fix that. I don't think those drains have been cleaned in a couple of years.
 - Leif: The flat area? There is a bench going down and we cleaned that up.
 - Pace: There are a lot of drains that do need to be cleaned up.
- Chris K: Did the rocks we were using to cross the river this summer wash out?
 - Pace: Yes. The main log everyone used, the bank is washed out so you have to go further upstream then you have a steep bank to climb up.
 - Tim L: We've been thinking about making a horse crossing further up where the river doesn't change as much. It's something we are kicking around. There is already a good trail that goes up. We'll cut a way out the other side.

12. Oct 12: Today's caretaker meeting

Steve Q: Needs inventory: What I did was I used Gaia Pro and I did an inventory of all the logs that were across the trail and so I have GPS coordinates on all logs and I also would identify things that needed to be fixed, slides or whatever. One of the things I noticed throughout: drainage. That was the 1 thing I noticed was very lacking throughout the section. When I talk about lacking, not talking about needing more I'm talking about cleaning out existing. I think that is the 1 thing I noticed from start to finish as a whole that was the biggest issue on our section. I did it in 10 days. I definitely noted all of the logs but I would be spotty about the other things that I recorded, and a lot of those I recorded them as this is an example of something that needs work. It is not a complete inventory of the needs. I was also trying to keep an eye on an app that I can build as a project for work that would make it easy to do that sort of thing. Where you would have your GPS and pictures and then moving on. So I was thinking a lot about that more so than the actual inventory itself.

- Chris K: I used Hiker Pro one year. I would take pictures and GPS and I would add the size.

Steve Q: I gave the KML file to Roberta. It can be opened with Google Earth so you can see all of the pins of where things are but it doesn't import the pictures so you would have to import it back into your phone to see the pictures.

- Mike: Backcountry Navigator, you can add audio note or pictures and it geotags it.
- Chris K: It would be great if we could standardize this for Roberta and Pace
- Leif: It would be nice if you had a different icons – log, water bar, - so you can categorize.
- Steve Q: The thing I found in my head that I would have a hard time designing was how to say 100 feet of brushing. If I knew ahead of time I had 100 feet of brushing it would be easy. So I found myself forgetting where stuff started when it spanned a long distance or was spotty.
- Gentleman Bob: You high tech people fascinate me. I haven't graduated from #2 pencil to pen.

Future Events

Next Month: See calendar on website. Changes are frequent.

Next meeting: November 9, REI

Beyond:

1. Dolly Chapman has scheduled her fall and winter crosscut saw sharpening classes:
 - a. November 29 - December 1: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-1129-121-tickets-26086802328>
 - b. December 2 – 4: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-122-124-tickets-26087028003>

- c. March 21-March 23, 2017: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-32117-32317-tickets-28056967144>
- d. March 24-March 26: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-324-32617-tickets-28057506758>

Reports

Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy

Tammy is in Scotland. Not calling in, doesn't have computer.

When she comes back Roberta will continue doing the recruitments for the time being

Partnership Crews: Jayme

Upcoming and New:

1. **Wilderness Lit Class (PCC):** Primary date Feb 18, 2017. Backup dates for weather Feb 25, Mar 4. All are Saturdays.
 - a. **Roberta** – a really fun one with Chris Jensen. We can adjust as the time comes. Is anyone interested? Very interesting students. Kelley, Ruth interested

Multiple crews for same group:

