



# WRRRA Summer 2016 Newsletter

## White River Recreation Association

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## 2016 Annual WRRRA Summer Picnic

**Saturday July 30, 2016 starting at 12:00 PM at the Dalles Campground**

Summer is here! And the annual WRRRA Summer Picnic is right around the corner. This year's picnic will once again be held at the Dalles Campground. Come join your fellow cabin owners and families at this fun annual event!

**Food and Beverages:** WRRRA will provide grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and chicken with all the trimmings, beer and wine (for those over 21) and sodas. We ask each family to bring a side dish or dessert that will feed at least 8 people. Also, bring chairs/tables (if convenient) to supplement the existing seating.

**Pie contest, children's activities, and games with prizes:** There will be various fun games and prizes for children of all ages. Pie bakers, bring your favorite entry!

**Volunteers are always needed and appreciated** to help with set up, games, and clean up. Please contact Kevin Orth ([orthadventures@hotmail.com](mailto:orthadventures@hotmail.com)) to sign up.

The picnic is FREE to WRRRA members and their children under 21. Guests are welcome and encouraged; guests will be charged \$7 for each adult, children under 6 free.

## 2016 Annual Cabin Tour

The WRRRA Annual Cabin Tour will again follow the Summer Picnic on July 30, 2016. We have 5 GREAT cabins for folks to visit. Talk to families who live in them, and hear about some of our shared history as cabin owners. Those who are making their cabins available are Tod Turner SS 70, Scott and Donna Armstrong GC 99, Brian Allen DC 23, Debbie and Mark Norris GC 90, and Cindy Crowley and Fred Orton DC 13. Thanks to each of them for their hospitality!



The Tour is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and enjoy the great variety of cabin structures and the various ways we solve common problems. The cost is \$7.50 per person or \$15 per family with the funds being used for the Cabin Defense Fund. Tickets can be purchased at the picnic and a brochure will be available with a map showing the cabin locations including photographs and cabin descriptions.

The Tour begins at 6:00 and will last until 9:00. Do join us in another great WRRRA tradition!

## WRRR Calendar 2016

Summer Board Meeting  
Friday - July 29

Summer Picnic  
Saturday - July 30

WRRR Cabin Tour  
Saturday - July 30

Hwy 410 Clean up (Deep Creek)  
Sunday - July 31

WSFHA Fall Meeting  
Saturday - Sept 24

Fall Board Meeting  
Monday - Oct 17

Fall Dinner Meeting  
Saturday - Nov 5

Hwy 410 Clean up (Goat Creek)  
Sunday - Nov 13

Board Planning Meeting  
Saturday - Dec 3

Thank you to the following WRRR supporters who make our Summer Picnic and Cabin Tour so much better!

Thank you to **Jon Jacobson**, Dalles 29, for supporting the cabin tour by printing the color brochure that will show the cabins to their fullest.

Thank you to **Karen and David Buehler**, Silver Creek 9, for supporting the picnic with their generous donation from The Elysian Brewing Company.

And finally, thank you to our friends at **Camp Sheppard** for providing tables and bench seats for the picnic.

In so many ways, our WRRR events are made better by our members.

## Cabin for Sale

Charming 2-story Bavarian-style family cabin for sale. 4 BR, 1.5 BA. Brick FP, large deck off kitchen. Propane gas heat & apps. Connected to septic sewer & water systems. Upgraded breaker panel. MSTR incl full BA, walk-in closet. Upstairs bdrms with custom blt closets and bunk beds. Sleeps up to 14 comfortably. Located at Lot 22, Deep Creek above Alta Crystal Resort off hwy 410, just minutes from Crystal Mountain.

If interested, call for more details.

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### President's Message

After winter leaves and spring appears, it is good to come up to the cabins and get together with cabin friends.

And we did that and more the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 14th and 15th. Saturday evening we enjoyed each other's company and a delicious Italian buffet at Greenwater Community Center. Among many updates we heard from National Forest Homeowner's Board Member, Doug Gann who has a cabin in Wenatchee National Forest. He outlined what is next with the Cabin Fee Act (CFA). And we honored Denny Coughlin in his retirement and presented him with a very special plaque of appreciation from WRRRA.

