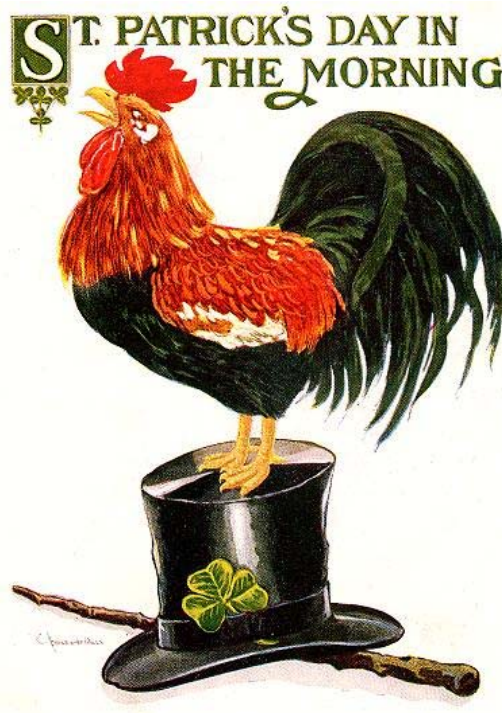




THE WEBFOOTER

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 Happy St. Patrick's Day 



Next Meeting – March 18, 2006

At Russellville Grange - 12105 NE Prescott Street
10:00 am to 4:00 pm



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Columbia River Highway. Visit our new website at www.thewebfooters.com.

Board Meeting Minutes

Those present at the unscheduled Webfooters board meeting held on February 22, 2006, at the home of members Dave Elston and Nancy Conover, were: Mark Moore (President), Dale Nix (Vice President), Phyllis Palmer (Member-at-Large) and Dave Elston (Secretary). With the annual Webfooters Show and Sale fast approaching, the meeting was called by Mark so that issues involving the show could be considered and also to provide an update and to gather input regarding the Webfooters website.

Mark submitted a show report listing the dealer tables rented to date (30 paid for) and those "expected" to be rented (approx. 1/2 dozen), and indicating expenses so far incurred and those anticipated for the April 15 and 16, 2006 show. There are still a few tables available at \$60 each.

One thousand post cards advertising the show will soon be ordered. These are in addition to 2500 that were previously printed and distributed. The majority of the new card order will be used for a mass mailing and the remainder will be distributed to various antique venues. David Sell and Dave Elston will be making numerous trips beginning early in March to shops located in Oregon and Washington to promote the show. Dale Nix indicated that his father has been helping distribute information for the Club. All other Webfooters are encouraged to promote the show by distributing cards and other club and show information.

In addition to the sandwich boards already owned by the club, at least two additional larger and taller boards will be acquired and set out to direct people to the show. Phyllis Palmer offered the use of her van, to be parked at a prominent location with a sandwich board atop, to attract patrons on the show dates.

An ad for the Webfooters show was placed in the March-April edition of Old Stuff Magazine and a similar ad will appear in the upcoming Postcard Collector publication. Show information will be faxed, in early March, to local TV stations. A classified ad will appear in the Oregonian prior to and on the first day of the show. Other advertising opportunities are being pursued; including printed show flyers to be made available at the upcoming EXPO show and for distribution at other venues.

David Sell will be in charge of mapping out dealer table set up at Jackson Armory for the show. There will be sign-up sheets at the March 18 Webfooters meeting for volunteers wishing to assist in table setup on Friday, April 14 (beginning at 9 AM). Volunteers will also be needed to work at hour-long shifts as security for the show displays and to relieve Al Powers in his greeter and ticket taker role. Please do your part to help.

Phyllis Palmer will be coordinating the show displays. There will be competitive displays for those wishing to vie for prizes in an attendee-voting event. These display boards must follow the usual guidelines.

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Prizes will include club memberships (or an extension for any existing member winner) and various post card collecting supplies. Entries are also sought for those wishing to either informally or formally display a part of their personal collection in a 'show and tell' format at the show. There are no designated categories for any of the display types.

Monique, who provided a fine array of tasty refreshments for sale at last years show, will be catering this year's show.

Gary Randall, who created and maintained the current Webfooters site, on his own time and at his own expense, asked that someone else take over and maintain the website for the Webfooters. Gary deserves belated recognition and gratitude from the board and from all Webfooters members for his efforts involving the site. Mark showed the board a new Webfooters Internet website that is being created.

