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NEWS FOR SITKA TRAIL WORKS MEMBERS

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SITKA TRAIL WORKS ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, September 16

Potluck, Elections, and Guest Speaker

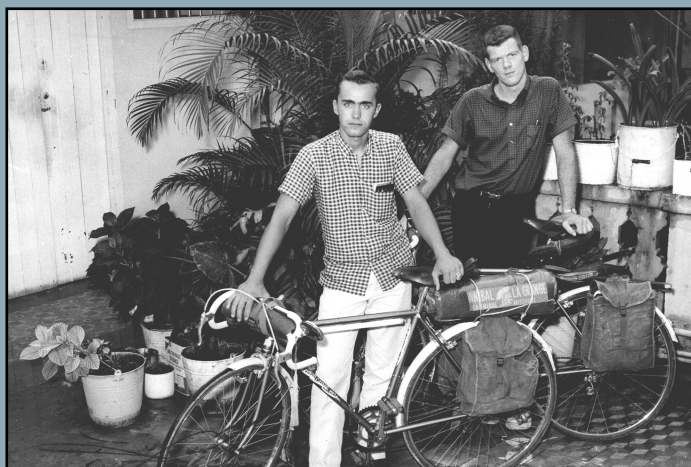
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall

“Destination Havana - The 60th Anniversary of a Bike Trip to Cuba” with Bill Foster

Board Members up for election:

Lee House & Dawn Johnson



Bill Foster and Bob Miller with their bikes in Cuba in the summer of 1959.

Dear Sitka Trail Works Supporters,

Each year the fall issue of “On the Paper Trail” is mailed to supporters. If you are receiving this newsletter it is because you have been a member or gone on a STW hike sometime within the last three years. **Thank you!**

Your membership support has gotten us 67% of the way to our annual goal of \$37,000. If you haven’t given yet, please consider joining STW by making a donation during our Fall Drive. Donor dollars allow for staff time for our mission: maintaining, building, and promoting a world class trail system in Sitka. Sign up on our website, via the mail, or at the office.

We are very thankful for our members, volunteers, the dedicated Board and incredible community.

Lynne Brandon, STW Executive Director

\$37,000 GOAL

Pledged
for PCG

\$24,640

\$21,200

Member

Donations

\$12,360
left to go!

Visit us on the web to join Sitka Trail Works or to renew your membership:
sitkatrailworks.org

Cross Trail Project Status

With all the funding and permitting in place since November 2018, Sitka Trail Works scheduled work to begin on February 15. Startup has had several delays. The first was in early spring 2019 when the City proposed a trail reroute through the Granite Creek quarry. With the help of our members, on April 23, 2019, the Assembly voted to build the trail on STW's currently funded and permitted alignment.



Thank you to Troy Bayne, STW Trail Foreman, for his continued support and dedication to completing the Cross Trail!

Currently, we are waiting for a contract or agreement with the City to be finalized so work can begin. The Director has been working through several iterations of a contract with the City. With federal project grants many regulations apply as to how the project funds are expended and CBS wants to be sure that they comply with federal grant and labor law requirements. Many of these rules have become more strict since the last Phase 4/5 project was completed.

Slowly we have synthesized an agreement which more closely resembles how the work will be accomplished by the nonprofit versus the lengthy commercial construction

contract first proposed by CBS. A full commercial contract stands to increase the budget significantly so working with the City to simplify it is key. STW is not a commercial contractor and doesn't have the staff capacity or budget of a for profit business. Instead STW is facilitating the completion of a community goal for community benefit in a cost efficient, not-for-profit manner. The fact that the nonprofit STW initiated the project, applied for the construction grant through CBS, managed and completed all planning, permitting and construction documents, and raised 94% of the match (6% funded by CBS) also requires a non-standard agreement.

An agreement proposed by STW is being reviewed by CBS consultants to make sure it meets federal procurement regulations. We are hopeful this agreement will provide CBS with necessary assurances that federal grant requirements are being met. If it's not approved and a more expensive standard construction contract is necessary, STW may have to build less trail.

Troy Bayne, our foreman for the project and trail constructor extraordinaire, has been very patiently waiting to start work as the summer season has slipped by. He deserves a lot of recognition for his dedication to and continued support of STW. We could not get this project done without his selfless help. We all appreciate Troy's tremendous assistance and patience! We still hope to get 'er done, by 2021!

Indian River

The United States Forest Service funded a continuation of work on Indian River Trail this summer. With an \$80,000 appropriation, the US Forest Service trail crew and Juneau's nonprofit Trail Mix completed additional upgrades including viewing platform repairs, replacing

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WHAT YOU MEAN



PARTICIPANTS JOINED US TO HIKE OR BIKE THEIR WAY ACROSS A TOTAL OF 1133 MILES THIS SUMMER!



VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL OF 321 HOURS CLEARING BRUSH AT THE THIMBLEBERRY TO HEART LAKE TRAIL



MEMBERS & HIKERS PROVIDED 48% OF OUR 2018 REVENUE. THE REST CAME FROM GRANT FUNDING. YOU MEAN A LOT!



Photo: USFS



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Become a member. It's easy online at: sitkatrailworks.org



Member Benefits! Did you know you can get a 10% discount on many items at three local retailers? LFS Marine Supplies, Russell's, and Orion Sporting Goods provide discounts to current STW members - show your current card when you check out.

LFS Marine Supplies: Outdoor clothing, gloves, boots | **Russell's:** Store wide excluding guns & ammo | **Orion Sporting Goods:** Outdoor clothing, backpacks, water bottles, camping gear | *May not be used in combination with other discounts or sales & other restrictions may apply.*



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Thank You for Adventuring with us in Summer 2019!



New Bench at Sandy Beach!

Thanks to a generous donation from Sitka Community Hospital we installed a new bench at Sandy Beach. It is located on the USFS land just in front of the parking lot. We hope you will enjoy the ocean view from this new resting spot.

If your family or organization wishes to sponsor a bench on Cross Trail Phase 6, please contact the Sitka Trail Works office for additional information.



“You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf.”
Jon Kabat-zan

Indian River, cont.

worn boardwalk and stairs and adding gravel. Thank you to our partner, the USFS, for excellent improvements to one of Sitka's most popular trails!



New Bridge at Shelikof Trail, Photo: USFS