



Lift Lines

= No. 294-295, June - July 2025 =

Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208



Will Ski Areas Open Without Insurance?

Nobody wants to insure ski areas in Oregon. Existing insurance companies are dropping Oregon. Why? Because there is too much risk here. The Liability Release form that we are often asked to sign, or that is printed on our lift tickets, is not always enforceable enough.

Who would have thought? We thought we were safe by asking people to sign a liability release. But even ski areas are not safe from litigation, despite the liability forms.

Why are Americans so litigious? Why are they so quick to sue? In Europe you hardly ever hear of anyone suing a ski area. If there is an accident on the slopes, it is either the skier's own fault or it's just an accident.

But, in the US, people often sue just because they can, and just because there can be some big money in it. And ski areas don't have enough protection against lawsuits.

For some reason, Oregon is among the States where a liability release is among the weakest. The lawsuits are costing the ski areas, and the insurance companies do not want to insure Oregon ski areas any more, unless the Liability Releases can get more teeth.

The Oregon legislature is currently discussing this issue. There is some urgency in it, with results expected by the end of June. If they cannot straighten things out and make the liability release be more enforceable, Oregon ski areas might not have liability insurance next winter.

And without liability insurance, they might not operate at all.

Thanks to Ron Reichardt for alerting us to this issue.

Get More from the Club



"The club that really skis"

The more you participate, the more you will get out of your club membership. Here are just some ideas:

- 1. Transition from Winter to Summer.** Participate in both. Join us on the many bike rides we are preparing. Does anybody want to organize a hike?
- 2. Show up for our club's Happy Hours.** It's only once a month.
- 3. Help us keep highway 26 clean.** Also, consider adopting part of Barlow Trail near Government Camp. Come on the history tour.
- 4. Enjoy some memories, or see what you missed.** Check out all the photos we took during this past year. See the PHOTOS page on our website, <https://www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm>.
- 5. Help run the club. We need more volunteers.** See several ideas on how you could help on page 2 of this newsletter.

Note the color code.
Our club is blue.

2025 CALENDAR

Blue: Mountain High events
Maroon: NWSCC / FWSA / Multi-club
Black: General interest events

JUNE 2025

- June 21 (Sat)** History Happy Hour Crisis on Mt. Hood. 100 years of Mountain Rescue. Mt. Hood Museum. 7 - 8 pm.
- June 26 (Thur)** Happy Hour at the Food Carts in downtown Portland, SW 5th and Oak St., 4 - 7 pm.
- June 27 (Fri)** Bike Ride: Lacamas & Round Lake - with Gerald.
- June 30 (Mon)** Mt. High Board Meeting at the Round Table Pizza, Lake Oswego.

JULY 2025

- July 12 (Sat)** Highway Cleanup 10 am - noon
- July 12 (Sat)** Bike Ride: Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway Trail - with Gerald
- July 13 (Sun)** Lloyd Musser - Celebration of Life 1 - 5 pm, Timberline Lodge
- July 15 (Tue)** Bike Ride: Triple Crown, Portland Hills - with Emilio
- July 17 (Thur)** Happy Hour at "Si Señor", 14991 Bangey Rd., Lake Oswego 4-7 pm.
- July 19 (Sat)** Barlow wagon trail bike ride, with Oregon - with Emilio
- July 19 (Sat)** History Happy Hour - Lost Oregon Ski Areas. Mt. Hood Museum. 7 - 8 pm.
- July 29 (Tue)** Bike Ride: Columbia Gorge, Elbowah to Viento - with Emilio

AUGUST 2025

- Aug. 2 (Sat)** Bike Ride: Woodland - the whole island next to Horseshoe Lake - with Gerald.
- Aug. 9 (Sat)** Bike ride: Wintler Park to Frenchman Bar - with Gerald
- Aug. 9 (Sat)** Steiner Cabins Tour.
- Aug. 16 (Sat)** History Happy Hour at the Mt. Hood Museum. History of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Oregon.

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Mountain High Club 50th Anniversary - Club History

Our club is celebrating its **50th anniversary** this year. 1975 - 2025.

What is your favorite memory of any of the club's activities, parties, trips, races, etc.? Do you have a memorable picture? Or a story? Send us something. It would be very helpful.

