Puyallup Fair Draws Out Trail Supporters

President’s Message

As you are probably aware, declining tax revenues continue to impact the discretionary funds available to pay for trail projects throughout Pierce County. I am confident that progress will continue on the segment from South Prairie to Buckley, although it will probably take a few more years to complete. We are hoping that grants and stimulus funds will continue flowing to the county so the project can be completed sooner rather than later. The county continues to negotiate land purchases with the remaining landowners along the old right-of-way so that engineering studies can begin next year.

Construction of the center section of the Foothills Trail between South Prairie and Buckley is complete. Access limited but available from the Buckley trailhead or from Lower Burnett Road. As Lower Burnett Road levels out from SR 162, there is a metal gate on the south side which has a pile of woodchips in front of it. We have permission from the landowner to enter through the gate, cross his pasture, and climb up to the old RR right-of-way by the Coalition Bridge. You can do a little exploring up Gale Creek Canyon by way of an old road which takes off by the wetland between the Coalition Bridge and the new trestle.

There are a few other things I want to bring to the attention of the
Notices:
Annual Meeting Announcement

The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition announces its annual meeting for Thursday, January 28th, 2010, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the High Cedars Golf Course club house, 14604 149th Street Court East, Orting (just off the Sumner-Orting Highway). There will be an optional buffet dinner at 6:00 PM for a nominal fee prior to the annual meeting. Please RSVP to Pat Johnson at 360-829-2068 or by email at pat.johnson@tx3.net for reservations for the buffet. Payment for the dinner will be collected at the door. An accurate “head count” is necessary in order to make sure there is plenty food.

The purpose of the annual meeting is the election of the Board of Directors. Five Director’s terms are set to expire at the end of 2009 and these five directors are up for re-election. The five Directors with expiring terms are Pat Johnson, Peggy Levesque, Buzz Grant, Jerry Larson and John Selby. All five Directors are seeking another three year term.

In accordance with the bylaws, a member of the Coalition may also be considered an eligible candidate for Director by submitting a petition of nomination to the Board of Directors not less than 21 days before the annual meeting. Such petition must include the valid signature of ten Coalition members or ten percent of the Coalition membership, whichever is less. The elected Board of Directors will then elect officers at the first board meeting following the annual meeting.

A quorum is needed to conduct our annual business, so please make a point to come to High Cedars on January 28, 2010!

Would you like to read the TLN in full color?
by John Selby, Editor

If you would prefer to receive your copy of the Trail Line News by email, just let me know. I will take you off our snail mail list and put you on an email delivery list for your TLN in PDF (You will need Acrobat Reader). Besides reading it in full color (on your screen or off your printer), you will receive it about two weeks earlier. The news will be more current, you can search for words or phrases, you can click on links to websites or email addresses, you can forward copies to friends, and you will save your Coalition about $1 in printing and mailing costs for every copy. If half our membership did it, we would save about $2500 per year, money that we could spend on trails instead. Sound good? Email me at JohnandDottieSelby@att.net.

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Meet Your Board Member

Tim Duggan joined the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition in 2007, and was elected to the serve as a Board Member at the beginning of 2009. Tim, his wife Amy Young, and their daughter Calynn moved to Tacoma from Austin, Texas in 2007 after Amy was awarded an assistant professorship in the Communication & Theatre Department at Pacific Lutheran University. Tim earned a BA in Economics from Vanderbilt University and recently completed the GIS Certificate Program at the University of Washington, Tacoma. He has worked in web development for nearly a decade and was involved in updating the Coalition website before joining the Board.

Tim is an avid cyclist and proponent of bicycling as transportation. He is a member of team “Mile’n for Myelin” and rides the “Bike MS” ride each year. He has been a long-time member of Adventure Cycling Association and actively supports its mission to create a federally recognized U.S. Bicycle Route System. As an enthusiastic advocate for the national Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, he realized what a gem we have here in the Foothills Trail and committed himself to helping in any way he could. He looks forward to the day when he and his children can easily and safely reach the trail by bicycle from his home in Tacoma.

