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Greetings MCPA members and friends.

We hope your Independence Day break was peaceful and relaxing. Certainly if you are in the Pacific Northwest, the weather cooperated nicely with clear skies and above normal temperatures. The final section of the Mountain Loop Highway opened late June, and surely the campsites and trailheads were packed with visitors and outdoor enthusiasts. If you find yourself venturing out to the nearby trails and peaks, be sure to check conditions, as many trails are still snowed packed at the upper elevations.

Our June work party was a success with good turnout and perfect weather; we cleared windfalls and other debris from the county road and worked to tame the fast growing brush along the shoulders. There was a good turnout of visitors, most all heading to Monte Cristo, as the snowpack is still fairly low on the Gothic Basin trail.

We did observe that the Sauk has again changed course at Twin Bridges, with nearly the entire river flowing under the upstream bridge – and almost none under the Log crossing. However, a good portion of the flow is directed right at the lower bridge approach, and some erosion of the approach already occurred over the winter season. With no means to reinforce this approach and no way to direct the flow elsewhere, it would appear that the channel may eventually cut through the approach, rendering the bridge impassible. This would be an unfortunate occurrence, as it would make it the first time in decades that the route through twin bridges is entirely impassible. Note that ever since the first bridge approach was lost, the log crossing has provided a route to the second bridge, allowing crossing of the river. If the second bridge becomes unreachable, that crossing route is lost.

Our next work party is scheduled for Saturday July 17, the third Saturday of the month. Meet us at the Barlow Pass gate by 9:00AM. We will continue trail work on the old county route, and will likely hike into the Town Site in order to begin some brushing work around the cabins and interpretive areas; getting an early start on the new growth will keep this job manageable throughout the upcoming months.

One last piece of news – visitors in the town site on June 18 witnessed an unusual event – a Wedding. Sorry we did not capture the names of the newlyweds, but it's fairly certain they are fond of the Monte Cristo area. Unless anyone knows of a more recent occasion, this may have been the first wedding in Monte Cristo for many decades. Possibly the first wedding since the mining days?

Mike Kahler
MCPA President



HISTORICAL ESSAY

This ca. 1926 brochure for John Andrews' inn at Monte Cristo contains an error which occasionally still pops up. Can you find it? (Courtesy of Julie de Rouche) *David Cameron*



The MONTE CRISTO INN

MONTE CRISTO, WASHINGTON
"The Switzerland of America"

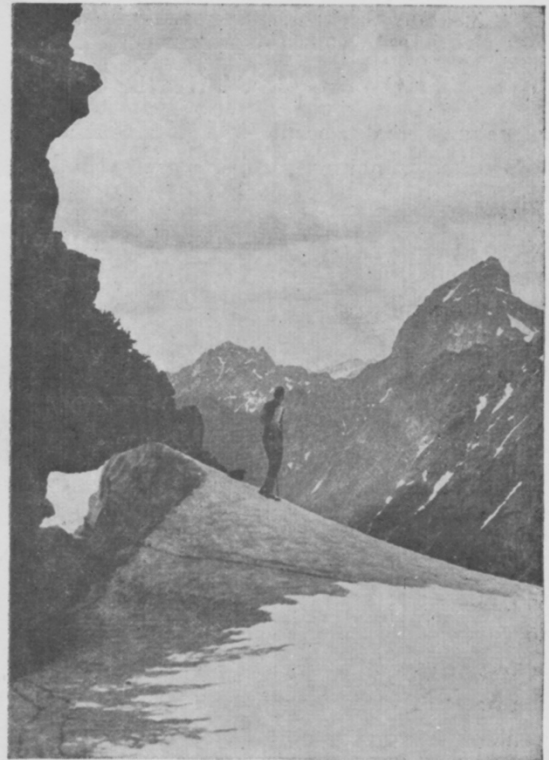


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Sat. Only	Sat. & Sun. Only	Daily	Daily	VIA		Daily	Daily	Sat. & Sun. Only	Sunday Only
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Connects with Stage Line To and From H. & E. Ry. Co.									
	8 30	5 00	10 10	Hartford		4 30	9 00	9 00	
	8 55	5 20	10 30	Granite Falls		4 05	8 35	8 35	
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ROUND TRIP FARES

To		From	
MONTE CRISTO	HARTFORD	EVERETT	SEATTLE
	\$3.80	\$4.80	\$6.10

Via Interurban, Stage or Private Car from Seattle. Stage from Everett Connects with H. & E. Ry. at Hartford. Garages at Hartford and Granite Falls.

**ON A GLACIER IN THE FAMOUS
MONTE CRISTO DISTRICT**
Monte Cristo is the upper terminal of the
Hartford and Eastern Railroad.

MCPA Membership Form

Membership Year: _____ (membership runs Jan to Dec)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Area(s) of Interest / Skills: _____

Please select only 1 box below:

\$25.00 - Annual Membership (Mail this Form and \$25 to MCPA)

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\$50.00 - Annual Membership + A New Barlow Pass Gate Key *
(* keys from 2010 to now are still valid)

- Download "MCPA Waiver/Release" form at www.mcpa.us (MEMBERSHIP)
- Sign and Notarize the "MCPA Waiver/Release" form
- Mail the Notarized Form, this Form, and \$50 to MCPA
- A new gate key will be mailed to the above address

MCPA Donation Form (Non-Profit 501(c)(3) EIN: 911230143)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

MCPA Donation - I wish to donate the following amount:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 Other \$ _____

MCPA Interpretive Center Donation - I wish to donate the following amount:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 Other \$ _____

Monte Cristo Historic Pictures Order Form

Pictures of Monte Cristo up to 100+ years ago. Pictures will be emailed (~24 MB in size).

Name: _____ Email: _____

\$20.00 – Electronic Pictures of Historic Monte Cristo

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Next Work Party
Sat. July 17th at 9am
Meet at the Barlow Pass Gate

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«FirstName» «LastName»
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«City», «State» «PostalCode»