

# CABIN TRACKS

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**Important Dates to Remember**

- March 31—Association dues are due
- June 25—Annual Spring Meeting/Picnic and Cabin Tours
- July 16—Fossil Field Trip
- August 13 Salmon Spawning/American River Field Trip
- Sept 17—Naches Peak Walk
- Oct—Mushroom Field Trip
- Nov—Fall Meeting

## ANNUAL SPRING BUSINESS MEETING/PICNIC

Thanks to Jacqui Beidle, the USFS archeologist/historian in Naches, the CPCOA has been able to reserve, at no charge, the American Ridge Ski Bowl Lodge for our annual spring meeting/picnic on June 25, 2005. The meeting is scheduled to start with a picnic at 12 noon and end at (?) pm but the park will be open from (11 a.m.) to (8 p.m.) for members use that day. Plan to come early and stay late to enjoy this wonderful historical site.

Also, if anyone has a cabin or tract nearby (Bumping Lake, American River, American

Forks) who would like to share it with members to tour that day, please call Reva Bunnell (509) 966-9894 or e-mail revabb@bentonrea.com. It's always fun to visit other cabins, and a whole tract would be great! Tours would begin after the meeting/picnic.

The American Ridge Ski Bowl is located off Highway 410 at the Bumping Lake Road turn-off. Take the 2nd right onto FS Road #381 to the Lodge.

This lodge was built by the CCC and opened for skiing in 1935. It remained very popu-

lar for local skiers until it closed in the early 50's because it could not compete with the longer ski season and 1200 vertical feet of slope at White Pass. Now the old ski area is available for public use, and local volunteers contribute resources to help maintain and repair the building.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

A court order in 2004 terminated surface water rights for domestic use for cabins. The irrigation districts with junior rights requested this, and it was granted by the Yakima County Superior Court through October 2004 and enforced by the DOE. Did you know that unless we cabin owners had wells, we were not supposed to use water last year from our springs or other surface water that we would normally use? Unfortunately, this could happen again, especially in a dry year, like 2005 could be. One solution would be to ex-

empt small use of surface water for domestic use at cabins. Small uses of ground water for domestic use are already exempt, which means those users do not need a permit. However, if your surface water right certificate was issued before 1905, you are exempt, and most of us have certificates dated later than 1905. An exemption for surface water to be used for domestic use at cabins is a simple, easy and good way to solve this issue. This would allow every cabin to have water, whether or not it had a water

right certificate. But for that to happen, the Washington State legislature will have to pass a new law, which is why we are asking for your help. Now is the time to contact your legislators and ask them to do the right thing. The inserted letter is an example to use as a guide. Feel free to use any part or all of it, plus your own commentary—or send a letter of your own! The important thing is to contact your legislators so they are aware of the problem and what to do about it, i.e., exempt small uses of surface water for domestic use at cabins. Please help by taking a minute to write a letter.

## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*"Notes from our  
President"*

Hello everyone:

It looks like 2005 is going to be an exciting as well as important year for each of us individually, as well as for our association. As cabin owners we are facing some significant issues, including what appears to be another low water year and the impact that will have on our surface water access. Then there will be the inspections of our cabins in preparation for the upcoming lease renewals. These are important issues and this association is taking a leading role in responding to them.

With regard to the water issue we are mobilizing our membership by providing information and urging each member to contact their legislators. This effort is already paying off and legislators are beginning to take action. My thanks to all of you who have sent letters to your legislators on this issue. We may well see some resolution to this issue before this legislative session is over. If you did not receive a sample letter to guide you in writing to your legislators, please let me know and I'll see that you receive one.

We had a great fall meeting in November where we discussed the water rights issue, heard a lot about the inspection process that will be coming up and set the stage for a lot of exciting field trips. These trips will offer something for everyone and will include such topics as cabin tours, fossils, salmon, hikes, and mushroom identification. You will read more about these in the following pages. Not all of the dates and times for these trips have been nailed down, but the schedule will show you what we have planned and we will be sending out updates later in the year so you can make plans to participate.

Our annual spring/summer meeting is already set for June 25 and I hope that all of you will be able to attend. We have invited the regional forester to join us and discuss the national forest plan and his view of the role that cabins play in forest policy. We will gather at the old ski bowl above American River. For those who don't know where that is, a map will be provided. We have also launched

a new newsletter for our members, which Sue Buchholz and Reva Bunnell are spearheading. This will keep all of us abreast of issues that could impact the enjoyment of our cabins. And we will soon have our own web site, which will be full of important and interesting information.