We are compiling a small booklet of our club's history. The first 15 pages are already posted on our website, on the [HISTORY page](#), under the sub-heading of **Mt. High Club History**. See

item #2, which is also titled: [Mt. High Club History](#). Item #1 is an introduction to our club as it is now. Or follow this link: <http://www.mthigh.org/History/Mt-High-Club-History.pdf>

Check it out and add to it. Help us to enlarge this document by adding your pictures and stories. Ideally, send us a picture and a short description or short story to go with it. Or send just a story.

It doesn't have to be very old stuff. What today seems new will soon be history. Just wait another 10 or 20 or 50 years. If a photo is just a printed copy and not digital, try scanning it in, or mail it to us, we'll scan it, and then return it to you.

Contact **Emilio Trampuz**, Emilio2000@earthlink.net, or mail Emilio, 4742 Liberty Rd. S., #296, Salem OR 97302.



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The Club Needs You

Yes, you! The club needs you. We are not just saying that. We really need you to contribute something to the club. We need more fresh energy and fresh ideas.

Also, some of us have been contributing to the club for decades, and we could use some help in various ways.

If you are interested in helping the club, it is probably best if you simply **start coming to our monthly Board meetings**. See how our club works, and see how you can best fit in. Then volunteer for something.



Here are a few things where you could help, and we can show you how.

1. Help edit this newsletter. Maybe just one page. A PACRAT racing page. Or a Social activities page.
2. Help maintain our website. Just one page at a time. Or one article at a time. We'll show you how.
3. Help edit, rename, crop and resize photos after various club events.
4. Help maintain and update our Dough Transmittal Form, approximately twice a year.
5. Help maintain our TRIPS pages, both online and in Lift Lines.
6. Welcome new members to the club, sending a welcoming email.
7. Organize an activity for the club, some hiking, pickleball, kayaking, a party, a walk in the park, ... etc.

Social History Happy Hour

June 21, 2025

(Saturday)

Doors open 6:30 pm.

Presentation starts at 7 pm.

**Topic: 100 Years of
Mountain Rescue**



Be entertained and learn something new.

There will be **wine, beer and soft drinks** available for purchase. Enjoy your drink and then sit back and enjoy the presentation. Stories from 100 years of rescue on Mt. Hood.

The presentation is free. Donation to the Museum are welcome. Suggested donation of \$5.

For more information call the museum at 503-272-3301.

Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum

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Happy Hour



**June 26, 2025
(Thursday) -
4 pm - 7 pm.**

Come join
your ski
buddies at a
Happy hour

at **Food Carts in downtown Portland**
SW 5th and Oak Street
across from "Big Pink"

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

Please RSVP to Debbi at ijustwannarun1@comcast.net, or call: 503-314-7078.

Another Happy Hour in July:

July 17, 2025 (Thursday) 4 - 7 pm at:
Si Señor
14991 Bangy Rd.
Lake Oswego. OR

Mt. High Bike ride: Round Lake

June 27, 2025 (Friday)

Meet at 9:00 am.

Start the ride at 9:30 am.

Map: [Lacamas & Round Lake](#)



Meet at: Lacamas Creek Trailhead
On NE 3rd. Avenue in Camas
Use exit 12 off of Hwy 14 heading east.

For your navigation system, use this address:
1641 NE 3rd Ave, Camas, WA 98607

Best to use [this link](#) to the parking lot on 3rd. Ave.

Route: Up through Lacamas Park, crossing NE Everett St (500) over to NE Goodwin Rd parking lot - and back.

Surfaces: Moderate uphill, some ups and downs, mix of wide gravel path and paved.

To sign up, RSVP to:

Gerald Woergoetter, ski2di4@comcast.net .

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Board Meeting

June 30, 2025. (Monday) and again on
July 28, 2025 (Monday)

Meet for socializing at 6:00 pm.

Meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

This is an organizational and planning meeting, attended mainly by Board members, trip leaders, activity organizers etc., but it is open to all. Anyone wanting to get more involved with the club is welcome.

Meeting is open to all, especially to those who want to help the club.

