



# THE WEBFOOTER

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## PICNIC AT BULL RUN

September 9, 2006 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Roslyn Lake Park – 3.5 Miles north of Sandy

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Early view of the Post Office, Store and Stage Depot at Bull Run (Steve Kenney Photo)

## Next Meeting – September 16, 2006

At Russellville Grange - 12105 NE Prescott Street

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

See Page 4 for a story on the use of post cards in restoring the Columbia River Hwy

See Page 7 for a Glossary of Postcard Collecting terms by our own Dave Elston

# President's Corner

It was nice to see such a great turnout at our August Meeting. A special word of thanks is in order for our youngest member, David Burton and his mother Jane as well as his grandmother Barbara for bringing the refreshments. As you know, the time has come to nominate new officers for next year. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board, please let one of the board members/nominating committee know. The Club is always looking for members who appreciate the opportunities that go with Membership in the Webfooters Post Card Club.

Membership has its privileges and responsibilities. Keeping the Club operating requires the contribution of time and resources by our members. The more members who volunteer, the less time and energy each of us will need to give on a regular basis. We want to manage the Club effectively and insure that the fiscal operations of the club are carried out responsibly as mandated in the Club's Constitution & Bylaws. We need your help to insure that the Club's membership grows and that it attracts more dealers who can help you find a card that will complement your collection.

I can't think of a more memorable event for our Club than the **Picnic at Bull Run**. Help us celebrate Webster Webfooters' 40th Birthday. This may be one of the last times we will ever see Roslyn Lake Park and the Wooden Flume. We encourage dealers to bring cards for sale or auction. Maybe you've got an extra box of cards you can donate to The Webfooters that we might auction off. Also, dealers may donate prizes for the raffle.

Some of our members who are more familiar with the history of Bull Run will share it with those members and guests who come to experience and see a glimpse of what life was like one hundred years ago. We will publish an illustrated "limited edition" souvenir history of Bull Run that will be available to attendees.

In October, The Webfooters have been invited back to Palmer Wirfs Antiques & Collectibles Show at The Expo to create a historical display of Early Portland Transportation on October 28-29. The display will include post cards and photos of Horse Drawn Vehicles, Trucks, Automobiles, Airplanes, Trains and of course Streetcars. We'll need your contributions to fill the securely locked display cases and to help staff the booth. Setup will be Friday, October 27. Signup sheets will be out at the next meeting. We plan to have a wagon and several other items related to transportation in the display and we may have representatives from transportation oriented organizations helping.

Another topic for your consideration is making The Webfooters a beneficiary in your wills. If The Club is to flourish, it will also need your tax-deductible gifts to help The Club survive for the coming generations. At some point in the future, there may be a need to find our own building and build a museum.

## Club Officers

<b>President/Editor</b> .....	<b>Mark Moore</b>
<b>Vice President</b> .....	<b>Dale Nix</b>
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<b>Historian</b> .....	<b>Steve Kuryk</b>
<b>Librarian</b> .....	<b>Karen Kuryk</b>

Articles and info for the Webfooter are always welcome. Please contact your editor.

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# Club Meeting Minutes

President Mark Moore began the meeting by informing the members present that former Club President Edwin Haack had recently passed away.

A round of applause and special thanks were expressed to Steve and Karen Kuryk for their recent thorough organizing of the club library. Steve submitted printed copies of the inventory. He expressed gratitude to Bill White for his past donation of bound copies of the 1971-1997 Webfooters newsletters. An appeal was made to those members who may have issues of the newsletter dating from 1966-71, so that gaps in the collection can be filled in. He also noted the need to inventory more recent (1997-current) newsletters. He and Karen will now focus on organizing the Webfooters archives.

Treasurer Al Powers reported that the club's \$1,030 bank CD has been renewed at the best rate available for a 13-month term. A discussion regarding fiscal accountability began and it was suggested that the Club might want to have two treasurers and that at some point in the future an annual audit of the Club records might be prudent. However, Al Powers has been the Club's Treasurer as long as anyone can remember and as long as he is Treasurer, we are confident that he is capable of doing it without oversight. The issue was tabled until the next board meeting, to be held on September 11 (see club calendar). All board meetings are open to any member in good standing.