On Sunday, you may have seen a caravan of cars traveling through the tracts. WRRRA was touring with a number of Washington State Forest Homeowners (WSFHA) members from across the state. We made a couple of stops, visiting with Fred Orton DC 13 and Sam Hunter SS 66, before arriving at the Cherbergs, GC 100, where we enjoyed lunch with other cabin owners joining us. Following lunch, Albert Pollmar, President, WSFHA, conducted the WSFHA business meeting.

At the same time, WRRRA's quarterly Hwy 410 cleanup was completed on Sunday morning, led by Steve and Kit Ryan. It was a wonderful beginning to a new season at the cabins. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in any way. You are all very much appreciated.

Here's to summer and see you at the picnic.

~ Rena



### WRRRA Spring Dinner



Ken Leader and Denny Coughlin



Denny Coughlin receiving plaque from WRRRA



Spring dinner attendees



Kudos to the 2016 Spring Hwy Clean Up Crew!

## 2016 National Forest Homeowners Conference

Santa Clara, CA - April 29 & 30, 2016

### OUTSTANDING TRACT AWARD



RENA IRWIN, White River Recreation Association President, accompanied by past presidents Ken Leader & Albert Pollmar accepts the award from Don Norton, NFH Awards Chair.

The two day conference was packed with information and ideas difficult to summarize in a brief report. The energy among the over 150 plus attendees and presenters was very high. The January 2016 implementation of the new fee schedule under the Cabin Fee Act (CFA) marked a new beginning symbolizing what is possible to achieve through a stronger relationship between NFH and USFS. While there is much to work to protect the cabin program, there is a better opening through strong communications at the national level.

Under Jay Tripathi's leadership for the past two years and the tireless work of several other key NFH board members, a new direction and tone of partnership has been established. Jay has been re-elected to the President position for the coming two-year term.

The program included updates and details regarding CFA and the new fees, effects of drought and tree mortality on California forests, challenges of transfers, trusts and multiple ownership, maintaining historic character of cabins which included a lot of dialogue around the metal roof issue that many White River cabin owners want to address. It was a popular discussion topic and

certainly promises more dialogue with the FS. If you want to know more, refer to the NFH website at [www.nationalforesthowner.org](http://www.nationalforesthowner.org) for the program presentations.

On the last evening of each national conference we come together at an awards banquet. It is the closing event of the conference. It was there that White River Recreation Association (WRRRA) with the 87 year legacy of strong commitment to the Recreation Residency Program was awarded the **2016 NFH Outstanding Tract Award**. Rena Irwin, current President of WRRRA, accepted the award "on behalf of all the past and present leaders and members."

The 2017 conference will be held somewhere in the northwest area, likely Vancouver or Seattle. Think about attending the Saturday program as it always promises important information about the program.

**Join NFH.** If you are not a member I strongly recommend that WRRRA members join NFH. Just like being a member of WRRRA, together we focus on the strong future of our cabins by uniting at a broader and national level. ~ Rena Irwin

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## Appreciation for Bill Goodman

Bill Goodman served WRRRA in many capacities, including Area Representative, Secretary, President and Past President. He passed away in February of 2016, and we are pleased to share this appreciation.



"I want to climb that mountain someday." Bill Goodman said those words to his wife, Bonnie, as he gazed at Mt. Rainier soon after their arrival in the Northwest in the 1970s. Transplants from Ohio, Bill and Bonnie fell in love with the rugged beauty of the NW peaks and wilderness, and that love helped shape and enrich their lives.

Making that dream a reality, Bill and Bonnie summited Mt. Rainier together in July 1992 after training 5 months with a group from the Tacoma YMCA who sponsored the program. In 1993, Bill suggested they join the Tacoma Mountaineers and as a couple took the basic climbing course. Together they climbed Mt. Baker, Mt. Adams and many other peaks in the PNW. Through that organization, they met friends who he would hold dear for the rest of his life. Bill and Bonnie also learned to ski and became regulars at Crystal Mountain.



