



Cabin Tracks – May 2018

President's Letter – Ralph Berthon

Welcome to all cabin owners. It seems like we have had a long winter but spring is here and summer is only a few weeks away. I am sure we all are anxious to get to our cabins!



For 2018, the association's board has decided to build upon the goals set in 2017. Those goals are to increase our membership, to sponsor Forest Service Community Service projects, to schedule field trips, to have all cabin tracts become fire wise communities, and to build the Forest Watch program.

The board has been working on converting our Association into a nonprofit, 501(C)(7). The Articles of Incorporation and By Laws have been reviewed by a law firm and have been finalized. We will be filing them with the State in the next few weeks.



There are several new cabin owners on Chinook Pass this year. I encourage you all to meet with your new and old neighbors. Building a relationship with your fellow cabin owners in your tract is a great way to increase the awareness of potential burglars, provide each other valuable information on cabin status year-round. So, reach out to the owners in your tract and invite them this year's summer/potluck meeting scheduled for

Saturday, June 23rd at the Nile Valley Community Church at 11:30 p.m.

Share with your neighbors the many reasons for joining our cabin association like; receiving current information on the Forest Watch and the Fire Wise program or alerts from the Forest Service. The association is a way to get to know and build a relationship with your neighbors and become a member of a national and state-wide cabin owners' association. They will have access to our website, receive the yearly "Cabin Tracks" newsletter, attend potlucks, field trips, and have collective representation to the forest service on important cabin issues.

As we move forward with our CPCOA website I would urge you to let us know of ways that we can improve the site and provide information that is informative and useful in regard to your cabin and issues that you encounter.

Please have a great summer at your cabins and pay close attention to your tracts safety. Keeping a watchful eye for people who are exhibiting suspicious behavior is always a good idea. I would caution you to never confront such persons but do what you can to safely identify things that a Law enforcement agent could use, such as date and time of behavior, physical description of the people, clothing, vehicle description, and license plates if possible.



Notice of Spring / Summer Meeting

June 23rd 2018

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Nile Community Church

Full Agenda: TBA

Speakers that have been invited:

NFH President: Doug Gann, (NFH updates—cabin insurance, E-11)

Dept. of Ecology: Kelsey Collins/Tyson Carlson (water rights for recreational cabins)

Ranger Kelly Lawrence, and New Permit Administrator, if appointed by then.

There will be additional cabin related materials! Stay tuned!

Lunch at 11:45am

Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share
(Beverages, flatware, serving utensils provided)

Invite your cabin friends to join you, member or not.

The board has nearly finished its work on the Associations Articles of Incorporation and By Laws. In the near future copies will be posted on our website for you to read.

Ralph Berthon, President



Treasurer's Report - Jim Lundeen, Treasurer



Here's a rundown on the latest financial status of the association. We have collected 2018 dues for 78 full and 19 associate memberships. In comparison, last year-end numbers were 102 full and 21 associate memberships. So, if you haven't sent in your dues, please do so.

Our current bank balance is \$7,526 in the general fund and \$7,470 in the Cabin Defense Fund. We still have expenses yet to be paid (updated directory, potluck dinner supplies and prizes, etc.) which will affect our bottom line. I will have an update at the June potluck and general meeting.



North Yakima Conservation District

Based on funds available the North Yakima Conservation district does some cleaning of brush etc. around cabins. They do it based on funds allocated for that type of work. They don't always get funded to the level that it takes to do work around our cabins. And the time frame for this work is often a small window. They do the work as time permits.

Contact information for the North Yakima Conservation District is on our website under [LINKS](#) "Community Wildfire Protection Plan".

Mike Tobin, the District Manager, is a good guy and will give you the best and most current information.



USFS TWIG Program - Lonnie Joslin



The last TWIG meeting for Spring 2018 was 4/3/2018. I will highlight some of the topics and if you have questions you may call the Naches Ranger Station at (509) 653-1401.