Tim, Amy and Calynn welcomed Campbell Luke Young Duggan to their family on September 17th. Calynn celebrated her 3rd birthday on October 4th, and Tim plans to take her out on the trail on a “big-girl bike” in the very near future.
memberships. We welcome Mr. Robert Hester as the new Race Director for the R2R. He brings with him Mr. Eric Barnes as Assistant RD. Both men are avid runners, having participated, not only in our own race as 50M ultras, but also in other ultra events, including a couple of 100-milers. They are eager to grow the R2R and are already off and running!

Additionally, every Christmas season Pierce County Parks sponsors “Fantasy Lights” in Spanaway. They continue this tradition even with their reduced budget and can especially use volunteers to assist in controlling traffic flow throughout the park. If you would like to serve as a volunteer, please contact Scott Hall at 253-798-4006. The work time is from approximately 4:45 until 9 PM, and the display will be open from Nov. 26 to Jan. 3.

Finally, on January 28th we will hold our annual meeting at High Cedars Golf Course as we have done the last few years. Put this date on your calendar and join us for the review of this year’s events and the election of board of directors.

Have a merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season!

Memberships and Donations

by Loras Gassmann, Coalition Treasurer

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To love what you do and feel that it matters
- how could anything be more fun?

Katherine Graham
Capt2Wheeler says, “STOP means STOP!”
by Jerry Larson, A.K.A. Capt2Wheeler, Courtesy Patrol Chair

Blogs, e-mails, letters to the editor, telephone calls, face-to-face complaints and even Orting City Council deliberations about bicyclists running stop signs and speeding, individually and in groups, on the Foothills Trail have escalated beyond any degree of acceptability. This was the conclusion drawn by Courtesy Patrol members at their regular monthly meetings in September and October at High Cedars Golf Club. Jerry Broadus, attorney and Courtesy Patrol member, agrees. Jerry did extensive research on Washington State laws as they relate to bicycles, crosswalks and non-motorized trails. With trail usage increasing every year and especially during the summer season, it was decided that this matter had to be addressed through education before it gets totally out of hand. The Orting City Council has actually discussed (and rejected for now) restricting bicycles on the city’s section of the Foothills Trail.

Trailhead posters and handouts are being designed to educate trail users and bicyclists in particular concerning stop signs and trail speed restrictions and are scheduled to be completed and available before the start of the 2010 peak season. The Courtesy Patrol was founded to encourage trail courtesy and has no legal enforcement authority, but we and the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition support the Orting Police in their reported issuance of tickets to cyclists for violations.

Remember, for your own safety and for the safety of others, STOP means STOP!

BicycleRecycle Rolls On to Christmas 2010
by Jerry Larson, BicycleRecycle President and Founder

The second year of operation of BicycleRecycle is rapidly coming to a conclusion with over 150 bikes having been transferred to users and another 40 bikes being processed. Richard Harrelson handles the mechanical upgrades and Joanie Harrelson arranges delivery to the new owners. Another volunteer mechanic has been added to the staff, Ken Bryan of Enumclaw, who is getting his hands dirty on his first six bike rebuilds.

BicycleRecycle was begun within the Courtesy Patrol, then spun off as an independent organization. It refurbishes discarded bicycles and provides them at no charge to the less fortunate and to others who can afford it at approximately half their present day value. The sales of some bikes allows us to recover expenses: fuel, insurance, parts, and eventually facilities & utility expenses. BicycleRecycle is not a registered non-profit but operates as a break-even organization, getting decent bikes to the less fortunate while keeping them out of the crusher and the landfill.