Place: **Round Table Pizza,**
16444 Boones Ferry Rd., Lake Grove,
Lake Oswego, OR. See [Google map](#).

Mt. High Highway Cleanup**July 12, 2025**

(Saturday)

Starting at 10 am. Lunch at noon.

We will clean up our adopted 2 miles of highway 26 just west of Government Camp.

Bring some gloves for your own protection. Safety vests and yellow garbage bags will be provided.

We need just 8 volunteers for this.

Debbi will have the waivers we all need to sign on the day of the event.

Please RSVP to Debbi at ijustwannarun1@comcast.net, or call: 503-314-7078.

**Mt. High Bike Ride: Burnt Bridge****July 12, 2025 (Saturday)** Meet at 9 am.

Start the ride at 9:30 am.

Map: [Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway](#)

Meet at: The west end of the trail. Probably best to park somewhere along NW Bernie Drive. Then gather on a small terrace by the restrooms.

Route: From Stewart Glen/Fruit Valley Road East to Meadow Brook Marsh Park and NE Burton Rd. This route passes through many different parks.

Surface and Type of bike: All paved. Very few up-hill/downhills - crossing a few roads on cross walks. Electric assist not required.

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

Celebration of Life: Lloyd & Mo Musser**July 13, 2025 (Sunday)**

1 - 5 pm

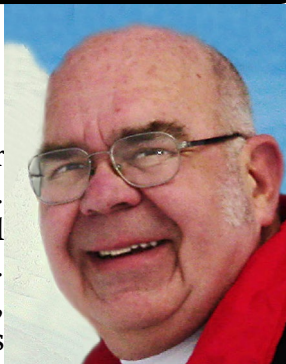
at Timberline Lodge

Lloyd Musser was the curator and heart and soul of the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center in Government Camp. He passed away on March 1st, 2025, just a few months after his wife Maureen died.

He passed away on the same day that the annual Ski the Glade Trail Day was held -- an event that Lloyd himself created some 22 years earlier.

Please join us in honoring the lives of **Maureen and Lloyd A. Musser** on July 13th, 2025, at Timberline Lodge, from 1-5 PM.

This celebration of life is open to all whose lives were touched by Lloyd and Maureen. As Maureen wished, it will be a joyful gathering filled with laughter, shared memories, and stories that celebrate their legacy and the many lives they impacted.

**Mt. High Triple Crown bike ride****July 15, 2025. (Tuesday)**

Meet at 9:30 am.

Start the ride at 10 am.

Start at: Oaks Pioneer Church

455 SE Spokane St, Sellwood, OR
A cute little chapel on the corner of Grand Ave. See [Google Map](#).



There is some considerable elevation gain on this ride. An e-bike is highly recommended. Or strong muscles! Total distance = 21 miles.

From Sellwood bridge, we will climb into the Portland hills and visit **Stonehenge Tower**, **Council Crest**, and then past the **Zoo** and **Hoyt Arboretum** to **Pittock Mansion**.

Approximate riding time is 4 hours, plus many breaks and a 1 hour lunch break, adding up to about 6 hours total.

Lunch at Little River Café, or bring your own.

Please RSVP. Call, or text Emilio: 503-510-1477 or Emilio2000@earthlink.net

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History Tour along Barlow Road - Wagon Trail

July 19, 2025 (Saturday)

Meet at 8:45 am at the **Barlow Trail Roadhouse**, 69580 US-26, Welches, OR 97067. See map.

This is half way between Welches and Zig Zag, just before the Zig Zag Fire Station. We will need to do a bit of carpooling from there. Most people will just continue driving, but we need to leave 2 or 3 cars in Welches.

Leave Zig Zag at 9 am and drive to **Barlow Pass (on Hwy. 35)**. Start the bike ride from Barlow Pass. End the ride at the Barlow Trail Roadhouse and have lunch there at 3 pm.



We'll ride our bikes along the path the Oregon settlers took to cross the Cascades in search of a new life. **Each year, this tour is a bit different** as we discover new trails. This year, we will follow **Lucy's trail** for a little while. Just for something new and to avoid biking along a section of highway 26.

We will cross highway 26 only once, at a marked pedestrian crossing with a flashing light alert in Zig Zag.

