

# twbc newsletter

tacoma wheelmen's bicycle club

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## welcome to our bicycle club



**TWBC is on the internet-**  
[www.twbc.org](http://www.twbc.org).

**Call the Ride Line, 253-759-2800**, for a recorded message of upcoming club sponsored organized rides. Riders do not have to be members to attend. Helmets *are* required.

**Come to the meetings** at 7 p.m. on third Tuesdays of the month (except January, July, August, December) at the South Park Community Center, 4851 S. Tacoma Way, in Tacoma. All interested people are invited to our meetings. You don't have to be a member to attend.

**Next Meeting is October 16.** Dorothy Lewis will present a 30 minute view of Odyssey 2000, a year long around the world ride.

## 2001 Headwaters Century Was Awesome.

**By Ralph Wessels**

What a difference a year makes! Does anyone remember the constant rain that baptized the inaugural Headwaters Century? Well the blue skies, warm weather, and beautiful view of Mt. Rainier that greeted this year's ride made that a distant memory.

Just over 400 bicyclists participated this year with over 150 riding the 100-mile course. With the uncertainty that goes with a new ride, we

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## ride your bike in october

### **Oct 6, Sat. Manastash Ellensburg Metric Century.**

Second and Pearl St. at the Public Safety Bldg in Ellensburg. Register for the ride 7:30-9:00 AM. Guaranteed sunny weather. See web site for details: [www.elltel.net/XCski/](http://www.elltel.net/XCski/)

### **Oct 7, Sun. Kitsap Color Classic.**

Cascade Bike Club. 14, 25, 36, 64 mile loops. Begin ride at Edmonds Ferry Terminal. Register 9 AM to Noon. Call 206-522-BIKE for info. [www.cascade.org/kcc/](http://www.cascade.org/kcc/)

### **Oct 20, Sat. Steve Brown BD Ride Classic.**

Come on out to the UPS Field House at 8:30 AM and ride 82 miles [round trip] with the "old guy" Steve to have lunch in Renton. See ride schedule for more details.

### **Oct 28, Sun. Halloween Costume Ride and Potluck dinner.**

It's that time again...Time for TWBC riders to haunt 1320 N Cedar in Tacoma. Wear your best costume [be sure that you can wear your helmet and ride safely with your costume] and join Steve and Phyllis Lay for a ride around Tacoma's North End. Length of ride determined by Riders and how hungry we are. Ride starts at Noon...Potluck meal at 3:00 PM. See Ride Schedule for additional details.



## bike tech by Eddy Johnson

There is one very popular question that is asked over and over in cycling periodicals. The most popular answer to that question, in my opinion, does not fully address the issue. Can you guess what that question might be? It has to do with lack of circulation, tingling digits and numbness. "How can I keep my fingers from going numb while I ride?"



The usual responses are as follows: Wear padded gloves. Use cushy bar tape. Change hand positions on the handlebar frequently. Those are definitely things you can try when your hands are feeling the rigors of a long ride.

I think there's a more effective, long-term solution. How high are your handlebars in relation to your seat? It is probably too low. These days thread-less headsets and forks are the norm on road bikes, in order to save a few grams of weight. Unfortunately, upward adjustment of your handlebars with this type of set up is limited. It may be fine for racers but not so good for you and I. For the sake of your back, shoulders, arms and hands, your bars should be the same height as your saddle. Maybe even a little higher. Your butt should be carrying your weight and with your bars too low that load is transferred to your hands. If you have a threaded fork and headset, Nitto makes a stem with an extra long quill (that's the part that sticks out of your headset). It costs about

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## from the president's closet by: TWBC President, Anne Heller



During the past few weeks members of the Wheelmen have shown their willingness to share their time and energy, the most valuable resources we have, to make our communities better places. On September 9 and in the days, weeks and months preceding September 9, club members planned and organized a wonderful ride for the cycling community of western Washington. Thanks



to their efforts, the Headwaters Century was a resounding success. The beautiful weather we were blessed with didn't hurt either.

As a result of the work of Ralph Wessels and all of the volunteers, over 400 riders enjoyed a terrific ride over a terrific route on a terrific day. Besides the riders, there will be other beneficiaries of the efforts of the volunteers. The income and expenses for the ride are still being calculated, but it looks as though there will be about \$4,000 profit realized. This money, along with the money raised at the Daffodil Classic and the PMC, will go to further biking interests in Washington State. The club makes annual donations to such causes as Helmets on Wheels, Bicycles from Heaven, Foothills Rails to Trails and Bicycle Alliance of Washington. Thanks to all of the volunteers and riders who continue to make this possible.