1. New Seasons Market:
 - 1) (done) Tuesday April 19 with Busdriver John, Herman Creek Trail and Herman Bridge Trail
 - 2) (done) Tuesday May 10, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work, Bald Mtn area (near Top Spur)
 - 3) (done) Saturday June 4 with Worm, Leif, Rick, Marty – logout Lolo Pass South
 - 4) (done) Sunday June 12 with Worm, Ruth, Marty, Roberta, logout Lolo Pass South
 - 5) (done) Tuesday June 14, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work also Bald Mtn area
 - 6) (done) Saturday June 25 with Worm, Roberta – brushing, possible logout Lolo Pass South
 - 7) (done) Monday June 27 with Kim/Pam Owen, Washington in the Gorge area
 - 8) (done) Tuesday July 12 with Kelley Davis - moderate, brushing work on the Washington side of Bridge of the Gods
 - 9) (Cancelled) Friday July 15 Kids Day, with Carole and Roberta – Bridge of the Gods Tollgate Park, invasive plant removal on PCT and 400 trail
 - 10) (done) Monday July 18 with Chris Sanderson - moderate, Washington in the Gorge area
 - 11) (done) Monday Aug 15 with Roberta - easy, invasive plant removal on Oregon side of Bridge of the Gods. April Ann Fong will assist.
 - 12) (done) Tuesday Aug 23 with Leif - moderate, basic tread work
 - 13) (done) Tuesday Sep 6, with Tami Sheets – moderate work in Washington near Sedum Ridge.
 - 14) (done) Saturday Sept 10 with Worm and Roberta
 - 15) (done) Monday Oct 3 with Roberta and Chris K – drainages along Paradise Park Trail.
2. Mazamas:
 - 1) (done) Feb: – Nesmith Trail with crew leader Pace.
 - 2) (done) March: March 5 crew leader Rick/Pace. Wilderness logout Nick Eaton Ridge and Gorton Creek
 - 3) (none) April: none (no work party requested)
 - 4) (none/done) May: May 2-3 – no Mazamas
 - turned into a non-Mazama crew clearing a couple tough logs on Nick Eaton Trail
 - 5) June, July, Oct cancelled
 - 6) (done, AYM) Aug 13: Steve P and Roberta on Steve's section
 - 7) (cancelled, no participants) Sept 4. Crew leader Tami at Sedum Ridge.

Completed Partnership Crews

1. Go Beyond Racing: Justin. June 18. Teakettle Springs section
2. Apple: Done. Tami, June 2 and June 3. Two single-day projects.
 - o Additional work crew done Aug 24 with Tami on Sedum Ridge section.
3. Lisa Holmes, Author and hiking group with 6 people wants a crew on April 30. Ruth and Carole
 - o turned into just PCTA volunteers, Lisa and hiking group cancelled
4. Alaska Airlines: Done. Leif on his section, Thursday May 12
5. PGE at Timothy Lake: Done. Roberta and Marty, May 23-25. PGE providing food and materials and PCTA providing volunteers
6. Danner Boots: July 20, Roberta with Tyler, Carole, Little Brown, and Hilary. 28 from Danner, did 4 separate projects on PCT between BOG and Dry Creek.
7. FYS (Forest Youth Success): July 26-27. Tami working directly with Dean. Dean set up 3 days on Sedum Ridge
8. Urban Youth: Aug 12-13. Dana leads, Kim, Bob and Jane assisting
9. Outward Bound Sep 2-4. Underbucker and Becky. Tread specialists: Kim and Pam and Busdriver John
10. DONE: Lewis and Clark College. Sept 24, drainages on Paradise Park Trail. Kori with L&C leads

On Hold/Not scheduled

1. Montbell: Lamar offered to lead. On hold indefinitely.

2. Boeing: group of 5 or a few more- was going to be on Earth Day. postponed indefinitely
3. Girl Scout group: Carole and Ruth
4. Troup 22 Eagle Scout Project: Kim
11. Ant Farm, Travis Roundy. Will have youth involved.
12. Trail Butter, Jeff Boggess: Worm incorporated into NSM Sept 10 crew, but then he had to back out. He sent Trail Butter for the crew.
13. No-Show: Hi-Tec crew on Sandy River Trail scheduled for Oct 5. No show due to car troubles.
14. REI: postponed to spring

Dana:

Bill: This is about the Wind River tool cache. We got notification that it must move soon. Email from Bill:

I spoke with Tracey Calizon at the GP Headquarters about the Wind River tool cache. Although there is a general effort toward cleaning up the facilities and a movement toward converting the buildings to accommodate other uses, it is not critical for us to move immediately. I will be working with folks from the county to locate an alternative site for the tool cache. I did suggest that the PCTA would be willing to provide resources and labor if that would help. Also that the PCTA is willing to participate in the up-keep of a facility.