In addition to the many individuals who have donated their bicycles to our cause, we profoundly thank the following people and organizations, without whom we could not have arrived at where we are today: Dr. Randy Lindblad (workshop facilities); Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition (financial grant); Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club (grant); LRI Landfill/Pierce County Recycling, Composting and Disposal, LLC (volume bike donations); and cycle shops Spoke & Sprocket in University Place, BikeTech on South Hill, and Bonney Lake Bike of Sumner (donations of bikes and parts).

Make some young person very happy this Christmas by donating a salvageable bike! Contact BicycleRecycle at Capt2wheeler@comcast.net or phone 253-845-7219.
Networking for Trails:
Milton Interurban Trail

By Milton Loflin, Coalition Member

At the Milton City Council meeting on September 21, Mr. Scott Fuchs, WSDOT project leader for the SR 167 extension, gave an update on the project. His presentation included a display of an aerial view of the area with superimposed drawings of highway lanes and interchanges. It also included views of the SR 509 extension, technically a different project.

On the 509 extension display there was a depiction of a bike path separated from the highway. When asked about the connections at each end of this bike path, Fuchs responded that the west end was to connect to the “bike path” already existing on SR 509 and currently ending at Taylor Way. There is indeed a wide shoulder on SR 509, but no designation as a bike lane and no separation from 60-mph traffic other than a painted fog line. The eastern end is to connect to a planned “bike lane” on an improved 70th Avenue where it will run south to a bike lane on an improved Valley Avenue. The Valley Avenue lane will be necessitated because bike traffic on the SR 167 extension will be required to exit at Valley Avenue. Apparently WSDOT is planning to allow bicycles on SR 167, again on a wide shoulder basis with no separation from 60-mph traffic. When asked about a connection to the Milton Interurban Trail, Fuchs replied that there is a planned connection off the proposed 70th Avenue bike lane.

These bike lanes alongside roads are better than nothing, but they are an order of magnitude different from a trail. Families taking their children out for a bike ride will never use road margins for riding and walking. If anyone doubts this, take a look at the families on the Foothills Trail versus the zero number of families that used the edge of SR 162 before the trail was built. I think WSDOT should go back to the drawing board.

The grant moneys received by the City back in 2006 are still available to pay for the construction of a short section of trail west of 114th Avenue E. and to complete a portion of the trailhead park at the junction just north of Jovita Blvd. Work is scheduled to be done in January. Edgewood’s new Public Works Director, Joe Seet, is changing the plan for the park. Much of it is in a class two wetland and, rather than create a mitigation area, he is looking at locating parking and restrooms across the road in the phase 2 portion of the trail. As to the many tires strewn along the trail, Director Seet is planning to include tire removal in the construction bid.

Edgewood residents are looking forward to adding even a small section of constructed trail. Grant applications will continue.

Edgewood Interurban Trail

By Diane Kerlin, Coalition Member

Planned SR 167 extension to I-5 looking northwest, showing the SR 509 extension beyond. The existing western terminus of the Milton Interurban Trail ends at 70th Ave. under this interchange. There are no signs of it in this plan. Graphic from the project website at http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR167/TacomaToEdgewood/.

Editor Seeks Replacement

The Trail Line News is seeking a new editor. If you are interested, please contact John Selby at 253-841-1767 or JohnandDottieSelby@att.
Networking for Trails: Continued...

Cushman Trail

by Marcus R. McGraw, Project Engineer

When completed, the 2.5-mile western extension of the Cushman Trail will be a 16-foot wide pervious asphalt trail with gravel shoulders on each side. A new trailhead with restrooms and parking will be located at the end of Grandview Street one block west of the Pioneer Way exit on the north side of SR 16.

Paving has been completed at the Grandview trailhead, the trail between Grandview Street and Foster Street and the pedestrian bridge between Foster Street and Wilkinson Farm Park. Placement of concrete for the lighted crosswalk on Rosedale Street is complete. Electrical work on the crosswalk lighting and paving of the trail adjacent to Wilkinson Farm Park are scheduled for completion in the next few weeks.