A different kind of volunteer effort took place on Saturday, September 15 at Center and Tyler Streets in Tacoma. One of our past members, Scott Pierson, planned and designed a park for this busy intersection. Sadly, Scott passed away suddenly several months ago. Through the continuing efforts of staff at the Department of Transportation, the city of Tacoma and other agencies, the park has moved forward. When the call went out recently for volunteers to help with the landscaping of the park, over 40 people, including a number of Wheelmen responded. In just two hours, over 2000 plants were planted. Next time you are driving to Home Depot or Lowe's, take a glance at the handiwork of all of those volunteers. The park is a tribute to both Scott and to people willing to make a contribution to giving all of us a better place to live.

## RIDE CODE CHART

### **Pace:**

- 1 - Easy pace, frequent stops to catch up and regroup, 9-12 m.p.h.
- 2 - Moderate pace, occasional stops to catch up and regroup, 12-15 m.p.h.
- 3 - Steady pace, limited stops, cue sheets or maps provided, 13-16 m.p.h.
- 4 - Fast pace, very limited stops, cue sheets or maps provided, 16+ m.p.h.

### **Terrain:**

- A - Mostly flat (Interurban Trail)
- B - Gently Rolling, one or two steep hills
- C - Rolling, steeper hills (Kitsap Peninsula)
- D - Difficult terrain with longer, steeper hills (Vashon Island)



Maps are provided for rides over 35 miles.

**Ya gotta wear a helmet !!!**



# twbc ride calendar



call the ride line for updates 253-759-2800

Day	Date	Time	Distance	Ride Code	Leader	Call me at	Ride or Activity
Tues	10/2	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details.
Sat	10/6	9:30 AM	50	2	Louie Boitano	253-922-1168	Start at Gasworks Park in Seattle. Ride to Marymore Park. Lunch at Redhook Brewery in Woodinville.
Sat	10/6	7:30-9:00	100 KM	you decide	Manastassh Metric Century	www.elltel.net/X-Cski/	Register at Public Safety Bldg in Ellensburg @ 2nd & Pearl St. Gauranteed Sunny weather.
Sun	10/7	9AM-Noon	14-25-36--64 miles	__-B __-C	Cascade Sponsered Ride	206-522--BIKE	Kitsap Color Classic. Meet at Edmonds Ferry Terminal. www.cascade.org/kcc/
Tues	10/9	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details.
Sat	10/13	9:30 AM	53	2B	Linda Walters	253-840-9450	Linda's Birthday Ride. Ride "Over the Hill" via the Kapowsin Loop. Lunch in Eatonville. Steady rain will cancel.
Sun	10/14	10:00 AM	30 +	2B	Steve and Phyllis Lay	253-759-1816	Steilacoom Apple Squeeze Ride Meet at Wesgate McDonalds...N 21st and Pearl St.
Tues	10/16	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details.
Thur	10/18	10:00 AM	25+	1B	Bob Myrick	253-473-7455	Tour de Pipeline Trail Mountain Bike Ride Meet at Freighthouse Square. Rain will Cancel.
Sat	10/20	8:30 AM	82	2B	Steve Brown Productions	253 752-4038	Tour de Birthday Lunch Ride. Meet at UPS Fieldhouse- N 11th & Union. Ride to Renton for lunch with Steve.
Sun	10/21	10:01 AM	15	1B	Bob Myrick	253-473-7455	Tour of Uni Place and Steilacoom. Meet at Spoke and Sprocket Bike Shop. This might be a mountain bike ride. Call Bob for details. Rain will cancel this ride.
Tues	10/23	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details.
Sat	10/27	10:00 AM	35	2B	Carla Gramlich	253 752-4038	Tour de Foot Hills Trail. Meet at Puyallup Library to start ride. See article.
Sun	10/28	12 Noon	??	All	Steve and Phyllis Lay	253-759-1816	Halloween Costume Ride and Potluck Feast 1320 N. Cedar. Ride around N. Tacoma. See Page 1 of Newsletter for more detail.