The next scheduled meeting of the Webfooters board will be held on Monday, March 13, 2006 at Elmer's Restaurant located at 10001 NE Sandy Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Elston

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Vice President.....	Dale Nix
Secretary.....	Dave Elston
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Member-at-Large.....	Phyllis Palmer
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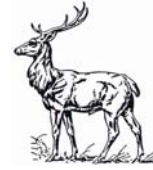


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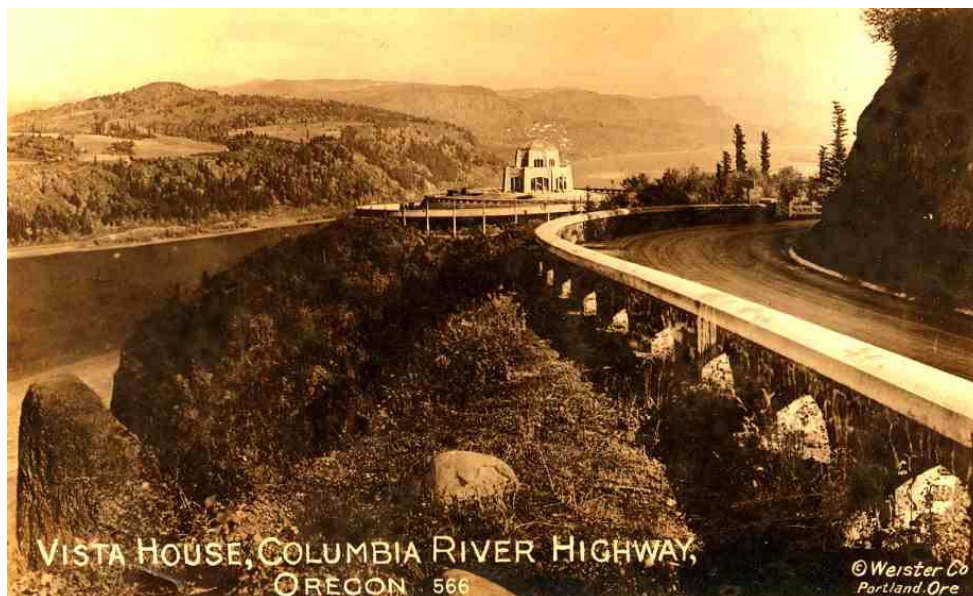
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Rediscovering the Columbia River Highway



Some of the most beautiful views in the world are found 25 miles to the east of Portland along the Columbia River. The unpaved Columbia River Highway opened in 1915, after several "Roadhouses" sprung up along the Columbia River. These Roadhouses served the best food, they gave the weary travelers a place to get refreshed and they offered up breathtaking views of the Columbia River Gorge.

But a drive out the highway would not be complete without a fine dinner at one of the large and popular inns. The rich and famous people of the day from Hollywood to the East Coast made it to Chanticleer Inn, Crown Point Chalet, Forest Hall, Multnomah Falls Lodge or the Columbia Gorge Hotel. In the days before freeways, roadhouses lined some of Oregon's most scenic highways.



The Historic Columbia River Highway was America's first scenic highway and Oregon's first paved thoroughfare. Construction of the highway, which is known for its ornate stonework, began in 1913. The lower section was dedicated on June 7, 1916 and the upper sections of the highway were finished in 1922.

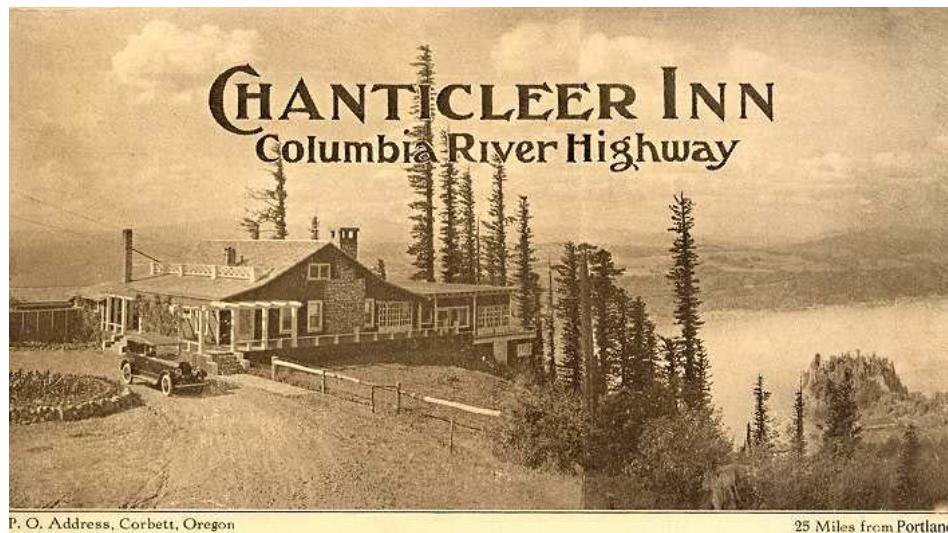
The one person most responsible for the Columbia River Highway was Sam Hill. Hill was born in 1857 in North Carolina and he lived for 74 years. He is most remembered for having built: the Columbia River Highway, the Peace Arch at Blaine, WA and Maryhill Museum. Starting work at age 17 on a railroad survey crew, Hill quickly became a protégé of Pennsylvania Railroad magnate A.J. Cassatt.