Lastly, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members, and also remind everyone that your annual dues are due March 31. This is a very important time for all of us who lease Forest Service land and your support is vital. In addition to supporting this organization, a portion of your dues goes to the Washington State Forest Homeowners Association and to the National Forest Homeowners Association. These two organizations work at the state and national levels to project our rights and our heritage. Looking forward to seeing many of you on our field trips this year.

Mike Berriochoa

*"Get to know  
your area.  
Choose one of  
these interesting  
field trips"*

## FIELD TRIPS

This year we have scheduled monthly field trips for all ages. Each trip will focus on one theme, e.g. fossils, salmon, etc. but anything of interest will also be noted—history, plants, wildlife, etc. We hope to make these outings as educational and interesting as possible, and, of course, have fun, too. Details and a sign-up sheet will be available later in the season. Here is a brief description and a contact person for each outing.

**Fossils** (July 16) - Travel through the Little Naches with a retired Heritage University science instructor, observing many forms of science, including 50 million year old

plant fossils, great basalt flows, and a big waterfall. Hear the story of the Meeker Train and rest where they rested on the first wagon trip over Naches Pass. Contact: Ray Foisey—(509) 966-7995 or foisy@nwinform.net.

**Salmon Spawning** (August 13) - A fisheries biologist from the Wash. State Fish and Wildlife Service will lead this field trip on the American River to observe Spring Chinook salmon spawning and share some interesting facts about life cycles, biology, and habitat. Contact: Carl Buchholz (509) 966-4861 or

buchcs@aol.com.

**Naches Peak** (Sept. 13) - This trip is 4 mi. with a 500 ft. elevation gain through forest and alpine areas starting on the Pacific Crest Trail, south around Naches Peak, and back by Tlpsoo Lake. It will start mid/late afternoon so we can watch the sunset over the mountains, weather permitting. The moon will be full that evening, and the Cascades should be beautiful in the moon glow. There may be some ripe huckleberries to eat, too. Contact: Carl Buchholz.

**Mushrooms** (Oct) - Planned after a rain - exact date unknown. Contact: Mike Berriochoa (509) 545-6853 or berriochoa@aol.com.

## LETTER FROM AL MOLINEUX, PRESIDENT—RIMROCK CABIN OWNERS ASSOCIATION

It is a pleasure to be asked to include a few comments to your newsletter. First, I want to commend you for actually creating a newsletter and I know that it will assist to make your association stronger. Our association has not created a scheduled letter, however, I do try to send current events relative to our members at least three times per year. We have eleven cabin tracts in our area and we have developed an eight member Board of Directors elected from these tracts and the entire membership elects the president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. This group is very active and accomplishes most of the projects for our association. Our current problem is the recent revelation that we do not have fire protection or a district. Our Board is working hard to correct this situation and the

future and through the Board, we are able to represent all of our members and gain membership cooperation. A direct line of communication is so very important. Our other problem is our Water Rights, or lack of Water Rights. Some members of Chinook have been very involved and are very active and we have been communicating together to try to bring all the influence of our nearly 550 members to focus on our mutual problem. We have the potential to become a strong voice as a team.

As President of the Wash. State Forest Homeowners Assoc. for the past five or six years, I have appreciated that the Chinook representatives are very active and well informed and are a great asset. I would certainly encourage the members of to support

them in every way possible. We are well represented on the National Association Board and were recipients of that expertise in reference to bringing Congressional action to our CUFFA legislation in reference to Cabin Appraisals and the format the Forest Service is to use.

I am very pleased that our associations have become so close in our mutual concerns and I believe that we will become a strong voice in those events and conditions regarding our cabins.

CONGRATULATIONS CHINOOK PASS CABIN OWNERS ASSOCIATION. Let's join hands and move ahead with confidence.

We can make a difference!

*"We can make a difference!"*

## CPCOA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION

It is time again for membership renewal for our CPCOA. This year membership dues are \$50.00 for a Regular Membership and \$30.00 for an Associate Membership, which is for another person besides a "Regular" member—adult children, co-owners, etc. This is the same amount as last year. Membership in CPCOA works on the local level to provide a forum where local concerns and issues are handled directly with the Forest Service, Yakima Sheriff's Dept., and county officials. It's a great

way to stay informed and present a bigger voice than you as an individual can have alone.

