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August 2025 newsletter - **updated**

There are a couple of updates/corrections here.

1. **Our Happy Hour on August 13** is a **Wednesday** afternoon. In one spot we accidentally said Thursday. No, it's a Wednesday.
2. **There was a link to a video** included in the previous email about the **potential closing of all Oregon ski areas**. But the link was not underlined, so it is possible that many people didn't know there was a **link** there. IT's well worth seeing the video, which explains everything. See below.

Also, we have just added an announcement about our club's **50th Anniversary Celebration**, which will coincide with our annual **picnic**. This will happen on **Sunday, September 28** at Sellwood Park. See the details below in this email, or on our website, www.mthigh.org.

Note that our next bike ride is this Saturday, August 9. A relatively easy one, mostly flat.

Oregon Ski Areas Might Be Forced to Close



Most Oregon Ski Areas might close if they cannot find insurance. That includes Mt. Hood Meadows, Timberline and Skibowl.

Of the two insurance companies that provide insurance to Oregon ski areas, one has just left Oregon, seeing it as too risky to insure.. If the other one

leaves, Oregon ski areas will not be able to operate without

insurance.

The culprit is in the fact that judges in recent cases have ruled against the enforceability of the liability release printed on our lift tickets. If those releases are not strong enough, the ski area is left with almost no protection against lawsuits.

There was a bill ready to be voted on in Oregon to fix this, but the legislative session ended before the bill had a chance to be voted on.

Thanks to our club member, **Ron Reichardt** for making us aware of this [interesting video](https://youtu.be/mNROeX9q0RU?si=NhTAy6AqMk98hNNx) that explains everything.

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**A Mountain High PACRAT team
Avalanche Express II
won both the Mt. High trophy and the PACRAT trophy**

In addition to the regular PACRAT racing result, where teams from different ski clubs participate, for the past several years, our Mountain High club has been awarding a trophy to the best team among our club's 8 or 9 teams.

This year, the **Avalanche Express II** team has won both the Mt. High competition as well as the overall PACRAT competition. Avalanche Express II is one of Gary Gundersen's teams.

Congratulations to the Avalanche Express II team!



See more photos on our website, on the [PHOTOS page](#).

Ski Trips

A number of ski trips has been announced. Among them are:

1. Mountain High club trips,
2. NW Ski Club Council trips (NWSCC), and
3. Far West Ski Association trips (FWSA)

Note that we are all members of all 3 organizations.

The list of trips is still a work in progress. Some more trips might be added, and some trips still need a more complete description.

See the list of trips on our [TRIPS page](#).

PHOTOS from the Woodland bike ride

August 2, 2025 (Saturday)

Ten people participated in this easy ride around Woodland, WA.
See photos on our website, on the [PHOTOS page](#).

AUGUST EVENTS

- Aug. 9 (Sat) [Bike ride: Wintler Park to Frenchman Bar](#) - with Gerald
Aug. 9 (Sat) [Steiner Cabins Tour](#). Follow this link to see the details.
Aug. 13 (Wed) [Happy Hour](#) at the Milwaukie Food Carts, starting at 4 pm.
Aug. 16 (Sat) [History Happy Hour](#) at the Mt. Hood Museum in Government
Camp. History of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Oregon.
Aug. 22 (Fri) [Bike Ride: Fanno Creek trail](#) - with Gerald.

See details on our website, by clicking on the above links, or scroll down
for more info.

Mt. High Bike Ride Wintler Park to Frenchman's Bar



August 9 (Saturday)

Meet at 9 am.

Leave at 9:30 am.

Start Time: 9:30 am

Map:

[Wintler Park to Frenchmans Bar](#)

Meet at: Wintler Community

Park. Vancouver, WA 98661

Route: From Wintler Park we'll go west along the waterfront, past Beaches/McMenamins, then WhoSong&Larry's, West under I-5 to the new Vancouver Waterfront, then go zigzag up through downtown Vancouver and all the way out to Frenchmans Bar.

Terrain: There are a few inclines that require muscle or battery, but it's pretty much all paved and can be done on any road bike. There is a restroom at Frenchmans Bar and I think also at Wintler Park.

Type of bike: Any bike will do.

Lunch: At Heathen Brewery in Vancouver.

What to bring: 1. Water bottle.
2. Chain or cable to lock your bike during lunch stop.
3. A tire repair kit. A spare inner tube.

To sign up, RSVP to
Gerald Woergoetter, ski2di4@comcast.net.

Mt. High Happy Hour

JUST SOCIALIZING. JUST FOR FUN!



August 13, 2025 (Wednesday) - 4 pm - 7 pm.
Come join your ski buddies at a Happy hour event at:

Milwaukie Food Carts
11301 SE 21st Ave.
Milwaukie. OR 97222
See [Google Map](#).

We'll be there from 4 to 7 pm. Come join us for a beverage or two and some yummy food. Spend the evening with friends.