After earning a law degree from Harvard, Sam Hill settled in Minneapolis where railroad tycoon Jim Hill (no relation), organizer of the Great Northern Railroad, hired him as the company lawyer. Sam Hill took the hand of Jim Hill's daughter, Mary Frances Hill, in marriage. Eventually, Sam Hill, who made a fortune in the railroad business, moved west to tend to his own enterprises: a gas company in Seattle and a phone company in Portland.

Sam Hill loved the automobile and he realized it would be the next great mode of transportation. Automobiles needed good roads and Hill became an advocate of road construction and improvement. On a lobbying trip to Washington D.C., Hill met noted road engineer Samuel Lancaster. They teamed up to build one of the nation's most scenic highways. They traveled to Europe and studied notable highways in Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

After building Maryhill Museum, Hill wanted a paved road to make access to the museum easier. The State of Washington decided they had more important things to spend money on and Hill turned to Oregon. He persuaded Oregon to build the Columbia River Highway, which was hailed as a scenic wonder and engineering marvel. Hill corralled the money, provided his own engineer and brought the Columbia River Highway to reality.

Lancaster's talents were highlighted by his ability to design a highway that met the needs of safety and enhanced the region's natural beauty, unlike modern day engineers who have little regard for beauty with their plain designs that seem out of place. Lancaster incorporated scenic jewels into his designs such as arched bridges, stone guardrails, windowed tunnels, beautiful waterfalls, dells, river gorges and snow-capped mountain views.



When you think of Columbia River Roadhouses, you think of Mrs. M.E. (Margaret) Henderson. Famous for her chicken dinners and gracious hospitality, Mrs. Henderson was probably the most influential entrepreneur in the history of Columbia River Highway Roadhouses.

Mrs. Henderson was a partner in and managed the Chanticleer Inn when it opened in 1912. The highway hadn't been built yet, and access to the Inn was usually by taking a train or riding in a boat up the Columbia River from Portland. Then there was either a long steep walk or a ride in a horse-drawn coach.

Mrs. Henderson began her career working for Portland's Meier & Frank Department Store as a waitress and window designer, and she used her skills in interior decorating to design and furnish her eating establishments. While she was at the Chanticleer Inn, she established her ability to satisfy the palettes of the rich and famous. Sam Hill decided more people should experience the ambiance of the Chanticleer Inn and he campaigned for a new highway to bring those people to Chanticleer. Several meetings were held there to plan for a future highway.

Mrs. Henderson made another very significant contribution to the development of the Columbia River Highway. She didn't want her guests to drink and drive, so she had a policy that liquor would not be served in her eating establishments.

Leaving the Chanticleer Inn to have her own eating establishment, Mrs. Henderson built the short-lived Latourell Falls Chalet in 1914 and it was an immediate success. Unfortunately, it burned just three months after opening and she lost everything, including a fine library and handcrafted furniture.

Mrs. M. (Margaret) E. (Elizabeth) Henderson was known for her generous and kind heart and would go out of her way to help others.



