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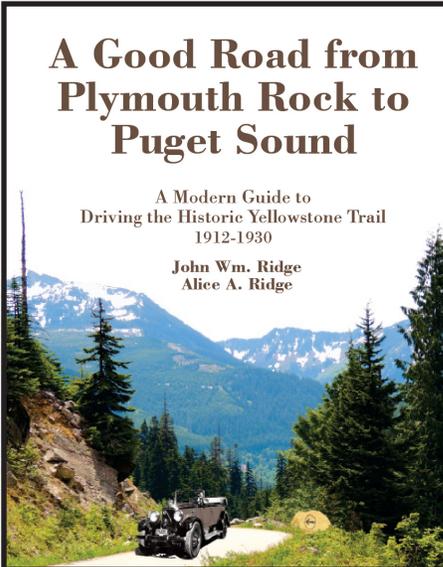
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Yellowstone Trail (under bridge)
Mile 59 (Washington)
near Snoqualmie Pass

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In the beginning of the *Arrow*, nearly 20 years ago, every member of the YTA received a mailed printed copy of each *Arrow* when the postage costs were lower. The \$10 annual membership fee covered it all and we could print and mail a copy to all members. But we gathered a couple thousand "contacts" of interested people and the Board decided that to motivate memberships (and reduce work -- we need volunteers for everything) that each *Arrow* would be sent digitally to all but those who did not have a computer. And, we hoped non-members would, upon receipt of an *Arrow*, join. Some did, many didn't. **The Board then decided that full digital Arrows were to be sent to members but non-members and those with expired memberships would be sent just the cover pages to keep them aware.** And motivate them to join. It is just \$15 per year! And the necessary operating expenses are not quite covered. Thus, to avoid a sense of guilt and enjoy the *Arrow*, join! It is a good expenditure.



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Trail-O-Grams

The original Yellowstone Trail Association produced an unknown number of *Arrows* (its newsletter) with notices called Trail-O-Grams. For our younger readers, note that telegrams were a common means of fast, long-distance communication, especially before the ubiquitous telephone.

☞ In the news - *The Bay View Compass* (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) reprinted on January 1, 2022 a 9-page article from 2016 about the Trail in their town. They did a fine job of weaving their local historic pictures with the known history of the Trail through their area.

☞ In the news - *The Laurel Outlook* (Laurel, Montana) published "Rediscovering the Historic Yellowstone Trail" with quite a complete story of the Trail and a picture of enthusiastic member Greg Childs posing beside an outdoor YTA Interpretive sign. Childs is a major supporter of the YTA.

☞ In the news - *Volume One*, a local arts and culture news magazine, published in paper and online a nice notice of the latest book by the Ridges, including references to the Trail in their town, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

☞ Faithful readers may remember past articles about the colorful, 132-year-old bar/restaurant, the M&M, right on the Trail in Butte. One of its claims to fame was its annual St. Patrick's Day bash. To keep the 132-year-old tradition going, in spite of the bar having burned down last year, and until the new M&M rises like a phoenix from the ashes, the town held a wowser of a 2022 St. Patrick's Day parade. Hundreds and hundreds of all ages lined the Uptown streets watching bagpipers, Irish dancers, marching bands, etc., etc. Harkening back to Yellowstone Trail days was the 1922 Model-T Ford carrying special guests

☞ Friend Barry Prichard is author of two good books about his grandfather, Michael Dowling, a founder of the YT. Well, Barry never ceases to amaze us. He celebrated his 90th birthday by zip lining!

☞ Antique auto clubs are our friends. They are always looking for old roads to parade upon, and they have found the Yellowstone Trail. So, the Chippewa Valley Model A Club (Wisconsin) asked John and Alice Ridge to talk about the Trail. With video and a spirited Q & A, a good time was had by all. We hope they plan a trip on the Trail this summer.

☞ The Powell County Museum and other agencies in Deer Lodge, Montana, report that there will be a new "Old Yellowstone Trail" running twelve miles from Deer Lodge to Garrison. It will be a walking/biking path on the old railroad bed parallel to the "real" Yellowstone Trail. Drainage, a parking lot at the trailhead, and a tourism website are planned. Note: Garrison is where the Yellowstone Trail started running with the Mullan Military Road going east.

☞ Look at what our friends in Waconia, MN did! Their local newspaper said, "Residents use luminarias to illuminate the Yellowstone Trail on Christmas Eve. Yellowstone Trail neighbors came together to create a runway for Santa." Yet another creative way to celebrate the YT next Christmas. Send us the pictures.



☞ Mike Kirk of Trail town Waupaca, WI, reports that their Historical Society's 1907 former Soo Line depot is open for viewers and welcomes all. The Wisconsin Central Railway "spared no expense to build the structure" and it became an important part of the community. The depot saw joyous reunions and fearful family members sending their young off to two World Wars. Passenger service ended in 1965 with the building still used for section crews. From 1987 to 2000 the building stood, deteriorating, until the Historical Society acquired it. Volunteers have restored the beautiful stone depot with its three fireplaces and Spanish tile roof. It now houses a G-scale model train display and art work, with a baggage car and a caboose on the property.

