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Greetings MCPA members,

Welcome to Spring/Summer 2019! The warm season is here and as you may already know, the Mountain Loop Highway is fully opened as of May 10. WTA reports for the Monte Cristo Townsite have already appeared and word is snow is entirely melted out of the area. Along with this comes reports of an early start on the growing season, meaning plenty of trail and maintenance work ahead. On the plus side, the old county roadway appears to have survived without reportable damage, so Townsite access is just a short hike or bike ride away from Barlow.

It is with sadness that we received word of the passing of longtime MCPA member and friend Forrest Johanson on April 5. Forrest was extremely knowledgeable in 19th century mining industry technology, and spent much of his life visiting and researching mining sites, providing significant content for Daryl Jacobson's Northwest Underground Explorations' "Discovering Washington's Historic Mines Volume 1". Daryl provided this brief memorial:

Forrest Johanson spent most of his adult life collecting historical documents, photographs and artifacts regarding the history of mining and Snohomish and King counties. He spent countless hours in libraries, museums and universities pouring over information and photo copying thousands of pages of documents. He bought books and more books, spending his meager funds, not on cars, fancy clothes, vacations or movies, but on history.

Forrest knew the importance of our heritage.

Forest knew our true heritage could be lost if someone didn't save it.

Forest knew our perception of history can be clouded with time and carelessness if we don't preserve it.

Forrest knew his work with local history groups and organizations was his calling and he took it very seriously.

I first met Forrest Johanson in the mid-1980s when I was introduced to him by Enid Nordund. I told Forrest I was in the early stages of researching information for a couple books: A book about Snohomish County mines and another about the Everett and Monte Cristo Railway.

Forrest almost immediately jumped in and offered his full 100% support. This gracious man allowed me to copy thousands of pages of documents, maps and pictures he had collected over the years. He took us on several tours of King County mining areas prompting us to include King County mines in our book.

Forrest knew you don't write history books for profit. You do it for the love of researching, interpreting and preserving history.

Forrest was very positive that he did not want his name mentioned in any way. That was his choice. Sadly we agreed.

Forrest Johanson's gift to us will live on through the decades.

I believe all of us here are very proud of Forrest and indebted to him for his life's work.

- Daryl Jacobsen

A portion of Forrest's collection has been donated to the Index-Pickett Historical Museum and selected items will be on display throughout the summer. <http://indexhistoricalsociety.org/>



Our 2019 Annual meeting and lunch/potluck is scheduled for Noon on June 1. We will meet in the picnic area behind the Verlot public service center, 33515 Mountain Loop Hwy. Drinks, hot dogs and buns will be provided; please bring a dish or snack to share with all. We will discuss our recent activities, plans for the summer, and other topics of Monte Cristo interest.

Our 2019 summer work parties will be scheduled, as in past years, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month between June and October. We meet at the Barlow Pass gate at 9:00 AM where we'll discuss the day's plans and ultimately convoy to the townsite to work on maintenance and repair tasks. Some items of specific interest this year will be installing a new, permanent billboard near the clayslide/Weden Creek trailhead, improving the security of the townsite cabin entry doors, and significant roof work on cabin #4 and the powerhouse building. Check our website [www.mcpc.us](http://www.mcpc.us) in the days prior to a scheduled work party for up to date information. Work Parties offer a means for anyone to contribute to the upkeep of the area, so do not let mention of heavy work keep you away. New members and guests are always welcome, hence work parties are a great opportunity to treat your friends and neighbors to a day in the wilderness, with a heavy dose of history and splendor included, no charge.

Finally, the MCPA Board of Directors met on May 14 to begin planning for the 2019 season. Board positions were reviewed and approved, and will remain unchanged from 2018, with one small addition: Kal Klass returning as voting Advisor, following his requisite (per by-laws) time without a vote. See the "Contact Us" page on [www.mcpc.us](http://www.mcpc.us) for a full listing of the MCPA Board of Directors.

Looking forward to seeing everyone June 1 (Annual Meeting/Lunch) and June 15 (First 2019 Work Party).

Mike Kahler  
MCPA President

**MCPA MEMBERSHIP FORM - www.mcpa.us**

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Street \_\_\_\_\_  
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**IF YOU WISH AN OPTIONAL BARLOW PASS GATE KEY:**

**For new members:**

Please download the required "MCPA Waiver/Release" at www.mcpa.us, have it notarized, then mail it to us with your check for \$49 to begin the process.

**For renewing members:**

For renewing members the present key is still valid, but if you need a new key: check here  and include the additional \$25 cost of a key to your membership dues.

**\$24.00 - Annual Membership**

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**HISTORIC MONTE CRISTO PICTURES ORDER FORM**

Pictures from Monte Cristo, up to 100 years ago. Cost: \$20.00. Pictures will be emailed.

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**Thank you for your order!**



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**Come One, Come All ☺  
Annual Meeting and Potluck at Verlot  
Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon**

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