Photo courtesy of Cliff Nelson

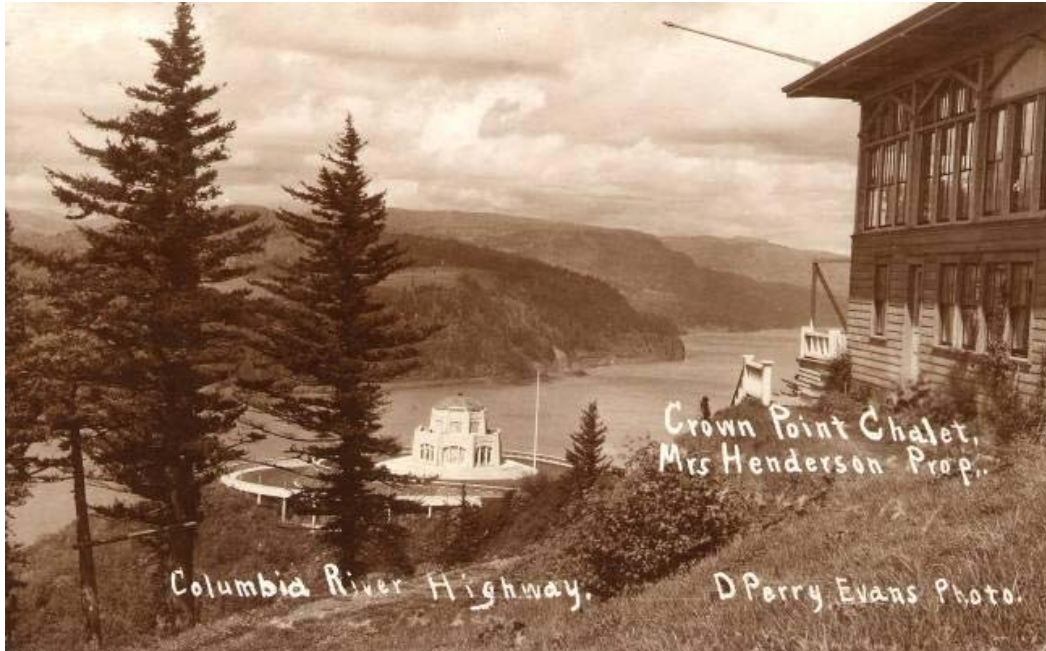
With her ambitious spirit and strong determination, Mrs. Henderson, or Bidy, as she was called, set out almost immediately to build again. Bidy enlisted the help of many of Portland's prominent businessmen, who bought \$20 dinner books. This time, she chose a spot overlooking picturesque Crown Point and christened the new establishment *The Crown Point Chalet*.

Opening the Crown Point Chalet on May 15, 1915, Mrs. Henderson quickly affirmed her ability to attract the rich and famous. Dignitaries far and wide would make their way to the Crown Point Chalet to experience Mrs. Henderson's legendary hospitality and country-fried chicken served in the ambiance of a mountain chalet. In December, the first winter it was open, the roof blew off and it was quickly replaced.

Failing health caused Mrs. Henderson to sell the Chalet in 1927. Moving to Portland, Mrs. Henderson opened a modest Third Floor Dining Room on Alder Street. She died at the age of 58 in 1930 after battling a chronic kidney infection.

The guest books of the Crown Point Chalet have survived and they contain over 73,000 entries of satisfied patrons. Among them were Henry Kaiser, Frank Woolworth, Mrs. Marshall Field, Eddie Rickenbacker, Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., Fatty Arbuckle, Charlie Chaplin, Henry Ford, Jack Pickford and Harold Lloyd. Eventually, the long-vacant, deteriorated building was demolished in the 1950's.

Mrs. Henderson's great-grandson, Cliff Nelson of Benicia, California, has compiled a history of the Crown Point Chalet and he has researched the names of the many dignitaries listed in the Guest Books. He is opening up a treasure chest of information by documenting the history surrounding the Chalet's many guests. He has published a limited-edition book to record his progress. He has also uploaded his work to his website at www.crownpointchalet.com.



View from the Crown Point Chalet



Interior of the Crown Point Chalet



Dining Room at M.E. Henderson's Crown Point Chalet

Members in the News

We received an invitation from Gayle Santel, Worthy Matron of the Victory Chapter #130 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is inviting us to an open meeting on Thursday, March 30th at 7:30 pm to honor our own Al Powers, Grand Representative of Maine in Oregon for the Eastern Star. The meeting will be held at the Sellwood Masonic Lodge, 7126 SE Milwaukie, south of Bybee St. Al sent a note "I hope you can attend."

If you would like to help the Club celebrate our 40th Anniversary, our show would be a great place to do so by wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with Webster Webfoot. The shirts come in short or long sleeves in the following sizes: Medium, Large, 1X, 2XX or 3XXX. Short sleeve shirts are \$12 and long sleeve shirts are \$15. You can send your orders to Al Powers.

We extend a word of thanks to Steve and Karen Kuryk for their recent generous donation of cards to the Club. We are always looking for donations to help further our efforts in promoting deltiology. Tax deductible receipts gladly given.



Membership Report

We welcome returning members: Charlie Abbott of Vernonia as well as Michael, Kathy Lee and Jon McLean of Spokane. The McLean's own the Vintage Post Card & Stamp Shop at 1908 N Hamilton in Spokane.



Calendar

March 13 – Webfooter’s Board Meeting at Elmer’s Restaurant (no host)
10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm

March 18 – Webfooter’s Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

March 25-26 – Greater Portland Postcard Stamp & Paper Show at the Kleiver Armory
near 33rd & Marine Dr – For info: Contact Terry Weis at 503-324-0970

April 2 – Pacific NW Post Card Club Meeting – Lake City Community Center
12531 - 28th Ave NE in Seattle – 11:30 am to 5pm



April 15-16 – Webfooter’s Post Card Club Annual Show and Sale
Jackson Armory – 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd in Portland
Sat: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm – Sun: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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