## the gov't report by Bob Myrick



Our committee last met at Carlito's Burritos on Sixth Avenue on Tuesday, September 4. The food is just as good as when the place operated as Planet Burrito.

Carla Gramlich reported that she is working on getting the two Bike Lids installed at the Tacoma Dome. I saw the Lids in storage at the City's sign shop yard. They look great and I look forward to using one at a Dome event in the future.

Please remember the Footprints and Biketracks Conference will be held from October 10 to 12 in Olympia. We will be sponsoring at least two members. T. J. Nedrow from the State Department of Transportation called to let us know that he was very grateful to be getting our newsletter again and he said it was very useful to keep up with our thoughts regarding nonmotorized transportation. His thoughts reminded me that we should review our list of complimentary recipients after the fall elections.

T. J. brought me up to date on several other matters of interest to us. The SR 16 trail is being designed by two State offices. I have spoken with a City engineer about the trail alignment in the Skyline Drive area. The trail will most likely use the street on Skyline Drive, enter a new trail north of the Park and Ride lot on Sixth Avenue, and then go west on a rebuilt widened sidewalk down thru an existing park to Jackson Avenue. This route follows the alignment we often use when cycling up from the Narrow's Bridge. The alternative of using a complete new trail looks like it would be very steep and require an unacceptable switchback at great cost. T. J. indicated the State engineers are looking at the Cheney Stadium area as well. The Tyler Street off ramp may change and give us

some opportunities for safer cycling along Tyler. A bridge was envisioned across Center Street near the Park and Ride lot, but it too, looks to be very expensive.

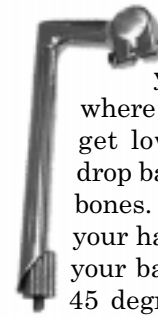
The rebuilt 38th Street Interchange at the Tacoma Mall is scheduled to be dedicated on October 18. T. J. said the new pedestrian overpass may not be finished by then and it may not be dedicated. Scott Pierson fought really hard for us to retain an overpass over Interstate 5. It's too bad the City gave away the trail alignment thru Titus Will Ford some years ago and more recently ignored their own nonmotorized plan when the new COSTCO store was built. A trail was scheduled to go right through the store and across Pine Street. The existing pedestrian overpass will remain in place until the State finds monies to build the new car pool lanes on the freeway.

The Environmental Impact Statement for the SR 167 extension from Tacoma to Puyallup is soon to be published. T. J. indicated the State would propose that bikes be banned from the freeway when it rises up into the air. I guess they think we might fall off, but T. J. indicated there would be some very dangerous lane changes from cars entering and leaving the freeway and it didn't look too safe. A good route for bicyclists will have to be identified on the surface street system. The State doesn't seem too interested in building or committing to a trail thru this area although we think one is needed to connect with Tacoma's Puyallup River trail, Puyallup's River trail and the Interurban trail proposed thru Milton. T.J. indicated there may be some opportunities for trail construction near the wetland's mitigation projects.

I was asked to speak with Bob Vogel regarding the new bike map for Tacoma and Pierce County. He indicated progress was being made and they had received our donation. I am supposed to review our past year's

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## bike tech continued



\$38 and has a nice finish. With that stem you can get your bars up where they belong. You can still get low in a head wind with drop bars and it will on your sit bones. When you're riding with your hands on the brake hoods, your back should be at about a 45 degree angle. Look at your shadow next time you can see it. That's a pretty good way of telling what your body is doing on your bike. Here's one little cosmetic tip for those of us with the "old" style stems. Once you get it set where you want it and you've tightened the stem bolt, put a drop of oil in the head of the bolt. That will keep it from rusting. Remember, liberally grease the quill, the bolt threads and the jam nut before installing it.

If you have a thread-less headset you can buy extensions for it. However, if your fork was cut close to the top of your steerer tube, that will make it more difficult to get enough room on your fork tube to add an extension or spacer. Write me if you need some help, and practice your "no-hands" riding. That can bring temporary relief to tingling digits.

Eddy (eddyj@galaxy-7.net)

## membership report by Phyllis Lay

### New Members:

Noel K Stadlman, Ledjie & Phil A Ballard Jr, Jim Hurlbut, Daniel Newlander, Robert Amburgey.

