

## IOCTA FALL MEETING

Saturday, October 7, 2015, 10:00 am  
AJ's Restaurant, Mt Home, Idaho

### Attending

Jerry Eichhorst – Presiding  
Dan Dunne  
Bill Wilson  
Dawn and Jim Fazio  
Afton Patrick  
Dave and Donna Newberry  
Wally Meyer  
Don Wind  
Virgel Clark  
John Briggs

### Apologies

Paul Dinwiddie  
Nancy Briggs  
Jeri Dunne

The meeting reflected on the very sad and sudden loss members since last we were together of one of our founding and major contributing members.



***Peggy Cristobal*** (Margaret Ann Parrott) passed away suddenly Friday September 22, 2017 in Twin Falls. She was born February 13, 1935 and lived most of her life in Twin Falls county on the farm/ranch her family had homesteaded. She received a degree from St. Luke's Radiology in 1955

*and worked in that profession until retirement in the Spring of 2011. She has two daughters and a son and numerous grandkids.*

*Peg was a charter member of IOCTA. She held the position of Chapter Historian for over 20 years where she created many CDs and much informational data for the chapter. Peggy loved history and kept a vast library of reference materials. She and other locals had published 'A History of the Hollister School' several years ago. She was currently getting ready to publish a history of the Rogerson School for the Rogerson School restoration. She had a vast collection of "trail" photos from the many, many outings. Her enormous knowledge of local and Trail history will be greatly missed.*

*There will be a celebration at 11:00am on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> at White mortuary, 136 4<sup>th</sup> Ave East, Twin Falls 83301.*

## 1. Minutes of May 6 2016 Meeting

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were circulated electronically and approved in the absence of any comments or changes proposed. They will be posted to the IOCTA web-site in November.

## 2. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by Jerry Eichhorst.

### FINANCIAL REPORT – October 7 2017

Balance after May 2017 meeting	\$7,818.81
Deposits	
Membership Dues	\$250.00
Tour Book Sales	\$30.00
Expenses	
Spring Chapter Meeting lunch	\$289.59
OCTA Grant for 2017 Convention	\$100.00
To Leo Ariwite for guide services	\$40.00
Postage	\$49.00
Ending Balance for October 7 2017	\$7620.22
Savings Account Balance	\$170.00

Motion to accept the Financial Report was proposed by Donna Newberry and seconded by Afton Patrick. Motion passed unanimously.

## 3. OCTA National Board Meeting – report by Jerry

### a. Treasurer's Report

Net operating loss of \$8,324 for period ending 3/31/2017 – regular occurrence  
Dues down 6.3% - dues are 86% of non-NPS income  
Store income down 33.2% - mostly Graves book

Headquarters office manager working reduced hours.

**b. Bylaws**

Bylaws are being reworked to bring them current with respect to positions, function and technology

**c. Emigrant Ancestors**

Emigrant Trail Certificates available from OCTA for those who had relatives who traveled on the Oregon, California or Santa Fe Trails.

Cost is \$20 for OCTA members.

Originally developed by the Idaho Genealogy Society and passed on to IOCTA.

**d. Education Outreach Fund**

OCTA board approved the creation of a special Education Fund account for the purpose of supporting education outreach.

Requesting 100 people contribute \$100 each to start this fund to continue OCTA's education work with school teachers across the country.

**e. 2017 National Convention in Council Bluffs** report by John

Summary

Good location facilities with a program that was historically interesting.

For those focused on the Oregon Trail there was not a lot to see.

Good coverage of the Mormon Trail, Lewis and Clark and the history of railroad development.

For Idaho attendees it was a good opportunity for a Trail based road trip!

**f. Future Conventions**

2018 in Ogden, UT

2019 in Santa Fe, NM

2020 proposal for Elko, NV

**4. Canyon Creek Station Update by Jerry**

a. Good progress made in 2017 – see attached photos





- b. If funding can be secured the roof will be completed in 2018
- c. BLM and NPS are working on additional signage.
- d. In discussion it was asked whether the roof would be constructed with shakes (answer – not known) and whether the back building would be restored (answer – no – insufficient material – it will be stabilized).