(Editor’s note: On November 1, runner Jim Reed of Gig Harbor tried out the new trail to check its progress and exclaimed, “It is 95 percent complete, and the new addition is beautiful - a great asset for the community.”)

New paving on the pin-pile pedestrian bridge.
Photo by John Selby

Backcountry Horsemen Receive Founder’s Award

by John S. Selby, R2R Founder

Every year, the Race Committee of the Rainier to Ruston Rail-Trail Relay and Ultra recognizes the individual or organization who made the most significant contribution to the event during the preceding year by awarding them the Founder’s Award. At the October board meeting I presented the Founder’s Award for the 2009 R2R to the Backcountry Horsemen.

Every year these volunteers have made significant contributions to the R2R. This year was extraordinary. Indeed, after the floods of last winter, without these dedicated volunteers, we probably would not have been able to run the four miles of trail between the start of the race at Fairfax and the High Bridge above Carbonado. They spent 531 hours on that trail and in Gale Canyon. More than 15 different Backcountry Horsemen participated in 12 work parties on the upper Carbon River trail and two in Gale Canyon. That’s not counting Speedy the mule or her girlfriend Big Jen, the four-legged crew members who packed in the tools for the final cleanup before the R2R.

The Foothills Trail Coalition is extraordinarily lucky to have the Backcountry Horsemen working with us, because they also volunteer for the U. S. Forest Service, Mt. Rainier National Park and the Dept. of Natural Resources, contributing over 5,000 volunteer hours to these combined land managers. In fact, the Backcountry Horsemen are working somewhere every single weekend from January through the end of December.

From all of us to all of you, THANK YOU, BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN!
Goodbye, Old Year 2009. Greetings, New Year 2010. Its catch-up time! What’s happening in the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) Campaign 2010 for Active Transportation (AT) at the grassroots level today? What’s happening nationally in Congress? What needs to happen to further our cause in the brand spanking New Year 2010? Locally, both legislatively and at the grassroots, progress is steady, satisfying and sure. Nationally, in Congress, progress is steady, but uncertain in outcome and difficult to pin down.

In Pierce County, we’re doing just great, thank you! The RTC mission is to create a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines and connecting corridors to build healthier places for healthier people. Networking with the Foothills Trail Coalition partners sharing this goal has kept me busy and is one of the most satisfying learning experiences of my 85 plus years. By uniting in common cause for a Pierce County Active Transportation Regional Network, we hone effectiveness in lobbying for a greater share of transportation funding for bikers, pedestrians and transit riders. Active Transportation is the wave of the future. The AT train, loaded with grassroots advocates, is departing the station. Our “movers and shakers” had better get on board or be stuck, sitting on a forsaken siding forevermore. A partial listing of recent accomplishments includes:

• The Pierce County Council unanimously approves Pierce County Parks & Recreation’s (PCP&R) addition of a new Chapter 7 Regional Trail Plan to the “Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan,” which mentions the Foothills Linear Park Trail. The Council also approved (7-0) a resolution establishing an open space task force to develop a strategy for expanding and funding open space resources in the county. We anticipate that some members of the Foothills Trail Coalition Active Transportation Dream Team will be asked to serve on the task force. The passage of both measures enhances the PCP&R vision for promoting recreation, health and environmental conservation as integral to a livable community. The sponsor for both measures was Councilmember Terry Lee.

• ForeverGreen Council fuels the flame for regional trail connectivity and non-motorized transportation at November’s Pierce County Trail Conference held in Puyallup. They will continue steps with the State of Washington to enact a sales tax dedicated to parks and trails in 2010.

• Mayor Don Malloy, on behalf of the Puyallup City Council, presents Dr. Jane Moore, Executive Director, Healthy Communities of Pierce County, with a proclamation in support of increased physical activity and wise nutritional choices to combat chronic, debilitating diseases and adverse lifestyles.