Budget: Kim

Roberta: We've spent all of our budget this year. This is the first time in years

Tools: Leif

- Leif: Have a few in for repairs. We're doing pretty good with the tools we've got. In terms of if we had budget and what we would want, if someone has something let me know.
- Roberta: Ultra-light Big Agnes tent. Jen was getting a bulk pricing.
- Leif: It would be good to get on the tent. A kitchen tent.
- Roberta: It is a lot lighter than the octagonal one we have. We did a lot more overnights this year
- Leif: There is nothing nicer than having a tent for cooking when you are out working and it is raining.
- Chris K: I've starting bringing tarps for putting tools on. Do we have PCTA tarps?
 - Roberta: We have a couple. There is an attic to my garage and there are more tools up there. You have to close the garage door to open the attic.
- Chris K: I carry my own. They are useful to keep the tools organized. I carry a 10x20.
 - Roberta: I can move them down.
- Roberta: They are changing all of the frequencies on the radios.
- Leif: Forest Service used to have "Work 1" trail wide. Now every section has their own. I don't know when exactly they changed them. We just spent 3 trail crews with Parkdale. We have no way to talk to Parkdale now.
- Chris K: Kim talked about having different radios so you can talk to the different areas.
- Leif: The Forest Service uses groups so they can switch between them because they have more than 16 channels.
- Gentleman Bob: Is Kim reprogramming the radios?
 - Leif: Yes.
- Bob: I'll go up in a week or two to close the Trout Lake cache and bring the saw and electronics down and inventory everything.
- Leif: There is no gas. I brought back the saw so we could use it up
 - Roberta: The radio is still there and that will need to get to Kim
 - Bob: I'll do a run through to inventory tools.
 - Leif: Pull hard hats too
 - Ruth: And first aid kits
 - Leif: Try to use the Wind River and Trout Lake saws, they haven't been used very much. David has the saws from the southern cache.
 - Jane: Leif, do you really want the hard hats back?
 - Leif: The only reason is to keep the mice out. If you don't have a mice problem then don't
 - Jane: I'll clean the liners but the hard hats are bulky to store. We're still waiting for the Forest Service to re-hook up the electricity.

Trail Skills College 2017: Tammy

Saw Certification: David

- David: Waiting for the Trail Skills College date to be finalized before scheduling Estacada
 - Leif: Pretty certain it will be 28, 29, 30. Easter and then something else and then PCT and then us. The PCT has a board meeting the weekend before TSC.
 - David: We could do it the 1 & 2 or 8 & 9 of April. Easter is the 16th.

- Leif: The 9th is probably late.
- David: The 8 & 9 is 3 weeks before TSC
- Leif: Wind River will be the week after TSC.