Mark reminded the members that a new website [www.thewebfooters.com](http://www.thewebfooters.com) has been up and running since early 2006. He noted that several members who have links to the Webfooters site on their own websites need to update that link, so that viewers can be directed to the new "official" site. The new site is updated weekly and it is the only site where accurate information about the Club is available. Our online calendars are current. The most up-to-date Membership Information as well as an application is available online.

A new 2006 Club card has been designed and will soon be made available. Ralph Eddy's Post Card Stand at Wah-kee-na Falls, "Eddie's Place" is used as the background.

Sign-up sheets are available for those willing to bring refreshments and/or wanting to sign up for activities at the upcoming Webfooters picnic at Bull Run Park/Roslyn Lake on September 9, 2006. **Dealers are encouraged to bring cards to sell.**

All members are encouraged to submit nominations, at any of the next three club meetings, for the creation of a slate of candidates for the new Webfooters Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the November general membership meeting.

A short discussion concerning the lack of Tri-met bus service to the club's annual postcard show venue resulted in offers to look into the matter. Alternative transportation needs to be worked out so that as many members and other collectors as possible can easily attend the April 2007 event.

The meeting was adjourned and the selling and buying, trading, and enjoying of postcards continued.

**Respectfully submitted, Dave Elston**

# A Glossary of Postcard Collecting Terms

**Postcard:** A small piece of heavy paper or light cardboard measuring approximately 3-1/2 by 5-1/2 inches. Size may vary by design or by deception. Oftentimes an image of some sort is depicted on one side.

**Postcard collector:** Someone who collects small pieces of heavy paper measuring approximately 3-1/2 by 5-1/2 inches. Size (of the collector and of paper) may vary.

**Postcard collecting:** A hobby involving the acquisition of small pieces of heavy paper often measuring 3-1/2 by 5-1/2 inches utilizing other, usually much thinner, pieces of paper measuring 2-9/16 by 6-1/8 inches. Sometimes like or similarly sized pieces of the heavy paper are simply exchanged.

**Real Photo Postcards:** Old photographs in postcard format that almost no one wanted 30 years ago but which now may command high prices. Possibly the next objects of the "Tulip mania" fad and collecting frenzy that embraced Europe centuries ago. After all, who wouldn't want to trade a complete set of Montag-Woodfield-Coe-Frost Seaside, Oregon 1912 Fire RPPC's for their primary residence?

**"Excellent Condition":** A postcard condition designation often used on internet sales sites to mean: "If it didn't have a heavy corner crease or a nibble off of the lower left corner or black paper stuck all over the backside from being in a photo album...then it would be -'In Excellent Condition'-'." Actual examples of postcards in this condition do readily exist.

**Postcard Dealer:** Sometimes a postcard collector who finds a need to subsidize their 'healthy addiction' by selling excess or duplicate inventory. Dealing can start out innocently as a desire to simply balance outflow and inflow of dollars associated with the hobby. This desire can eventually result in a tendency to want (sometimes confused with a need) to acquire most any card at a bargain price and to re-sell it or other cards for only record-setting amounts.

**25-cent box:** A very long, narrow box filled with postcards, perhaps of varying sizes, all priced at 25-cents each (or sometimes less for Webfooters club members or other 'preferred' customers) that was and continues to be a sort of hatchery for most postcards that exist in the U.S.A. today. Many 'inhabitants' rapidly move out of this primary residence to inhabit pricier abodes. A few make it to a sort of postcard penthouse. The existence of these 25-cent boxes insures continued affordability and interest in the hobby for both novice and serious (see below) collectors alike. Sometimes referred to as 20-cent boxes.

**Serious Postcard Collector:** Either someone who has forgone 'quantity' accumulation and instead seeks to make acquisitions of 'quality' postcard examples to place in their collection...OR an individual who may have in excess of 100,000 postcards displayed in a sort of mish-mash way such that they can no longer determine what they have or even know how many of any single postcard they may have. This latter approach may result in a condition whereby the individual feels the need to purchase ALL examples of every card within their areas of collecting that they come across at every collecting venue. One 'antidote' to any resulting lack of availability of postcards from this 'pitfall' of collecting is the 25-cent box phenomena (see above).