### Renewed Members:

Noreen Light, Al Hampton, Mark, Debbie, Jila, and Pete Bozanich, Philip Johnson, Barbara Lee, John Davis and Family; Hank and Hazel Giddings, Steve Brown, Carla Gramlich, Deborah Ottow, Helen & Stan Engle, Chris Miller, Dorothy Schedvin, Paul & Judy Rice, Georgene Kinz, Gary E Moore, Barb Root, Ann Marie Dahl, and Tom Barocan.



**Canadian Rockies Tour  
Submitted by Stan Sanders**

I got home from the bike tour in great shape. It was really a memorable experience and almost everyone had a great time. One person left the ride early but the rest of us made it just fine.



Photos by Stan Sanders

The bike performed superbly. I didn't ride loaded so I am unable to comment on that. The only thing I carried was water, pump, and a bike trunk on the back rack, with tools, clothes, a little food, first aid kit, etc. No flats! No broken spokes! The only thing I had to do was to adjust for cable stretch and tighten the headset.

We traveled over 600 miles, crossed the continental divide three times on the bike and had over 27,000 feet of elevation gain in 2 weeks of riding.

The gearing was great and I went through most of the gears while riding up and down the grades. The "H" bars helped me to stay upright and the Shimano Acera shifters worked like a dream. I could shift both up and down without breaking my cadence as the shifting was so smooth.

The scenery and wildlife was out of this world. The mountains of the Canadian Rockies are really breathtaking and to enjoy them riding 12 to 15 mph has a real advantage over driving in a car or riding on a bus going much faster. We saw deer, elk, bears, big horn sheep, mountain goats, and a multitude of small creatures such as squirrels, chipmunks,

marmots, field mice, picas, as well as birds from sparrows to eagles to ospreys, to Clark nutcrackers, robins and a multitude of others.

The weather was very favorable. It was raining when the group reached Jasper by train, but it cleared the next day and we had sun for the next two weeks. At times it was hot and we were thankful for early starts and short daily riding distances. The longest day was 87 miles and the shortest was 35 miles. This gave everyone an opportunity to stop along the way and visit roadside information sites and really enjoy what the area has to offer.

Our route took us from Jasper, AB to Whitefish, MT. via Columbia Ice fields, Lake Louise, Golden, BC, Radium Hot Springs, Fort Steel, BC, Fernie, BC, Pincher Creek, AB, Waterton NP, Glacier NP, MT, Lake McDonald, and West Glacier, MT.

I hope that this brief description gives you a picture of my experience on the new Bike Friday Pocket Llama and a great riding experience not to be missed by those who love the out of doors.

This tour was led by Carol and Roz Davis and took place August 3 through Aug. 18. 21 people participated in this outing.

John & Sandy Campbell (Sandy was the sag driver.), Steve & Cynthia Hammer (Steve only was with us for 1 week.), Steve & Phyllis Lay, Matt & Connie Reitzig, Rich & Linda Walters, Vern Matson, Toni Matson, Greg Torfin, Dorian Smith, Jan Brame, Bob Myrick, Joyce Clifford, Sue Mathews, and the author-Stan Sanders.



donations with Joy to make sure we are up to date. It was also suggested that I should speak with T. J. or Mike Dornfeld of DOT to find out if they are coming up with a State bicycle map.

We briefly discussed the new planning efforts in the Alderton-McMillin area. The locals have come up with two new County Council appointed groups. One group is to be an Advisory committee to the Council on matters of interest. The other group is to work on a new community plan for the area. This effort really got going when the County Parks Department bought the railroad alignment in order to build a trail from McMillin to Puyallup. The locals were against the trail, but now we think they know it is inevitable. They want to preserve their small farm lifestyle and have the ability to serve the trail users with food and produce. They probably also want to develop subdivisions when they retire. It was suggested that we or the Foothills' Trail Coalition should consider placing a member on these groups.

Also, I wanted to mention that I attended a City of Tacoma Community Workshop, "Your City, Your Future" on September 13. There have been nine workshops reviewing the City's failed bond issue last year. Quite a few comments were made regarding the need for more bike lanes at these meetings.