Training and Safety: Open

Discussion Items

Announcements/Reminders

- Gillette Lake now public!
- 9 Vacancies: Mt. Adams-North; Mt. Adams-South; Indian Heaven South; 3 Corner Rock south; Benson Plateau (PCT); Upper Eagle Creek; Lower Eagle Creek; Indian Springs Trail; Sandy River (PCT)
- Also looking for an event coordinator
 - 8 if Mike takes Indian Heaven South
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch changes on Oct 15: 7:30a to 4:30p, M-F. Outside of these hours you still need to create a TCP, and must have an alternate dispatcher.
- Chris K: Does it have to be Roberta or Dana for dispatch?
 - Roberta: It can't be me, I don't pay attention to my phone enough. Tammy is good.
 - Leif: It needs to be someone that will start calling at 5pm if they haven't heard from you and by 6pm they are calling the sheriff. As long as you are off trail, you are done.
 - Roberta: First we try to call the crew leader, then call our FS contact, then the sheriff.
 - David: If you call dispatch and they aren't open then it is supposed to transfer to the duty officer.
 - Roberta: When I've called off hours I get an answering service. They take your name and let the dispatch know.
 - Leif: I don't know what happens after hours. There is someone 24/7.
 - Chris K: My rational is the sheriff would know who in the Forest Service to call.
 - Leif: We have no idea if they are around. It is worth asking the PCTA and the Forest Service. You would think there would be a number that transferred to the person
 - Jane: Would it be worth it to have someone from dispatch come and talk to us about this? Or a field trip to dispatch so everyone is on the same page? If you need them, you don't have time to fool around.
 - Chris K: The dynamic in Zig Zag has changed. The previous manager was "call me all hours" and would go looking for people that haven't called in. The new one doesn't seem to want to do that.
 - Leif: We have our all meetings coming up. That would be a good time to ask what they prefer
 - Roberta: On the TCP should be the sheriff for that country so whoever accepts the responsibility of dispatch, will have that.
- Mike: Does anyone carry a beacon?
 - Roberta: We tried that but it wasn't worth the money.
 - Tim: The Forest Service will lend them out.
 - Leif: I finished a log out and someone activated a spot that was 1.8mile from the trail head and would not have gotten a response until 9pm when someone went hiking up to find them.
 - Chris K: The Forest Service ones are programmed for Forest Service contacts. I have my own personal but prefer to use theirs.
 - David: The Clackamas Ranger District, some of the Forest Service personnel have to work outside dispatch hours. If they are not in contact they can't cut a lock or operate a saw. They are on the Clackamas sheriff and emergency fire dispatch. So that's another option to be used.
 - Leif: That's another frequency...
 - David: And you need special permission to be on that frequency
 - Roberta: I think having our own dispatch at home is enough at this point.

Round the Room

- Roberta: Out Oct 20-24 to eastern Oregon. I won't be on email.
- Pace: I have a crew next Thursday if anyone interested. Looks like a rainy day. Need 2 more people.
- Leif: Shifting gears - now Teacup for the winter.
- Kelley: There are a couple logs down on my section. Can I take a katana boy out? One is 10 inches.
 - Roberta: You can't do it solo.
 - Kelley: I went to Oklahoma for a family reunion. It was very pretty. SE Oklahoma was quite pretty.
 - Steve P: Even Kansas has different parts to it
- Steve P: I really have nothing. I'm not from Oklahoma. I'm from Virginia
- Ruth: If you want to bring first kits in the next meeting I would appreciate it.
 - Chris K: Are we meeting in November?
 - Roberta: Yes but not December.
 - Steve P: Should we talk about the annual meeting?