Barlow Road was the only way to get around the south side of Mt. Hood for 71 years, until the old Mt. Hood Loop highway was built in the 1920s. Both roads are now abandoned (except for a few short segments).

Find out where these roads are, hear some of the pioneers' stories, hear the ghost of Perry Vickers telling you how he died. Also consider adopting a section of the wagon trail, clearing it of fallen trees and branches every year. This was usually the job of the first wagon train of the season.

Surfaces: A mix of paved roads, about a mile of gravel, and some smooth forest trails. We will need to dismount about 5 or 6 times to push our bikes. Any bike is OK, except no thin, racing tires.

Please RSVP. Call, or text Emilio: 503-510-1477 or Emilio2000@earthlink.net

Social History Happy Hour

July 19, 2025

(Saturday)

Doors open 6:30 pm.

Presentation starts at 7 pm.

**Topic: Lost Oregon
Ski Areas**



Be entertained and learn something new.

There will be **wine, beer and soft drinks** available for purchase. Enjoy your drink and then sit back and enjoy the presentation. Stories from 100 years of rescue on Mt. Hood.

The presentation is free. Donation to the Museum are welcome. Suggested donation of \$5.

For more information call the museum at 503-272-3301.

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Mt. High Columbia Gorge bike ride

July 29, 2025. (Tuesday)

Meet at 9 am.

Start the ride at 9:30 am.

Meet at the Elowah Falls parking lot on Frontage Rd., very near I-84.

Take exit 35 off of I-84, and continue on Frontage Rd.

See [Google Map](#).



This little known bike and eBike trail winds thru the best part of the Columbia Gorge where the cliffs are the highest, the vegetation smothers the sides of the trail, and the occasional Bald Eagle or Osprey flies by.

From Elowah Falls to Viento Park. Total distance = 20 miles. Just one long uphill in the middle of the ride has an elevation gain of 561 feet (170 meters)

All paved bike trail. Any bike will do.

Lunch at: Thunder Island Brewery and/or ice cream cone at the local soda fountain.

Please RSVP. Call, or text Emilio: 503-510-1477 or Emilio2000@earthlink.net

Mt.High Bike Ride: Woodland, WA

August 2, 2025 (Saturday) Meet at 9 am.
Start the ride at 9:30 am.

Map: [Woodland bike trail - Google Map](#)



Meet at: Woodland Information Center (with a restroom) right off West of I-5. Take exit 21 off of I-5, and then turn left on Lewis River Road.

The Woodland information Center will be on your left, at the intersection of Goerig St. and Lakeshore Dr.

Route: From Stewart Glen/Fruit Valley Road East to Meadow Brook Marsh Park and NE Burton Rd. This route passes through many different parks.

Surface and Type of bike: All flat and paved, very little traffic, but it can be windy. Any bike will do.

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

Mt.High Wintler Park to Frenchman's Bar

August 9, 2025 (Saturday) Meet at 9 am.
Start the ride at 9:30 am.

Map: [Wintler Park to Frenchmans Bar](#)



Meet at: Wintler Community Park. Vancouver, WA 98661

Route: We'll go west along the waterfront, past Beaches/McMenamins, 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.

Surface and Type of bike: All paved and can be done on any road bike.

Lunch: At Heathen Brewery in Vancouver.

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

Steiner Cabins Tour

August 9, 2025 (Saturday)

NOTE: Tickets went on sale on July 1, 2025, and they sell quickly.

Contact the Mt. Hood Cultural Center at 503-272-3301.



This walking tour invites the public inside some of the Mt. Hood region's most iconic, handcrafted homes, built by legendary craftsman Henry Steiner and his family. They built around 100 cabins and two churches in the Mt. Hood area.

This year's tour features 7 cabins on a one mile loop.

Get your ticket by calling the Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp.

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Social History Happy Hour

August 16, 2025 (Saturday)

Doors open 6:30 pm.
Presentation starts at 7 pm.

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

Guest speaker: Glenn Voeltz

Be entertained and learn something new.

There will be **wine, beer and soft drinks** available for purchase. Enjoy your drink and then sit back and enjoy the presentation.

