



# Mount Hood Chapter Pacific Crest Trail Association

The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve, and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for the value that wild and scenic lands provide to all people.



## Minutes of Caretaker Meeting, March 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:45 PM.

Caretakers present were: Bill Hawley, Jack Konner, Dennis Beard, Jim Webb, Roberta Cobb, Jerry Bentz, Steve Plant, Ruth Weston, Ron Goodwin, Kim Owen, Bob Appling and Steve Queen.

### Past Events

- March 12, South to Sedum Ridge, Jim Webb.
- March 17, 1:30, Columbia Dispatch radio frequency review, Kim Owen.
- March 27, REI Volunteer Table, Jeff Booth & Alan Artman.
- April 3, Bridge of the Gods to Herman Bridge Trail, Steve Queen.
- April 10, Greenleaf Creek north and south, Steve Queen.
- April 11, REI Volunteer Table, Patty Carter & Geoff O'Neil.

### Future Events

- April 16-18, Trails Skills College, Cascade Locks
- April 24, Chainsaw certification, Estacada Ranger Station.
- April 24, 26, 2010, Chainsaw and crosscut saw certification, Gifford Pinchot NF.
- May 5, Indian Heaven: Scout Crest Camp north to Wilderness Boundary, Mt. Adams: Scout William's Mine north to Wilderness Boundary, Bob Arkes/Bill Hawley
- May 14-16, Westfir Training.
- May 28-30, Indian Heaven: Log Out & Trail Maintenance, Big Huckleberry & Indian Heaven-Camp Out, Bill Hawley
- June, 4-6, Allingham Training.
- June 8, Mt. Adams: Log Out Road 23 to Wilderness Boundary, Bob Arkes
- June 18-20, Mt. Adams: Log Out Wilderness Boundary to Horseshoe Meadow-Camp Out, Bob Arkes
- July 9-11, Ramona Falls to Paradise Park, Kim and Pam Owen.
- July 9-11, Joe Graham Horse Camp to Jude Lake, OET, Becky Wolf.
- July 31, Breitenbush Lake to Park Ridge, BCH, Jerry Bentz.
- August 9-18, Mt. Adams: Tread Reconstruction Stagman Ridge to Horseshoe Meadow; Tread Maintenance Stagman Ridge Trail; Tread Maintenance Horseshoe Meadow to Riley Creek-Camp Out with AmeriCorps Crew, Bob Arkes
- October 1-3, Indian Heaven: Tread Reconstruction Berry, Mountain-Camp Out, Bill Hawley

### Training and Safety Report (Steve Queen)

- None.

### Budget Report (Kim Owen)

- Please supply projections for next two years by April 23, 2010.

### Tools Report (Jerry Bentz)

- Bill Hawley: Two types of covers for crosscut saws were demonstrated.
- Jerry Bentz: The trailer is nearly completed. The storing of crosscut saws is the only remaining problem. We will try out chainsaw packs for purchase at \$250.

- Jim Webb: A capstain winch would be useful for heavy duty work.
- Kim Owen: Columbia Dispatch 3/17 meeting notes: Met with Dana B, Ryan O, Kim O, Bob A, Dave R.; dispatch personnel Jeri and ? Started with round of introductions, the folks at Dispatch were really friendly and open to volunteers using the channels. Dana shared a comm. form that Dispatch liked. It can be found at: <http://www.pcta.org/pdf/volunteer-resources/PCTA-TCP-Form.pdf>. We can send our comm. plans to Dispatch so they have them for reference. We can reference them for our routine work parties. Dispatch e-mail address is [waccc@dms.nwcg.gov](mailto:waccc@dms.nwcg.gov). You could also phone in or fax in your itinerary to have dispatch follow your where abouts. If you start your comm. following with dispatch, stay with dispatch. Dispatch prefers to work with Twp/Range locations, so be prepared to provide that info. GPS lat Long is not as convenient for them. They will also want to know your Agency "Supervisor" so they know whom to call if you are missing or there is an emergency. If you need to contact dispatch after hours you can call the Duty Officer @ 360 891 5140. This might be needed to avoid a search and rescue event. Dispatch Winter hours are 7:30-4:30. Dispatch summer hours as roughly mid-May to mid-Oct., 7 days a week, 7am-6pm. Check with local FS contact each year for exact dates of switch from winter to summer hours. There are three different Mt Defiance repeaters and frequencies. One each for GP, CG, and MH. Antennas point in corresponding directions, so know which one you should try. We are also trying to get maps of where repeater coverage is so we can provide to crew leaders. Already have one for Mt Hood. WX reports are at appx. 10-10:30 and 4-4:30 for both GPNF and MHNF. MH also has the lookout tower reports at 10,12,2,4,6, so try to avoid those times for non critical comms. "Checking out" means you are out in the field. "Checking in" means you are back in the office. Use "In Service" and "Out of service" to avoid confusion. Warm Springs Dispatch is 541-553-2413. Ken Lydy is a contact to get radio freqs. Dave Roe will try to get them. Met with Orlando the radio tech after the main meeting, and he provided new freqs for 2010. Orlando works for Tom Tadiken, who manages the radio shop.

### **Regional Representative Report (Dana Berthold)**

- None.

### **Discussion Items**

- Jack Konner: Met with Mckenzie Jensen who reported that a contract has been given out for posting of new Wilderness Boundary signs for Mt. Hood National Forest.
- Steve Queen: April 3 work party - Mostly rock work. Directional signs were installed. April 10 work party - Signs posted. Tread work. Foot bridge demolished.
- Ron Goodwin: Bob Squires is available for scouting.
- Roberta Cobb: There is a need for plastic logos at the Portland tool cache.
- Steve Plant: The post needs to be reconstructed at the PCT/Road 58 intersection.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 6:30 PM at Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Konner  
Secretary