

FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award 2014

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Emilio Trampuz of Mountain High Snowsport Club assembled a remarkable history of skiing on Mt. Hood, complete with bicycle tours in which he leads club members to see principal points of interest.

These tours included the Barlow Road (the last segment of the Oregon Trail) as well as the original Mt. Hood Highway, the first real road to Mt. Hood, the road used in the construction of Timberline Lodge. Both of these old roads are no longer in use.

Barlow Road, which was always more of a trail than a road, has been abandoned since the Mt. Hood Highway was officially opened in 1924, and the Mt. Hood Highway itself has been abandoned since modern day Highway 26 was built in the early 1950s.

Despite being abandoned and in places physically blocked off to all motorized traffic, both old roads are accessible by bicycle.

All spring, including almost all Saturdays in April and May, Emilio leads side-

country adventure ski tours on the slopes just slightly west of the Timberline ski area.

On these tours, they have skied some of the famous old trails between Timberline and the town of Government Camp. They also visited the site of the historic Timberline Cabin, which was built for outdoors recreation before Timberline Lodge was built. The cabin used to be the starting point for one of the famous trails named: "Blossom Trail", but today most skiers don't even know about this old cabin (of which only the foundations remain today).

On August 2nd he will be leading yet another bicycle tour on the Barlow Road.

The winner of the Western Ski Heritage Prize receives a five-day vacation for two from Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation, including five-day lift tickets to Steamboat, five days of rentals, half-day lesson for two and five nights lodging.

