

From Jefferson County

Jeff Selby has organized an every-other-Thursday workday from 4 to 7 p.m. Work so far has focused on the Douglas Way Trail extending to Discovery Road. Jeremy Scott cleared the route with his mulching machine and volunteers have been smoothing the trail and preparing it for gravel. For information and/or to sign up for the Thursday work parties contact Jeff Selby: selbyjl@yahoo.com or Linda Carson: carson@cablespeed.com

Work continues on the horse trail from South Discovery Road to Nelson's Landing. Eight Members of the U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit training at Indian Island volunteered time on July 18th. It's amazing how much eight, strong, young men can get done in 4 hours. Lorrie Campbell and her Thursday crew generously offered to help us for a day and joined us on July 31 for more work along the horse trail. Jefferson Trails Coalition has had a busy summer and their volunteer list has grown to over 80

Jefferson Trails Coalition meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 PM at the hostel at Fort Worden State Park. All are welcome. The JTC booth can be found most Saturdays at the Port Townsend Farmer's Market in Uptown and we thank those who volunteer their time to answer questions and provide trail information.

New Grant Funding Proposals

The PA City Council reviewed the funding requirements for the Dry Creek bridge grant proposal and approved proceeding with the proposal. Now our challenge is to help them win the grant which is due in early August. There are 4 ODT proposals going to the WWRP this year: Spruce RR Tunnel Repair (Clallam Co), Sequim Bay St Park Bridge (State Parks), Dry Creek Bridge (Pt. Angeles), and Larry Scott Trail completion (Jeff Co). We also have hopes for a congressional set-aside for Jeff Co to complete ROW procurement to the Clallam Co line. It could be a great year for the trail! Keep your fingers crossed.

New Editor(s) for Trail Notes

Gene Rimov hesitatingly accepted the responsibility for newsletter editor after Chuck asked him at the PTC Spring annual meeting if he would take on the job. Gene's forte is in being one of the sawyers for construction of the Adventure Route and knows very little about the PTC. However, since his wife knows a lot about the PTC, they both will be attending board meetings until Gene can get his feet on the ground.



Interesting Trail Users:

On June 17, PTC member Heidi Pattee set off to hike 50 miles on her 50th Birthday starting on the Adventure Route of ODT at Hwy 112 trailhead all the way to the Devil's Punchbowl in Olympic National Park and



Heidi Pattee (center) walks 50 miles on the Adventure Route

back. She started at 4:30 am and finished up her return trip at approximately 10:30 pm. She hiked with three other companions, none of which were in as good shape as Heidi. When she set off on the best-planned hike that her husband and she could train for, she knew the exact pace she had to set. Those of us who witnessed this event were amazed that she arrived at all check points right on time. Admirers, friends, and other hikers and bicyclists accompanied her all along the entire journey. If you count the number of folks who attended the birthday party at Spruce Railway trailhead, plus those who accompanied her part of the way, then

perhaps 50 people were involved. It was a 50, 50, 50 kind of proposition.

On June 19, while the Thursday volunteers were enjoying a break from their fence building east of the Baker property, a cyclist from Redmond, OR, stopped by to chat. It turns out he was biking down the west coast all the way to Mexico to raise money for the Redmond boys and girls club. Marti Campbell then accompanied him for a ways down the ODT.

If you happen to run into some interesting trail users, why not email Gene a short account of your encounter: Gene Rimov, rimov1437@msn.com .



"On to Mexico" cyclist with Thursday volunteers

Adopt-a Trail News

We all know how important it is to maintain trails after they are built. Otherwise, in a few years time the trail becomes unusable. Thanks to the following folks:

New Clallam County adopters include Michael and Carol Gentry, who will help Steve Johnson with the Lazy J section of ODT in Agnew. Also, Nancy and Val Jackson will round out the adopter crew in Agnew. Jack Clark is the new manager of the Olympic Peninsula Explorers Volkssport Club section of the Olympic Discovery Trail near Robin Hill Park.

Real People

Steve and Carleen Godwin

Central Clallam County, Gasman Road to Lake Farm Road

The opportunity to volunteer on the Olympic Discovery Trail for the last four years has been personally rewarding. We appreciate all the work that has gone on before: the planning, grant writing, negotiating, politics, and actual construction by so many volunteers and government employees. It makes us realize we are maintaining and fine-tuning an enormously successful undertaking.

The diversity of the landscape on the ODT is a treasure with open fields, forests, wetlands, cityscapes, and a path along the Strait. The section we share with Paul and Lin Beck and their family is encased in a variety of evergreens, maples, elderberries, and Indian plums. The flora and fauna is plentiful and diverse. Near milepost 8 an innovative property owner has created a Lewis Carroll-esque/Warner Brothers-ish scene for all to enjoy: Sylvester the Cat, ready for some golf; an aging Wiley Coyote and Tasmanian Devil doing Jimmy Buffet impersonations, complete with beach lounge and umbrella. There is also a water bowl for your canine companion, a wall clock, and some large mirrors (so you can check out your jogging suit or how well you sit your horse). All greet the traveler with a sense of humor.