The presentation is free. Donation to the Museum are welcome. Suggested donation of \$5.

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Contacts / Club info

SNOWSPORT CLUB

2025 Volunteer of the Year



Kurt Wilke has been selected as our club's Volunteer of the Year. He has participated in our Board meetings for years. He has been the administrator of our Facebook page and has monitored all new applications for membership in our Facebook group, keeping at bay those who want to join us just to sell us something. Kurt has also led several activities for the club, including a kayaking trip, a pickleball session, as well as leading multiple ski days at Timberline and Meadows.

Mountain High Board Meeting

Usually last Monday of the month.

June 30 (Mon.): and also July 28.

Open to all.

Gather at **6:00 pm**. Start at **6:30 pm**.

Round Table Pizza, 16444 Boones Ferry Rd., Lake Grove, Lake Oswego, OR. See [Google map](#).

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DOUGH TRANSMITTAL FORM

Mail check payable to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: ☐ New membership or ☐ Renewal

Name(s): _____ Birthday (MM/DD) _____

Address: _____

Phone (Hm): _____ Phone (Wk): _____

Email (Hm): _____ Email (Wk): _____

Email Preferences: - Newsletter (once a month): ☐ yes, link only ☐ yes, complete file ☐ no
☐ No changes (same as last year) - Club news & events (between newsletters): ☐ yes ☐ no
 - Other ski news (NWSCC, FWSA, ski areas, trips...): ☐ yes ☐ no
 - Is it OK to share your email address with other club members? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff:

	Deposit?	Paid in full?
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30): Single (\$30); couple (\$50)	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain High Cookbook: 34 pages of recipes from our members \$10	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	\$ _____	_____
Total:	\$ _____	_____

Comments (For whom you are paying. Roommate requests,...): _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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NOTE: Ever since COVID hit us, we are not doing any bus trips and are not collecting any money for trips. Instead, everyone now arranges for their own lodging and transportation to our destination. We are getting a group discount on lodging.

See our Trips cancellation policy on our web site: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/Trip-Cancellation-Policy.pdf>

Checkmark all desired options.

Club membership = 159 Newsletter Distribution

The June-July 2025 issue is on our web site. Also:
161 copies sent via email (as PDF file)
0 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.
 Copies are also sent to potential members, other clubs, the Mount Hood Museum, etc.

Count Your Ski Areas

Set up your own counter of ski areas visited. Use a modified form of John and Jewel's spreadsheet with 3 added columns, for up to 3 more people. Make one of these your own. Enter a "1" for every ski area visited. See: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/North-American-Ski-Areas.xls>

Mt. High Credit Card Payments



You can pay your membership fee and your trip payments by **credit card**. We are processing it through PayPal.

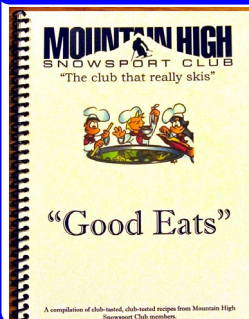
No need to have a PayPal account to make a payment by credit card. Just go to our new web page: "**Signup & Pay**" at: <http://www.mthigh.org/Signup-Pay.htm>

Videos from Mt. High Archives

Over the years, we have accumulated a lot of interesting videos. Check out some of these:

- * [Idaho's Less Well Known Ski Areas](#)
- * [Baldy Mountain, B.C.](#)
- * [Skiing the last of Utah, Nevada, CA](#)

Mt. High Cookbook



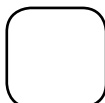
This 34 page cookbook is available for \$10. It has soups, salads, entrees, desserts, from our club members.

The cookbook includes recipes from the late Swiss chef Kurt Mezger. Contact Debbi Kor: ijustwannarun1@comcast.net, or call 503-314-7078.

Stories from Seniors Skiing

A good resource for skiers and riders of all ages. Check out: SeniorsSkiing.com. Subscribe to weekly or monthly emails from them. Click on the Community tab and select "Subscribe". Examples:

- * [Alpine Helmet ID+ Kit for Safety](#)
- * [Skiing the New Powder Mtn. Pros/Cons](#)
- * [Age Forces Changes in How You Ski](#)



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