## 5. Goodale Cutoff Massacre Site Update by Jerry

- a. The attack at Ditto Creek but hidden from the Oregon Trail occurred in 1854. The presence of bones in the area was noted in 1862. In the 1920's an article referred to action to make a mass grave in this area in the 1880s.
- b. Work by Jerry Eichhorst and Dr Samantha Blatt to dig test holes where dogs had indicated human remains were non-productive and no human remains were found. A discussion followed in which it was suggested that the dogs may have pointed to decomposed organic remains, the bones having been moved to a mass grave.
- c. Wally Meyer added further that there is a ring of stones thought to be a burial site on the flats to the south of the massacre site. This ring would be half way between the massacre site and Foothills (?) Road but south of the creek. To be investigated.

## 6. Gateway West Transmission Line by Jerry and Wally

- a. Route selection.

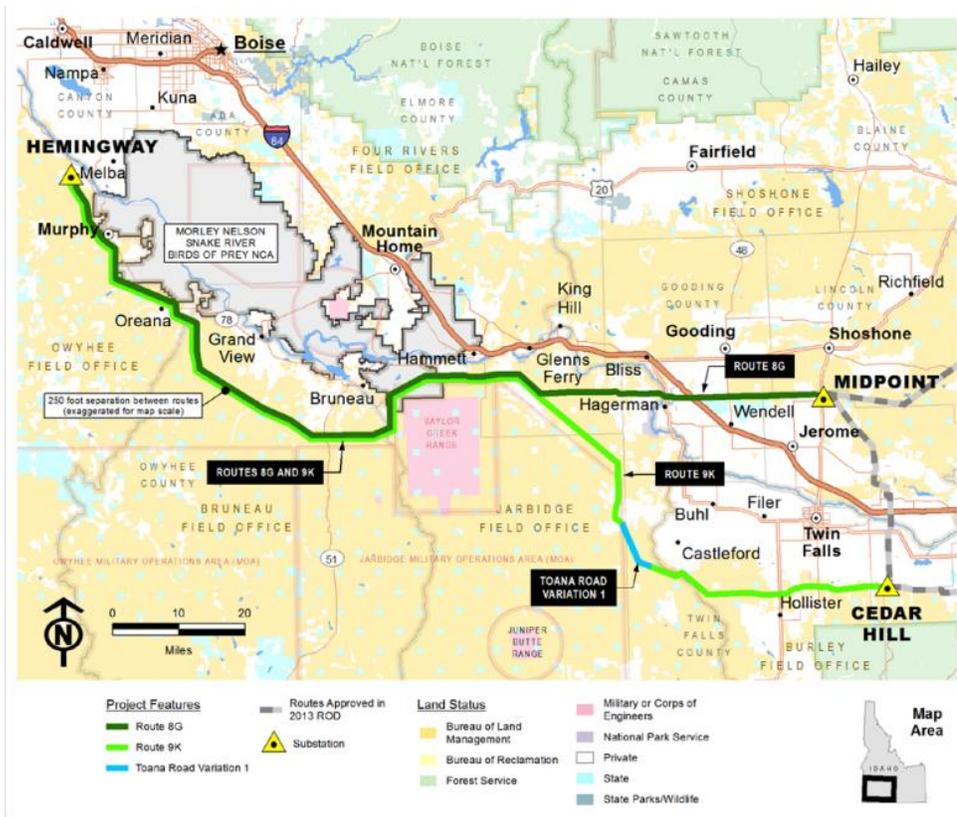
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced their Record of Decision (ROD) for segments 1 through 7 and segment 10 in November 2013, deferring the decision on segments 8 (Midpoint to Hemingway )and 9 (Cedar Hill to Hemingway).

On April 17, 2017, the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) remanded the January ROD back to the BLM Idaho State Office for reconsideration of the route alternatives. The BLM published a notice of intent to prepare an EA for segments 8 and 9 on August 28, 2017, beginning a 30-day scoping period. The Fiscal Year 2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act, signed into law May 5, 2017, included provisions from House Resolution 2104 to route the Gateway West transmission line through the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA). As a result, the EA will address only those alternatives from the supplemental EIS that feasibly connect with the route specified in HR 2104. Rocky Mountain Power and Idaho Power will continue to work with the BLM through the environmental review process in support of a

new ROD and right of way grant in compliance with HR 2104. For more information on the EA process, visit the [BLM project website](#).