First off, they talked about timber sales on the 1902 road. The wood goes to Elgin WA. There will be no logging on the weekends.

Second a fellow talked about fish habitat and the placement of logs in the rivers to improve the steelhead, rainbow, bull trout and coho (trying) to reintroduce.

A lady spoke about Boulder Cave and the White Nose disease in the bat population. Most cases are on the East Coast but only WA state on the West coast. The FS is planning to build a fence to keep people on the trails, also a boot cleaning station.

Finally, there was some talk on bridges and road work on roads 1701, 1901, 1012 that were damaged. Road 1000 will be worked on this summer.

There was a flyer handed out about the Little Crow timber harvest activities. If anyone wishes more information on this topic, the Naches Ranger Station has flyers (fliers??)

Lonnie Joslin, Timber Creek #12

Chinook Pass Snow Removal

As of May 3rd 2018: Chinook Pass is closed between Crystal Mountain Boulevard, about 12 miles northwest of the summit, and Morse Creek, five miles east of the summit. Cayuse Pass is closed between Crystal Mountain Boulevard and the Stevens Canyon Road entrance. Estimated date of opening per DOT is June 11th due to road repair and avalanche issues.



How is the clearing effort going and when will the passes reopen?

Crews started clearing Cayuse Pass at the beginning of March, and Chinook Pass at the beginning of April. However, they were not able to work on the Chinook Pass side this week due to avalanche hazard. It's been snowing hard, and Chinook Pass has received 100 inches of snow this month! Check out the breathtaking photos in our [Flickr photo gallery](#).

Tools to keep travelers connected

Drivers can now sign up for email alerts for US 12/White Pass, SR 410/Chinook Pass and SR 123/Cayuse Pass. After entering their email address, subscribers should check the box for "[Mount Rainier Area State Highway News](#)" under the "News and Information" section of the page.

2018 Field Trips - Carl Buchholz



This year's field trips are still in the planning stage. There will be an old growth forest field trip in the Bumping Lake area lead by a Forest Service botanist. We will let you know by email and a posting under **FIELD TRIPS** in our website (cpcoa.com) when the details are finalized.

We are going to have a cabin tract and cabin tour this summer that will be organized by three of our cabin owners, Karen Jackson, Vicki Wenham, and Winona Rombough. This will give participants a chance to visit other tracts and some of the cabins in these tracts in detail with their owners as hosts. Usually we just go to our own cabin and tract and know very little about other tracts or cabins. This will give us a chance to see how other tracts and cabin owners handle some of the issues we have. Two tracts can share what they do to be part of the Firewise Community, what we do to reduce the fuel load around our cabins, how do cabin owners light their cabins when they have no electricity, how people enhance their cabin décor inside their cabins, maybe have time to visit local attractions (waterfalls, etc.) around their cabin tracts, see how close last year's fire got to some cabins, etc. This should be a fun field trip. Again, when the details are worked out, we will let you know by email and posting on the website.

The gold prospecting field trip had to be postponed, because the leader will be recovering from heart surgery. I have not been able to replace this prospecting one with another one yet.

If you have a suggestion, please contact Carl Buchholz - buchcs@aol.com



FOREST WATCH

BY GARY JACKSON

Break-ins and vandalism have always been a problem in our Summer Home tracts and this past year has been no exception. While we all know there is no one solution to this problem, CPCOA has developed the "Forest Watch" program to reduce the number and magnitude of break-ins.

The Forest Watch program is modeled after the very successful Neighborhood Watch program which has been implemented nation wide. The basic premise is that WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

Our role is **ONLY** to Observe and report **not to intervene**. If we all are looking out for each other and we recognize who should and shouldn't be in and around our cabins, we should be able to reduce the amount and severity of crime that occurs. To get started with the program in your cabin tract, you will need someone to be the sponsor for your cabin tract. The sponsor can find all of the information on the Forest Watch link of the CPCOA web site.

Together we can make a difference

Please contact me with any questions.

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