- Roberta: We have a speaker, Steve Q. I need to coordinate, figure it out, but think the 2nd sat in January. I'll talk with Dana to confirm.
 - Leif: Can't be the 22nd. That is the Teacup Classic.
 - Bob: The 1st of January is a Sunday.
 - Roberta: I believe the 3rd Saturday is the Backcountry Horsemen meeting. I'll probably schedule it at the Mt Hood Forest building in Sandy. November is a regular meeting. No meeting in December. January will have a meeting and followed by the annual meeting.
- Hillary: NSM is opening our first store in Seattle so I will be up there next month during the meeting. I will be arranging cheese. Putting shelves in place. Shelving is really hard to arrange. Cheese is heavy.
 - Ron: When do we have one in Gresham?
 - Hillary: I'm surprised we are opening one in Seattle before Gresham
- Steve Q "OG": I don't know what to say. I have a lot to say. So the first night out of Snoqualmie Pass I went to bed and heard a phone ring. The next morning I wake up and heard the ringing again. I had triggered my SOS on my In Reach and it had been going all night long. So I immediately went false alarm and put it out so it could reach the satellite. Search and rescue was talking with my girlfriend and they knew where I was and figured it was a false alarm. But it had been going all night and they were in the midst of rounding up everyone when I got back to them. The master switch, somewhere between Mexico and there, became "un-mastered" and when I put all the electronic in the foot of my sleeping bag, my foot hit it. I got 8000-9000 pictures on the trail this time. I went back to work way too fast so I am, in my time I have, digging out. I keep a detailed journal, and I hate doing it, so I have to make sure I get back and get my journal back to where it needs to be and once I finish that I can go through my pictures and pay attention to Mt Hood Chapter related stuff. My daughter said I couldn't shave the whole time I was hiking. So I am keeping it till the end of the month and then November 1 I am shaving.
- Jane: I'm not from Oklahoma. We drove up to Mt St Helens yesterday to the observatory and it is really interesting to see Mt Adams from a different perspective. It was a nice outing for the day. We watched the videos. The roads were great and the leaves were beautiful. They close in a week or two so I imagine they will have snow soon.
- Ron: You can always stop at Coldwater, they have fiberglass trees for their displays. I've printed out 25,000 trail maps this year (Multnomah Falls area). The traffic is crazy, it is not slowing down, used to be there was a slow time but not anymore. Just got back from a trip of all 5 Great Lakes on a ship. Starts in Montreal and goes up the St Lawrence. You spend most of the time on the Canadian side. As soon as you stop on the US side you have to show your passport and all sorts of ID. You have to stop in Ontario as there are no cruise ship bay in Detroit or Chicago. You have to go to Gary, Indiana and park by a steel dock. Every time you stop there are all these fences and guards. It's a 9 day trip, brand new. For 50 years, no cruise ships have been on the Great Lakes
- Gentleman Bob: Ron, are you on a no sail list? This weekend I'll walk the Barlow to Twin Lakes to check the drainage.
 - Steve Q: So I did the whole Mt Adams in 1 day and it was raining the whole day and I was able to see a drain dip fail because it hadn't been cleaned up. I have a video of it too.
 - Roberta: The only person to take a video of that
 - Bob: Maybe the drain dip needs to be certified for the amount of rain
 - Steve Q: There wasn't a lot of water. It was shortly after the parking going up to Horseshoe Meadows
 - Jane: They haven't been done in 2 years.
- David: Talked to Tom Triscik, he is staying a little longer this year, til Nov 15. Starting to sharpen crosscuts this week. If anyone has a crosscut sawyer on their crew and they want to learn how to touch up their own saws, I'm willing to take them for a day or two to show them. Have them email me and I will set it up. Dolly's November and December saw sharpening classes are full she has scheduled another one in March. I have a lot of water bar material left over from the Outward Bound project. If you need steel stakes for anything, I have a whole bunch of 20" long stakes. I also have a lot of the hardwood stakes we replaced them with. They are in the South Tool Cache. If you are putting in new or replacing water bars we have those. We also have a keg of stainless steel spikes, 5.5", have a bunch of those too. If anyone needs a small refrigerator, I also have one of those.
- Little Brown: Pace, Tami and I went to a tabling event at the Lucky Lab. They had trouble getting the video started so they gave everyone free beer. It was a movie called Paul's Boots and about an Australian who died at 54, and dreamed of hiking the Appalachian Trail. He died right before he had planned to start. They found hikers to carry his boots to memorialize him. It was a good video.
 - Ruth: REI sent me a link, I can send it out. The beer was good.
 - Little Brown: They put out pizza and salad. It was full, so maybe 100 people. They had 2 showings and had 400 people on a waiting list. Both events were standing room only.
- Tim L: A couple months ago my sister called about a fruit tasting thing, some company has a bunch of trees and they get samples of all the fruits. She is coming out from Colorado Springs to sample fruit. It is at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds. So you can sample the fruit to see what trees you want to buy.
- Chris K: Looks like we are going to get some trees down this weekend. It's a bummer, it was going to be the first weekend to go out with my dog in a month and a half.
 - Ron: Today is the anniversary of the 1962 Columbus Day storm
 - Chris K: Just hoping my fence holds up against the storm.

- Mike: Not sure what the stories had to do with the PCT but they were good. I'm from Chicago. I'd like to thank Kelley for introducing me to the PCTA. I'm looking forward to giving back and working with the group.
 - Roberta: We'll get you on the list.
- Ruth: We were going to carpool with Justin but he couldn't come. They had their baby last week. Nina, she's a super good baby so far.