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/nepa-and-planning/plans-in-development/idaho/gateway-west-transmission-line>

The companies are bound to the agency’s preferred routes, but only on federally-managed land. On privately owned land, the companies have more flexibility for transmission line siting within the study corridor. The companies will continue to work with individual landowners on “micro-siting” of the transmission line and have more detailed discussions as the design progresses.



**Figure 2.3-5.** BLM Preferred Alternative (Alternative 5 with inclusion of the Toana Road Variation 1)

#### b. Trail Preservation

Wally Meyer discussed the impact this would have on the Trail in Idaho especially at Murphy Flats and Rabbit Creek as well as in the Birds of Prey area. He is working with BLM and Idaho Power on mitigation. Where the viewshed from the Trail is impacted and inevitable he is proposing Trail Heads be constructed to provide public access and information.

### 7. Summer Activities by Jerry

- a. Soda Springs sites in E Idaho were visited on July 8<sup>th</sup>
- b. Leo Ariwite guided a Tour across the Fort Hall Reservation from Chesterfield to Fort Hall on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

- c. On September 16<sup>th</sup> Jerry Eichhorst led a tour of the California Trail from Raft River, through McClenden Spring to City of Rocks and the junction with the Salt Lake Cut-off.
- d. Jerry also led a tour for the Osher Institute at BSU of the Back Country By-Way on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. New Business

- a. NPS Sign Project  
Paula Davina is leading effort to develop NSP plans for signs throughout Ada County.
- b. Elections and Appointments  
Dave and Donna Newberry were re-elected as Directors. The motion proposed by Afton and seconded by John was carried unanimously.

Lyle Lambert had resigned his position as Eastern Preservation Officer and Don Wind was appointed in his place. Many thanks to Lyle for all the work done in eastern Idaho and with the Shoshone Bannock over many years.



Lyle with Dan Dunne on the McTucker Road near Cerro Grande.

Nancy Briggs as Trail Dust Editor, Virgel Clark as Historian, Wally Meyer as Western Preservation Officer and Jerry Eichhorst as Webmaster all agreed to continue in their appointed roles.

### c. 2018 Activities

March 2 – 4 : OCTA Spring Symposium in Gila Bend, AZ  
May 5 - 6 : NWOCTA Spring Symposium in LaGrande, OR

Spring : CANVOCTA Spring Symposium will be in the Fernley/Fallon Area, NV  
Summer : 2018 Annual Convention in Ogden Utah

#### IOCTA Targeted Activities for 2018

April – Annual Spring byway tour

May 12 : *(has since been rescheduled to May 19)* IOCTA Spring Meeting and Tour. Meeting will be in Burley and followed by visit to the Milner State Park to assess what work needs to be done to clean up the Trail there. It is possible, too, that we will take time to explore the Kelton Road Stage Station site on BLM property in Emigrant Canyon near City of Rocks National Monument.

June – Outing

July - Outing

September – Outing to Goodale's Cutoff.

October 6<sup>th</sup> : IOCTA Fall Meeting and outing.

#### Other Activities

2018 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Trails Act and 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Oregon Trail.

July 13 – 22 will see the American Solar Challenge 'along' the route of the Oregon Trail. It will pass along Highway 20 from Mt Home to Vale.

#### Other New Business

The Chapter membership approved a motion to donate \$500 from the Chapter to the OCTA Education Outreach Fund. Proposed by Donna and seconded by Afton.

The Chapter membership approved a motion to donate \$100 to the Historic Rogerson School Restoration Fund. Proposed by Donna and seconded by Dan.

The Chapter membership approved a motion to pick up the cost of lunch. Proposed by Jerry and seconded by Afton.

#### Reminder

Ensure that Volunteer Hours have been submitted to OCTA HQ.

Visit to Canyon Creek and Immigrant Road to follow in the afternoon.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Submitted by John Briggs