

Minutes - Field Trip to location of carsonite markers – Thursday - June 7, 2012

Purpose: To share our findings with Henry Pittock –Mapping and Marking Chairman for NWOCTA and Glenn Harrison-NWOCTA and get their opinions on trail classifications. Henry and Glenn have signed our liability release documents.

Attendance: Jim & Renee Ford, Joe & Leta Neiderheiser, Kelly Rarey and Henry Pittock, Glen Harrison.

Henry and Renee have taken photos.

Starting from Jim & Rene Ford's home at 1pm.

JA2 - Arrived at Warren & Jan Kendal's Home at 1:20pm. Warren had mowed a wide path to the POI as well as cut blackberries away from our POI. Joe Neiderheiser placed our aluminum cap/rebar into the ground at our surveyed point. Photo taken with Jan Kendal in the trace nearest the surveyed point with the carsonite marker 2606, surveyed point 2614.

Rene observes a total of 3 traces (linear parallel areas with little vegetation). She thinks they all may be trail traces.

Jim comments the middle traces is wider than the other 2 and probably is where the known cable is buried.

JA1 - Arrived at Pat Soles Home at 1:40pm. She was not home, but had given by previous phone permission for us to walk to the Carsonite marker over her appreciated bridge built for this purpose. The grass had also been mowed for us. Joe placed the aluminum marker and photo was taken 2616.

JA7 - Sportsman's Club Arrived at 2:10pm. We observed our carsonite marker, but we were not able to place the aluminum cap because water line location was not determined. We will be able to do this at a later date. Photo taken 2617.

JA6 - Sportsman's Club – We observed this marker from the road and no photos were taken.

JA10B - County Gravel Dump – Arrived at 2:30pm, observed our carsonite maker and Joe placed an aluminum cap. No photo was taken.

JA10C - Monterico Rd. We did not go to this point, because Rene Ford had not been able to contact Marty Walton. Joe had observed that our carsonite marker was no longer in the road right-of-way, however Renee has since talked to Mrs. Walton and she says the marker is there and yes we can come any time and place the aluminum marker. The address is 380 Monterico Rd.

JA12A & JA12B - Boyce Home - Arrived at 2:45pm. Kristine Boyce had been contacted and was happy to see us when we arrived, but didn't venture out into the pasture with us. We located our two carsonite markers and added aluminum cap markers at both locations. Photos taken 2633 JA 12A.

IV6 - Home of Ralph Morrison - Arrived at 3:15pm. Ralph had been contacted by phone, but did not join us on location. Kelly Rarey noticed a new phenomenon, the trail could be seen as a strip of dry grass

through green grass. Dry because of compacted soil. The trail could be best seen from Three Pines Road looking down and across to Ox Yolk Rd, photo 2621. Photos were taken of carsonite marker 2622.

IV7 - Home of Ron Coimbra - Arrived at 3:30pm. Ron had been contacted by phone. The aluminum cap was placed at the Carsonite marker and a photo was taken 2632 and 2630.

IVN-1BA (Ferry Crossing) - Arrived at 4pm. Bob Crouse had been called and gave us the OK to travel on the Ft. Vannoy Farm. Photo was taken 2637.

IVN-4 - Fort Vannoy School - Arrived at 4:40pm. Kathy Hill Principle at the school had been contacted and was OK with us coming after school hours. We checked in with the janitor. An aluminum cap was placed with the carsonite marker. Photo taken 2639.

Dinner was kindly furnished by the Ford's at 6pm.

Minutes of meeting:

Attendance: Jim & Renee Ford, Joe & Leta Neiderheiser, Kelly and Berneata Rarey, Mike Walker, Henry Pittock and Glen Harrison.

Purpose: Discussion of classification categories and guidelines pursued with Mike Walker's file cabinet/cooler box for reference materials and maps. Reviewed maps for visual connections of POI's. Discussed survey support of 1060' area as location of Applegate Trail. See photos 2648 and 2650.

Minutes - Field Trip – Friday, June 8, 2012 to Mt. Sexton Pass 1060' section on the North slope. 9am-11:30.

Attendance: Jim & Renee Ford, Joe & Leta Neiderheiser, Kelly Rarey, Mike Walker, Henry Pittock and Glen Harrison.

Purpose: To visualize the known portions of trail and their connecting points.

We could visually line up the south of 1060' section of the trail with the north of the 310' section as Joe had placed a colored ribbon at the north of the 310' section. We could also look from the north of the 1060' portion across I-5 to the end of the guard rail where JA15 is located below the freeway. We also stopped slightly off the freeway above JA15 at the end of the guard rail and looked back to the north end of the 1060' remnants of the Applegate trail. All points visually line up across the I-5 freeway.

JA15 – We stopped and went to the end of the guard rail, but did not walk down to the surveyed point. Photo 2675 – Applegate Trail is at the center of the photo entering the trees.

JA16 – We drove to and stopped at this point on Old Stage Road. No photo.

Photo - row of rocks - 2654 and 2673. Photo – berm - 2652 and 2655.

Observation of row of rocks and berm (not direct quotes):

Kelly – Rocks could be pit fill which would contain varying sized rocks creating a row as they are graded off to side.

Joe – graded rocks would be in piles or irregularly distributed.

Kelly – big rocks are noticed in the deep erosion cuts.

Jim – berm has no big rocks just gravel.

Jim – soil analysis – Abegg loam consists of sandy clay and small gravel.

Joe inspected a post which may be a Collins telegraph pole. He was looking for a flat area and holes where the cross beam would have been placed at the top of the pole. None were found. He wants to take more time later to search over this pole.

Jim- remembers this telegraph line was put in very hurriedly and perhaps the cross beam was attached to the flat top of the pole requiring no prep at all! We know it was attached to trees where possible. Speed had priority. Old photos show the cross bar at the top (“T”). Photo of possible telegraph pole 2671.

Photo 2666 taken of our group on the lower level of the road (Applegate Trail) from the later road improvement above.

Kelly discovered a galvanized eyelet for anchoring a pole in line with the possible telegraph pole. No photo.

Military Road - 310' – We did not go out on the area as both Glenn and Henry have been on the site.

Henry Pittock and Glenn Harrison will submit reports to the Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee.

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