As a member, you are automatically also a member in the National Forest Homeowners (NFH), which provides representation and advocacy on the national level. Remember CUFFA (Cabin User Fee Fairness Act ) in 2000 which has delayed all our assessment evaluation that were originally due in 2003, and thanks to the NFH, has saved us all a considerable amount of money? Also as a member in CPCOA, you would be a member in the Washington State Forest Homeowners

Association (WSFHS), which is involved in issues that are in your best interest on the state level.

So for \$50.00 a year you are definitely getting a lot for your money: group representation on the local, state, and national level all working for your best interests in protecting your cabin ownership. In case you're wondering, \$35.00 goes to the NFH, \$1.00 to WSFHA, and the rest stays with the CPCOA for postage, supplies, etc. To join or for more information, Please contact Greg Selby, Treasurer—(509) 735-2810 or Greg.Selby@Fluor.com or 6342 Umatilla Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336 .

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**LETTER FROM MIKE HILER, SPECIAL-USSES**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to pass on a note before the field season gets underway. As in the past, we will issue our annual Cabin Fever Newsletter in late spring. It will have a number of articles addressed to cabin owners. Look for that newsletter, read it closely, and contact me if you have any questions.

One news item is our Summer home web site. Just log onto: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee/naches-summer-homes/>. There are several items here for your information, including past newsletters and form 5. Let me know what other items you want to see on this site.

The big news item this year is the kick-off of our program

to reissue new permits to summer home owners after their present permit expires in 2008. You will hear more about this program throughout the summer. Right now we are preparing the required cabin inspections. We plan to complete that work at each cabin during the summer. This will not be a white glove inspection, but rather confirm permit compliance, which must be established for the Forest Service to reissue individual permits. It is my advice to review your lot before June 1 making sure that the area around your cabin and out-building is cleaned and that all equipment is, tools, and other items are stored within a closed building. There will also be emphasis on making sure ALL items have been removed from trees on the permitted lot. Please take a

quick trip around your lot this spring and remove any pole, bar, birdhouse, light, swing, thermometer, rope, chain, bolt, spike, or other item attached to a live tree. The issue of hazard trees will be on our radar screen as soon as cabin access opens up. I will send hazard tree request forms out with the annual newsletter. To initiate a hazard tree removal request, mark the tree with ribbon and submit form. Further instructions and the form are available on our website. More info to follow in May on fire protection, water rights, Consistency Review, lot appraisals, and permit compliance.

Thanks for your help in keeping your cabin neat and for abiding by the terms of your permit.

**LETTER FROM ALBERT POLLMAR, PRESIDENT**

Here are a few facts concerning my involvement with cabin owner organizations over the past decade or so.

My brother and I purchased our cabin, which is situated in the Upper White River Valley near Mt. Rainier, in 1989. (Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest) We joined the White River Recreation Association shortly thereafter, and I soon became involved in the effort to preserve the Recreational Residence Program, which at that time was threatened with termination.

I was elected to the WRRRA board of directors in the early 90's, became the secretary in 1998 (a position I still hold) and served two terms as WRRRA president.

At the state level, I was elected WSFHA secretary shortly after the state association was founded in the fall of

1999. At our fall meeting in 2004 I was elected president, succeeding Al Molineux who had served in that capacity the preceding five years.

At the national level, I have been quite active on behalf of both WRRRA and WSFHA. In February 1998 I testified at a field hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Resources Committee in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It was chaired by Representative Helen Chenoweth, accompanied by Senator Larry Craig and Representative (now Senator) Mike Crapo.

In the years since, I have assisted NFH and the Cabin Fee Coalition in preparing legislation intended to solve the crisis over permit fees. It's been (and will continue to be) a never-ending battle.

Still, it has been enjoyable at times. I've met a lot of inter-

esting people and visited some interesting places. Most of all, there has been the intellectual challenge. Can we craft a definitive solution to this complex problem, one which is acceptable to the cabin owners, Forest Service and members of Congress? The jury's still out on that question. (CUFFA is inadequate.) We keep trying nonetheless and hope for the best.

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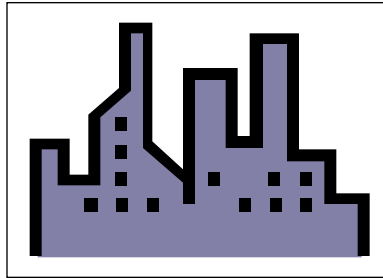
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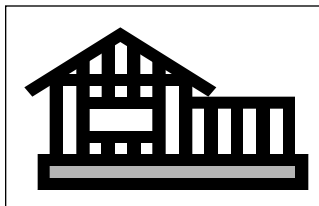
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