RSVP Debbi at ijustwannarun1@comcast.net or 503-314-7078 so we can ensure we have enough spots saved.

Social History Happy Hour (SHHH)

**at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
in Government Camp**

History of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Oregon



August 16 (Saturday)

7 - 8 pm.

Be entertained and learn something new.

Doors open 6:30,
presentation starts at 7 pm.

Beer, wine and soft drinks
available to purchase.

Location: Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum
88900 E. Government Camp Loop
Government Camp, OR

Topic: History of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Oregon

Guest speaker: Glenn Voeltz

Glenn served as an Army Intelligence officer for 25 years, held senior leadership positions at the Pentagon on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the White House Situation Room, and at NATO headquarters in Brussels Belgium.

He is currently a professional ski patroller at Mt Bachelor and lives with his family in Bend. He has written over a dozen books including The History of Mt Bachelor, The Oregon Skyline Trail, and Oregon Search and Rescue. His book on the history of the CCC in Oregon is due to be published in the summer of 2025.

Admission fee: \$5

For more information about the lecture series, please call the museum at 503-272-3301.

Mt. High Bike Ride Fanno Creek Trail

August 22 (Friday)

Meet at 9 am.



Leave at 9:30 am.

Start Time: 9:30 am

Map 1: [Fanno Creek Trail map](#)

Map 2: [Add-on Bonita Park to Tualatin Lake](#)

Meet at: The Garden Home Recreation Center on Oleson Rd.

7475 SW Oleson Rd, Portland, OR 97223

Directions to meeting point:

- Exit 5 from I-217 onto SW Greenburg Rd., and turn North.
- Follow Greenburg Rd. north for 2.1 miles.
- Note that after crossing Hall Blvd., the road changes its name to Oleson Rd.
- The destination will be on your LEFT. We will park away from the buildings slightly north-east from the Garden Home Rec. Ctr., and next to the open green area.

Route: From the Garden Home Rec. Center, we will be rolling south along Fanno Creek Trail to Bonita Rd. park and further to the Tualatin Commons -- and then back.

Terrain: All paved no electric assist necessary. Skinny road bike tires are OK too.

Type of bike: Any bike will do.

Lunch: We can stop for refreshment on our way south to Tualatin Lake at the Commons, a big restaurant/condo complex with that artificial lake (pond) in the middle of it, at SW Nyberg St. South of SW Boones Ferry Rd.

Or bring your own lunch to eat at the park just North of Bonita Rd and go back from there.

What to bring: 1. Water bottle.
2. Chain or cable to lock your bike during lunch stop.
3. A tire repair kit. A spare inner tube.

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**Mountain High Snowsport Club
50th Anniversary Celebration**

Picnic and Bike Ride at Sellwood Park

September 28, 2025 (Sunday).

TIME: 9:30 am - bike ride (Meet on Grand Ave. near the church);

11:30 am - picnic.

12 pm (noon) - food served.

12:30 pm - 50th Anniversary Celebration

If you arrive at 1 pm or later, most of the food will be gone!

WHERE: Sellwood park - See [MAP](#)

PICNIC AREA A (as in previous years).

Follow the path that starts from Grand Ave. Go north.

Our picnic area will be diagonally to your left.



Park on **SE Grand Avenue** or any of the 4 streets nearby. Entrance to the park is from Grand Ave. It's a short walk to our picnic area, which will be on your left.

If there is no street parking left, then drive toward the river, cross the railroad tracks, turn right and then left, and you'll find a free public parking lot.

BIKE RIDE

Meet by the little chapel on the corner of Grand Ave and Spokane Street at 9:30 am.

We will cross Sellwood bridge and ride north toward downtown Portland along the west bank of the Willamette River all the way to the Steel Bridge. Then, we'll return along the Springwater trail along the east side of the river.

Except for some of the bridges, it's all flat terrain.
We'll work up an appetite and be ready for the picnic.

PICNIC

The picnic is a potluck. We'll have sausages of various kinds (spicy and non-spicy) on the grill. Bring something else to share. Also BYOB.

Click here for a [MAP](#) of the area.

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Got a story? Or a photo? Or both? Help us to Celebrate our club's 50th Anniversary

We need your stories, your pictures, your favorite memories of club activities.

This year, our club is celebrating its 50th anniversary.
We are putting together an illustrated history of our club.
And we need your help.

What is your best memory of our club?
Is there a particular anecdote you remember from any club's event?
Do you have a photo you'd like to share?
What is the story behind the photo?

Let's preserve these memories. Send your stories and photos to Emilio Trampuz, Emilio2000@earthlink.net.

And see the 15 pages we have assembled so far about the club's history. You can find it on the HISTORY page on our website. Or go directly to:

<http://www.mthigh.org/History/Mt-High-Club-History.pdf>

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Remember a Mystery trip to Mt. Shasta and Mt. Ashland?
Nobody knew where we were going for a weekend of skiing.
This was in 2012.



Mountain High Snowsport Club