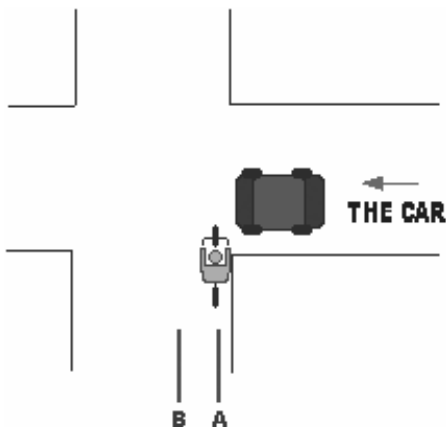
Photo above: Cyclists at Great Divide in Alberta.

Photo left: Group pose.

## being safe on your bike

### This month... "The Right Cross"

This is one of the most common types of collision or potential collisions. A car is pulling out of a side street, parking lot, or driveway on the right. Notice that this are actually two different kinds of possible collisions here: Either you're in front of the car and the car hits you, or the car pulls out in front of you and you slam into it.



### How to avoid this collision:

- 1. Get a headlight.** If you're riding at night, you should absolutely use a front headlight. It's required by law, anyway.
- 2. Honk.** Get a bell or a horn and USE IT whenever you see a car approaching (or waiting) ahead of you and to the right. If you don't have a horn, then yell "Hey!" You may feel awkward honking or yelling, but it's better to be embarrassed than to get hit. Do it.
- 3. Slow down.** If you can't make eye contact with the driver (especially at night), slow down so much that you're able to completely stop if you have to. Sure, it's inconvenient, but it beats getting hit. *Doing this has saved my life on too many occasions to count.*
- 4. Move left.** Notice lines "A" and "B" in the diagram. You're probably used to riding in "A", very close to the curb, because you're worried

about being hit from behind. But take a look at the car. When that motorist is looking down the road for traffic, he's not looking in the bike lane or the area closest to the curb; he's looking in the MIDDLE of the lane, for other cars. The farther left you are (such as in "B"), the more likely the driver will see you. There's an added bonus here: if the motorist doesn't see you and starts pulling out, you may be able to go even FARTHER left, or may be able to speed up and get out of the way before impact, or roll onto their hood as they slam on their brakes. In short, it gives you some options. Because if you stay all the way to the right and they pull out, your only "option" may be to run right into the driver's side door. *Using this method has saved me on three occasions in which a motorist ran into me and I wasn't hurt, and in which I definitely would have slammed into their driver's side door had I not moved left.*

**There's a tradeoff.** Riding to the far right makes you invisible to the motorists ahead of you at intersections, but riding to the left makes you vulnerable to the cars behind you. Your actual lane position may vary depending on how wide the street is, how many cars there are, how fast & how close they pass you, and how far you are from the next intersection. On fast roadways with few cross streets, you'll ride farther to the right, and on slow roads with many cross streets, you'll ride farther left.

**Editor's note:** This is the first of a series of the "Ten Ways to Not Get Hit" while riding your bike. This info is intended to be informative for the new bicyclist as well as old timers like me. This material is copyrighted by Michael Bluejay and is reprinted with permission from [www.bicyclesafe.com](http://www.bicyclesafe.com).

**Parents:** Please take a few moments to share this info with your children.

**Next month: "The Door Prize".** Ever fear that a automobile driver is going to open their car door as you ride by? Stay tuned for next month's Being Safe On Your Bike.

## important news of interest

### Foothills Trail News by Carla Gramlich

#### Foothills Trail Annual Auction Friday, Oct 19 - 5 PM

The Foothills Trail Annual Auction Fundraiser trail will be held on Friday, Oct. 19, at the Liberty Theater. Doors open at 5 PM. The silent auction runs until 6 PM. Dinner is at 7 PM and the oral auction starts at 8 PM. There will be two tables- which includes free desert- for TWBC members. Tickets are \$25.00. All proceeds go toward supporting the construction of more trail..

Call Carla Gramlich at 253 752 4038 for more information or to purchase tickets.

#### Foothills Trails Bicycle Tour Saturday, Oct 27 - 10 AM

A bike tour of the Foothills Trail current projects will be held on Saturday, Oct 27 at 10 AM, beginning at the Puyallup Library. The library is at 324 S Meridian. Cyclists will ride from Puyallup to Orting to see this corridor that was just purchased. The ride's next leg will take bicyclists to South Prairie and up the hill to the FEMA Bridge. From this high point we will descend down Lower Burnett road to see the new Cascade Junction Bridge, on to Buckley...then back to Puyallup. A lunch stop is planned along the route. This will be a great tour to help interested bicyclists understand the current status of the trail and the projects.