In 1996, Bill convinced his family that they needed to purchase a cabin and the search began. After viewing a couple options, the Goodman family purchased their cabin in Silver Creek in 1997. Their family life grew even richer as Bill and Bonnie and their three daughters and 6 granddaughters explored the cabin area and hiked and skied the hills.



The connection to the area grew as Bonnie joined the Crystal Mountain volunteer ski patrol in 2003, and Bill followed suit by working in guest services at Crystal Mountain. Deciding he would rather be working (skiing) outside, he became a Crystal Mountain ski instructor.

Bill's love of the cabin area and the forest spurred his involvement with WRRRA. He became the representative for Silver Creek, and then became even more involved in WRRRA by holding various roles including Secretary and President. Bill also helped oversee the snowplow and road efforts.

Bill was a tireless advocate for WRRRA, the wilderness and his friends. He was active in WSFHA and recently held the office of Vice President. He took an active interest in the National Forest Homeowners. He was a congenial and positive leader who approached challenges with good humor and kindness.

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## The Way it was...Building a Cabin

*History article submitted by Kevin Bannon*

*Know someone who wants a cabin? Look for sale signs, or ask around—right? Up till the 1960s it was mostly done differently.*

*First the Ranger, they were more hands-on back then, would show lots. You'd agree on one and sign a permit paying about \$15-\$25 annual fee.*

*Onward to build a cabin. Like today, a plan had to be submitted and approved. Then the work parties. In the Pedersen case...about 3 years' worth... but is any cabin ever really finished? Thanks to Rob Pedersen, who preserved family pictures and journals we can share the rich story. Thanks to his late grandpa who journaled the project.*

SS-117-- 1954 owners/family Bob, Leona, children Caryl 11, Gordon 9.5, Robbie 8 mos.

7/16/55 Rain; worked on cabin; Bud arrived 10:00 AM; worked in light rain; 40% of floor laid.



7/17/55 Finished floor on cabin AM; put up frames on two sides, all hands working Leona, mom, grandma P, Dora, kids; Caryl did swell, hit nails most of the time.

7/21/55 Bob said back to the salt mines; roof rafters today; we had a rental generator.



7/22/55 Worked on trusses; Bob to Enumclaw for lumber with our WWII surplus navy truck "Nelly Bell"; Bob F, Else F, kids arrived 4:45 PM; one truss up today.

6/30/56 Saturday to Seattle, Bob and I picked up brick for cabin (400); worked on sink pipe, etc.

7/1/56 Spit shakes, worked on sink; rain, hail, wet.

7/7/56 Saturday - Bob, Caryl, Gordon picked me up at the ferry terminal; we picked up material - sand, cement, and lime; Leona arrived later.

7/8/56 Sunday - worked on fireplace; more ants running around; to woods for more shakes.



8/31/57 Took gang to pass Saturday (Chinook?) to hike cascade trail (PCT?); picked them up 3.5 miles up Silver Creek.

...The good clean sport and the feeling of smallness that the mountains and forests bring to you makes you want to look at yourself and wonder what you are.



...In a few more years the younger generation will look at this project as one of the most farsighted you all undertook. There were rough times and good times. All in all it was lots of fun for me and Mom. We got to know the grandchildren a lot better and they considered us part of the family



...No power tools – exception was the one work stint with a rental generator. Conditions as of writing (1959) – outhouse, kerosene lamps and candles, well water...

— Grandpa Andrew Pedersen

Author’s note—Hang on to what you have! It can disappear like that! Shortly after I completed this draft my source material disappeared as my back-up drive went kaput.

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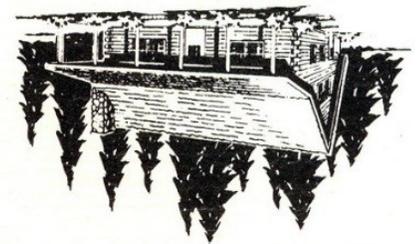
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## WRRRA Board for 2016

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