**Newbie Postcard Collector:** Term usually reserved for those individuals engaged in Internet venue postcard collecting and having very minimal experience in the hobby. Particularly refers to someone who likes to engage in "leapfrog" bidding with other novice or experienced collectors. They frequently, at some point, get the bright idea of placing a proxy bid of \$100 or more on EVERYTHING that they bid on.....only to be shocked when they actually end up having to pay as much as \$500 for a single postcard (usually of **much** less value). In subsequent weeks or months they may evolve into collectors of nodding Japanese Dolls from the 1940s.

**"Billions and Billions"** (with apologies to Carl Sagen): the number of postcards manufactured since the early 1900s. Assures that there will be enough postcards for every current and future postcard collector. "Stars" in the postcard universe from early last century are currently still being discovered... in attics and other storage facilities...and in the collections of serious (see above) collectors.

**Webfooters Postcard Club Member:** Someone who believes in the future viability of the postcard-collecting hobby. Oftentimes characterized by one who is friendly with fellow postcard collectors.

... any additions to and/or praise or complaints concerning the above glossary may be directed to Dave Elston



## PICNIC AT BULL RUN

**When:** Saturday, September 9, 2006 - 9:00 am

**What:** Potluck picnic. Bring a salad, casserole, side dish or dessert. Club to provide Fried/Baked Chicken, hotdogs and beverages.

**Where:** Roslyn Lake Park -- Covered Area #5 which has a stove and a sink. Capacity is 150 persons. Concession stand is open and boats may be rented.

**Why:** Roslyn Lake as well as the Bull Run Powerhouse and Dam will be taken offline next year. Roslyn Lake will be drained and condominiums will rise in its place. The dam will be removed and the Water Flume will be demolished. Roslyn Lake Park will close forever.

**How:** By carpooling, we can share rides and save some on gas for the drive. If you have a van or vehicle that will hold several Webfooters, please let us know. We all know someone at the Club we might ask for a ride and to help share expenses.

**Invite your friends and family to this once-in-a-lifetime event.**

**Admission:** A \$3 per vehicle general admission fee is charged for automobiles and motorized bikes on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Pedestrians and weekday traffic may enter without charge.

**Directions:** Roslyn Lake Park is located north of the city of Sandy. Travel east on Highway 26 to Sandy, turn north on Ten Eyck Road, proceed 3.5 miles to Thomas Rd and turn left. Park entrance is just past Bull Run School.



## Membership Report

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Webfooter #116, Edwin Haack, a former President of the Club. He died Aug. 10, 2006, at age 83. An Oregon City native, he graduated from Franklin High in Portland. Ed served in Germany in World War II and retired from his job as a building inspector for Multnomah County in 1983. He married Margaret Kler in 1946 and she passed away in 1994.

David Sell, member #1610, who authored our article on Columbia River Highway restoration projects, was featured in The Oregonian on Aug. 31, 2006, on the front of the Metro Section. He has also been featured in the last two issues of The Gresham Outlook. Dave was also interviewed by KATU TV Outdoor Reporter Grant McComie. The interview aired during their news broadcasts on Sept. 1, 2006.



# Calendar

Sept 9 – Webfooters 40th Anniversary Picnic at Bull Run – Roslyn Lake Park  
From Sandy take Ten Eyck Rd for 3.5 miles, turn left on Thomas Rd  
Entrance is just past Bull Run School – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sept 9-10 – Greater Seattle Postcard & Paper Show at Kent Commons  
545 - 4th Ave N in Kent, WA – For info: Contact Terry Weis at 503-324-0970

Sept 11 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmers Restaurant (no host)  
10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

Sept 16 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange  
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Oct 1 – Pacific NW Post Card Club Meeting – Lake City Community Center  
12531 - 28th Ave NE in Seattle – 11:30 am to 5pm

Oct 21 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange  
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Oct 21-22 – Greater Portland Postcard Stamp & Paper Show at the Kleiver Armory  
near 33rd & Marine Dr – For info: Contact Terry Weis at 503-324-0970

Oct 28-29 – Palmer Wirfs Antique and Collectibles Show at the Portland Expo  
For info: 503-282-0877

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