• The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department has been on fire fulfilling the goals of the 2009 P. C. Community Action Plan for Active Living and Healthy Eating. Accomplishments are too numerous to mention. I especially benefited from a series of advocacy workshops, organized by Leslie Carroll, Prevention Specialist-Built Environment. Part of the message I came away with: “Be Visible! Be Vocal! Be Valued!” They also were successful in passing the Complete Streets Proposal for Pierce County which Foothills Trail Coalition supported.

So what is happening back in the Other Washington in Congress? I’ve given up trying to figure who is running the show back there. My sources for AT action alerts include, but are not limited to: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (http://www.railtrails.org) and Transportation for America (http://t4america.org). Bob Myrick, Legislative Director for the Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club (www.twbc.org), is also a great source for what’s going on in national, state and local non-motorized legislation.

What needs to happen at the grassroots level now to keep us on track for success in establishing a Pierce County Active Transportation Regional Network to connect our communities safely and seamlessly with transit and other important facilities? Here’s my list for 2010:

• Work with partners to connect the Foothills Trail to other Pierce County rail-trail towns.

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Calendar of Events

Meetings:

Annual Meeting, January 28, 2010
6 PM no host dinner; 7-9 PM board meeting at high Cedars Golf Club, 14604 - 149th Street Ct. East, Orting.

Monthly Board Meetings:
Open to all members and are generally held on the 4th Thursday from 7-9 PM at the Puyallup Public Library, south entrance. Monthly meetings may be rescheduled, so check our website at www.piercecountytrails.org for changes.

Weekly Meetings:
Informal luncheons from 12-1 PM at Charlie’s Restaurant, 113 East Main, Puyallup. All are welcome to come and share what they have been doing to promote the mission of the Coalition. No business is conducted even if a quorum of members is present.

Courteous Patrol Meetings:
Scheduled on 2nd Saturdays of each month at High Cedars Golf Course, 149th St. Ct. E., Orting. No-host breakfast starts at 8 AM and the casual meeting at 9 AM with a free-for-all discussion about the past, present and future of the Courtesy Patrol. Guest speakers and training sessions are often included. Contact Jerry Larson at 253-845-7219 or Capt2Wheeler@comcast.net.

Washington State Trails Coalition Biennial Meeting: October 22-24, 2010
Details at http://www.washingtonstatetrailcoalition.org/index.html Hosted by the Foothills Trail Coalition. If you would like to help in planning, contact Ernie Bay at 253-273-5449.

Events:

Work Parties:
Generally held on Saturdays as announced by email. Call Don Partington at 253-863-5307 to get on his distribution list or email him at cedarfamily@comcast.net. For work party details please visit our website at http://www.piercecountytrails.org/events.php.

Backcountry Horsemen Annual Potluck Party, Jan. 30
This event is an opportunity to get together, eat great food and talk with other people who value trails as do you. Time: 2:00 PM. Location: 30704 Orville Rd E., Graham. RSVP for directions to Tom Faubion at 360-879-5633 or TKFaubion@fjr-law.com.
Letters to the Editor

Cheryl Temple, Mayor
City of Orting

Dear Mayor Temple:

On a recent visit to Orting I was disturbed to note that several of the flowering plum trees that were purchased by trail supporters in recognition of friends and loved ones, including incidentally my own granddaughter, had been removed. More disturbing however, although the trees were planted as gifts to the city, was the fact that the action had been taken without the Foothills Trail Coalition’s prior awareness or notification.

While we understand the city’s desire to accommodate increased traffic, much of which has been generated by the trail’s presence, we are understandably very sensitive to any development or activity that detracts from the trail experience. The trees in question were initially suggested by former Mayor Sam Colorossi, who, by the way, participated in their planting. I am sure that you will agree that Orting is a more beautiful city, especially in the springtime, as a result of this project.

I would like to request that if these trees are replaced, trees of the original six-foot height should be used. When a similar incident occurred along SR 162 during construction of Village Green, the developer obliged us by replacing the original trees, but made the well-meaning mistake of doing so with older specimens. These never really thrived, as can now be seen by comparing them with the neighboring original trees.