Maintaining each section has its own special tasks. Ours, as with many others, is the battle against the insidious bramble and its constant quest to reclaim the trail. Occasional limbs or entire trees can block the way after one of our peninsula "breezes". But all is well, usually, and as avid hikers and cyclists, we, too, reap the benefits of the ODT, a real gem on the North Olympic Peninsula.

In Jefferson County Rosemarie Lueke is the JTC Adopt-A-Trail coordinator and works with Matt Tyler at Jefferson County Parks & Recreation. Current Adopt-A-Trail volunteers are Michelle Patton and Peg Furey, Richard Wojt, the Port Townsend Paper Co, Port Townsend Running Club, Port Townsend Bicycle Association, Courtesy Ford Auto Employees, Dog Townsend & Rosemarie Lueke, Jeff Chapman and the Back County Horsemen, and the Janssen family.

Lorrie Campbell's

July Report

Landmark Volunteers are once again working in Clallam County, this time on the Olympic Discovery Trail. After meeting the County Commissioners and having an introduction to the area and trail building (aka: fun hike!) by Darek Staab, the crew headed up the Joyce-Access road for 6 days of trail construction with the Thursday Trail Crew. Check out www.volunteers.com to see what their program is all about.





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President's Report

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Two major volunteer projects are in the planning stage. 1) The West Port Angeles Trail Improvement Project (West PA TIP) will resurface two miles of the Milwaukee RR Grade going west out of PA. We are working with contractors who will volunteer grading, and compacting. We are looking for another dump truck or two to help haul the donated reject fines from a rock crusher, which we will use for surfacing. We are currently developing an MOU with the city of Port Angeles, a Statement of Work, and cost and time estimates. We hope to have these approved by the city this fall and start preparations for construction. 2) The Fairholm Hill Project will build several miles of trail from the west end of Lake Crescent over Fairholm Hill. This trail will be an interim part of ODT and will be similar to the Adventure route. We will start developing plans for this later this year looking for a start next spring. We are hoping to use front loaders and trail clearing equipment to speed up the process. Again, we will need to develop an MOU, SOW, and estimates for Clallam County approval. Let me know if you want to be part of this planning effort.

we are to keep the trail in good shape. We want to set up a list of folks who we can call on occasionally to lead one of these. I am thinking we need 8-10 folks on the list so they would be asked maybe 3-4 times a year. The lead needs to plan the work, gather tools, arrange for lunches, and direct the effort. Please call or email Chuck Preble if you are willing to be on the list. Training and assistance will be provided.

Chuck Preble



Landmark High School Volunteers

August 8th, 9th, 10th, **Jefferson County Fair** contact Jeff Selby, 360 385-0995 SelbyJL@yahoo.com,

September 6th and 7th, **Stream Fest**, near the golf course behind the Plaza in PA

September 20th, **Sequim Health Fair**, in the High School

September 26th and 27th, **River Fest**, in Dungeness contact Chuck Preble 683-4549 chuckpreble@msn.com

From Sequim and East Clallam County

The Sequim city council approval of the recommended "missing mile" Spruce St. route is close but they have not formally approved it yet. They want to get info out to the folks fronting on the route and let them have their say. We are working with the Parks Board and Bill Bullock, acting Public Wks Director, to do a flyer and go door to door. We are optimistic.

There is a fledgling in the eagle nest in Sequim Bay St Park so final completion of the Sequim to Blyn trail will wait till after Aug. 15. Thanks to Denis Body we are getting the capability to make those routed cedar trail signs and will make a couple for the new trestle. Also the Tribe is completing the connection from the new trail through their campus to Old Blyn Hwy.



New overlook at the newly finished RR trestle

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The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at locations throughout the Olympic Peninsula. Contact us for locations. Meetings begin at 7 P.M. All are welcome.

Work Party Leaders Needed.

We are looking for PTC members who would be willing to lead 2nd Saturday work parties from time to time. The 2nd Saturday work parties do trail maintenance projects that require more effort than Adopters can reasonably provide. We need to increase the frequency of these to two or more a month if

Volunteer Opportunities

The August 9 Second Saturday work party will be held at Railroad Bridge Park in Sequim. We will be replacing part of the bridge decking, painting and other repairs. We will also have a Fourth Saturday work party on August 23 to complete trail maintenance in Sequim.

The PTC is looking for new board members to help us with our ever-expanding trail. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm. Contact Chuck Preble (chuckpreble@msn.com, 683-4549)

Booth Volunteers Are Needed.

Want to spread the word about the ODT and the PTC? Why not be a booth volunteer at the following events and places?