Call Carla Gramlich at 253- 752-4038 for more information.

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**Use your head...  
Wear your helmet!**

## member declarations

**PLEASE NOTE** that member advertisements will be published in the TWBC Newsletter for three issues. Send your ad to [newsletter@twbc.org](mailto:newsletter@twbc.org).

**FOR SALE:** Davidson Double-Century Tandem. Custom built March 1991. Well loved and still in good condition. Color: Candy Blue. Front/Captain is 51cm, Rear/Stoker is 48 cm, measured center to center; 18 speed downtube shifters. Includes: new tires, 48 spoke wheels, rear rack, shock-absorbing stoker seatpost and SPD pedals. \$1000 OBO. Call (253) 582-2911 ask for Walt, or email: [WaltRichardson@rctm.com](mailto:WaltRichardson@rctm.com).

**WANTED:** Tandem bicycle for adult/kid that is adjustable. My boys are now 6 and 9 years old. Call Patty at (360) 866-4661.

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### Headwaters Century cont'd

had anticipated 300 riders as the day of the ride approached. That number was surpassed by 9:00. Dena put the pedal to the metal and made a quick bread run for the Flaming Geyser rest stop, as the hungry cyclists were consuming the last bagels there. Other than the bagels, we had fortunately ordered enough food and were able to donate the extra amount to the Enumclaw Food Bank.



Tandem family enjoying the sunny weather at The Headwaters Century.

Photo by Richard Walters.

Here are a few excerpts from the comments TWBC received following the ride: "We rode the Headwaters yesterday and had a great time. It's such a beautiful ride, and it was good for me to get into some new territory. The food stops and pie were superb. Thanks for a great job!"

"Thank you for yet another well run and well coordinated event. Especially thank you to the volunteers that give their time so that the participants can enjoy the rides. I have participated in all three of your events this season and have enjoyed all three."

"My husband both did the ride last Sunday. Had an *awesome* time."

"This was a great ride but tuff at least for me. You support vehicles did a great job. Special thanks to the Jensen's (hope I spelled the name right) for their help with a flat. Thanks again."

A very big THANK YOU to Spoke and Sprocket that provided mechanical support and to the many TWBC volunteers that made the 2001 Headwaters a great ride!

Note to volunteers: If you did not receive your mug, contact Ralph at 253-857-5658.

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### Foothills Trail Update by Carla Gramlich

This past summer a small but critical portion of the trail from McMillin to the McMillin trailhead, parallel to Highway 162 was paved. This new trail section allows bicyclists to stay off of the narrow "McMillin" highway bridge and ride safely cross the river on the old railroad trestle.

Pierce County recently purchased the rail corridor from Puyallup to McMillin. This railroad spur is used on an average of once a week so the county plans to build the trail next to the tracks. There has been opposition by local farmers to the build-

ing a trail because the farmers used a portion of this right away for their business. This new section would complete the trail into Puyallup and could then be linked to the Puyallup River Walk. Eventually, the Puyallup River Walk will extend into Tacoma.

The Foothills Coalition and Fort Lewis 864th Engineering Battalion is building a bridge over the South Prairie Creek. This project has a critical window of time because of the salmon running in the creek. Hopefully everything will go as planned and another bridge for the trail will be completed this year.

Pierce County Parks announced that a new trailhead will be constructed in South Prairie. This new project will include a parking lot and almost 3000 feet of trail. This new trail addition is another piece added to a very complex puzzle.

Foothills Coalition Volunteers will work on clearing and fixing the trail from the Wetland Bridge where the pavement ends...to South Prairie. Volunteer work parties are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month. Meet the Orting Kiosk at 9 AM to volunteer. Call Chuck Morrison at 253-927-6838 for more information.

TWBC member Chuck Morrison is the new Executive Director for the Foothills Trail Coalition. This extra help of a full time employee will help complete the Foothills Trail and work on other trail projects in Pierce County.

The Foothills Trail abandoned railroad corridor is almost 26 miles in length but only 9 miles have been completed. The trail project could get a boost if Pierce County Council approves a plan from the Pierce County Parks to issue bonds against voter approved sales tax for parks. This will provide \$7.7 million and would complete the trail. Please contact your county council member to urge them to support completing the Foothills Trail.



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