As a matter of history, the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition is proud to have provided not only the heritage trees that now grace the trail, but also the first “model” mile of trail itself that passes through and enhances the heart of the city.

We wish the City of Orting well in its future growth and development and would very much appreciate the courtesy of notification regarding any future actions pertinent to the Foothills Trail.

Sincerely,

Ernest C. Bay
President Emeritus, Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition

Orting Brick Engraving

by Ernie Bay, President Emeritus

The following names were added to the brick bench within the Mountaineer’s Foothills Trail Kiosk on September 14. As we alerted our membership in the June Trail Line News, we are discontinuing our brick program for now due to a reduction in subscribers.

MICHAEL BERG
LUCRETIA BERG
WONGBERG
BUBBA VOGEL
BUG VOGEL
IN LOVING MEMORY OF LARRY LASSEN
KEITH & BOBBIE LASSEN
STAN ENGLE
JOYCE & DAVID
ANDY, MICHAEL AND JAMES LO
ISABELLA LUCAS
BOB AND EARLENE LUCAS
JACK AND ANGELA CONNELLY FAMILY
FRANK AND SANDRA OLSEN FAMILY
BROOKE DERUWE
NATHAN DERUWE
JOEL D.S. BEATTIE
MELANIE D. BEATTIE

Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.
- Henry Ford
TWBC Government Affairs Report

by Bob Myrick, Coalition Member & TWBC Member

Our committee didn’t meet in October because I was riding down the California coast from San Francisco to San Diego. We plan to continue meeting on first Tuesdays at about 6 PM at the Taqueria Guadalajara in Tacoma’s Stadium district at First and Tacoma Avenue. If you have a strong interest in improving conditions for non-motorized transportation, we welcome your attendance and participation.

Carla Gramlich was the force behind a Tacoma conference to discuss biking conditions here and how to work with the government to make things better for our recreation, health and transportation needs. Cascade Bicycle Club came down to help us with their considerable expertise. Cascade is now working statewide on bicycle advocacy since they have plenty of money, members and a strong interest in making the whole state more bike-friendly.

I attended a Puget Sound Regional Council meeting of the BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee). We received an update on the Transportation 2040 Draft Plan and the important role non-motorized transportation is expected to play in future years. I also attended the planning meeting with the WSTC (Washington State Trails Coalition) to begin planning next year’s statewide conference to be held in Tacoma. The Tacoma Wheelmen will help by providing an outdoor program so that people from across the state can sample both our urban trails and the outback. I think the theme will be Trails, City to Backcountry.

The Tacoma City Council is set to approve a Complete Streets Resolution that is part of their planning for rebuilding Tacoma’s traditional mixed use centers. This action will be great news as Complete Streets and the new Mobility Plan should provide the base plan for moving forward with a truly connected network of bike facilities and arterial sidewalks.

Please sign up for our annual banquet coming to town on January 30, and remember to cycle more and worry less!

• Collaborate with rail-trail town leaders and planners to implement Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School.

• Work with the Friends of the Puyallup Riverwalk to complete missing connections to Foothills Meeker (East Puyallup) Trailhead, Tacoma, Sumner and Pacific.

• Propose a work study group for the AT Dream Team to research grant opportunities and visualize new and dynamic ways of raising money for trails.

• Work with other partners on surveys to document benefits of active transportation such as Health Impact Assessments.

• Work with the Foothills host committee and statewide trail advocates to put on the best ever Washington State Trails Coalition conference in Tacoma in October, 2010.

And lots more! Funding is sparse and/or non-existent so the job ahead is not easy. We have a great grassroots support group in Pierce County. What if each of us bought an inch of trail for $10? We shall overcome - somehow! Get on board! What say you?
Membership makes a difference!
The work we are doing is made possible because of your
membership and generous support. Credit cards accepted.

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