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### Dates to Remember

Jul 23	Spencer Trail Maintenance
Aug 4	S Camp Truck Unloading
Aug 20	3rd Annual Eugene Ems
Aug 30	Sept Bulletin Deadline
Sep 3	Board Meeting
Sep 12-14	Eugene Celebration
Sep 23	SciEd Tues - Fire Ecology
Sep 26	Welcome Potluck

#### Summer Schedule

No Potlucks or SciEds  
in July and August.  
No Board Meeting or Bulletin in August.  
We will return to a normal schedule in September.

#### Web Site Notice

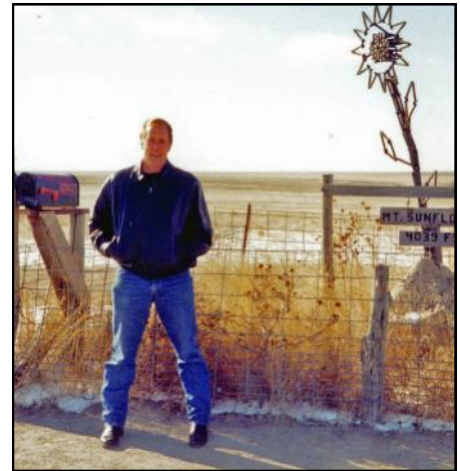
The web guys are off to Summer Camp until around August 5, so the Obsidian website, schedules, etc. will not be updated until then.

## Reaching Every Summit

By Steve McManigal

**W**HEN I TRAVEL for my job at Boeing, I hike, climb, or drive up the highest mountain in the states near my work location. This summer I'm working at Vought Aircraft Industries in Charleston, SC for Boeing's 787 airplane program. Their new facility builds aft fuselage sections 47 and 48 for the 787 Dreamliner. Vought is famous for the Corsair gull winged WWII era fighter plane.

In May I spent Memorial Day weekend "climbing" the high points of South Carolina, Tennessee, and North Carolina by automobile. Clingman's Dome is the Tennessee high point (at 6640'). It's located in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Mt. Mitchell is the North Carolina high point(6684') and it's located in a state park. There's a camp ground near the summit of Mt. Mitchell that didn't appear to be fully used. It would be a great weekend trip with many hiking opportunities. There's also a restaurant at the summit. Mt. Mitchell, not Mt. Washington (NH), is the highest peak on the eastern seaboard.



Steve on "top" of Mt. Sunflower in Kansas

Sassafras peak in South Carolina (about 3547') was another matter. It was really difficult finding the roads to the SC summit. I stopped at least 5 times to ask for directions from some scary looking people and no one knew where to go except for one guy at a tourist trap. He had a county tourist map which helped enough to get me pointed in the right direction. I got lost again on a narrow mountain road and a group of canyon carving, knee dragging road racers on motorcycles got me to the summit. The only sign which identified the mountain I saw that day was an overgrown wood sign .3 miles from the summit. The "summit" was covered in growth with a power line routed right over it. At the summit I met a couple more scary looking guys driving slowly and safely around in a jeep. The passenger was holding a small dog and drinking a beer. I asked them if I was at the right summit and they confirmed my location and were fairly friendly once I approached them.

In June I went to Florida, Alabama, and Georgia. Florida's high point is Britton Hill (345'), located in an obscure county park north of Pensacola on the Florida/Alabama border. Alabama's high point is Cheaha Mountain(2405') northeast of Talladega (home of a famous NASCAR track) in scenic Cheaha State Park. Alabama's high point was the surprise. It has a view that goes forever, good hiking opportunities and a large underutilized camping area where cabins can also be rented. The local state employees are exceptionally friendly and helpful. There's a restaurant and motel near the summit where I got a great room for \$8 and dinner for \$11. The architecture and construction of the motel reminded me of the house in the movie *North by Northwest*. Georgia's high point is Basstown Bald (4784'), near the Tennessee border. It's reached by an easy drive on a paved road to within .6 miles of the summit and then a pleasant walk to the observation tower. From the observation tower you can see four

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**Welcome!**

New Members

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**OBITUARY**

**Rosemary Mason**

**ROSEMARY MASON** died in Portland May 18, 2008 at age 83 of age-related causes. She was a member of the Obsidians from July 2000 until 2006. During that time, she went on 13 bus trips, including a week-long trip to Montana in 2004.

**New Member Orientation**

**D**URING THE BOARD MEETING in June plans for new member orientation were endorsed. Please feel free to contact members of the committee, listed below, if you have further suggestions that you think would be helpful in making our new members feel at home—and for doing further outreach to potential members as well. Here are the current plans:

1) **Special September Potluck** to highlight activities of the committees, with a brief, entertaining slide presentation of several committee activities (e.g., summer hikes, winter trips, extended trips, summer camp, bus trips, conservation) presented by committee chairs or gifted surrogates. Details of timing and food are to be decided by the Entertainment Committee, who will be in charge of the event. (Some suggestions include a "pre-meeting" tour of the facilities with history, plus free food for new members).

Goals: to welcome new members (with special mentorship activities as listed in #2 below), to make continuing members aware of the great opportunities for serving on committees, and to introduce serious prospective members to some of our club's activities.

Responsible People: Entertainment Committee (Laurie Funkhouser and Kathleen Floyd)

Additional work needed: An enticing title, food possibilities for first-timers, timing of pre-Potluck event, and publicity

2) **Phone Call Mentorship** of New Members. The name of each new member will be passed on to the person in charge, who should be an adjunct member of the Membership Committee designated to perform this duty. Each new member should be called promptly, invited to the next potluck, and, if possible, paired with a mentor, who would welcome him or her to the potluck.

Suggested Responsible Person: Jim Floyd (volunteered by his wife!), who will become an adjunct member of the membership committee to do this job.

3) **Old and New Member Communication.** A reminder list of the month's activities could be sent out to all members with e-mail. (Of course, the *Bulletin* also serves this purpose, but we have found that members getting timely e-mails are grateful for the reminder.) People could opt out of this reminder e-mail if they wished to avoid the extra once-a-month mailing. (If there is a volunteer to cover it, we could also try to phone those without e-mail who request such a reminder.)

Suggested Responsible Persons: The E-mail gurus, John Jacobsen and Wayne Deeter

4) **Prospective Member Calling Initiative.** Each activity group (summer, winter, bus, and climb) could keep track of non-members who have participated more than once. One designated member of each committee could be asked to call those

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# Otrials: An Interim Report

By Marshall Kandell, Otrials Committee Chair

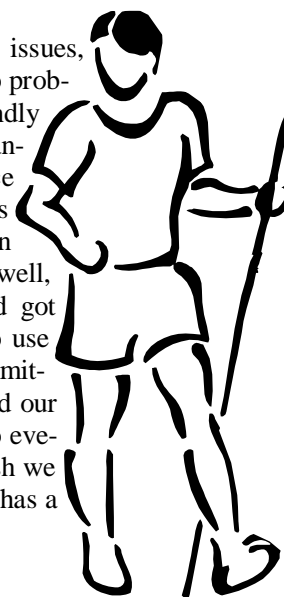
**B**Y THE TIME this is in print, the 2008 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials will be history...and so will our ambitious effort to produce 22 hikes for out-of-towners attending the trials and the Oregon Bach Festival. A full report will be presented to the board at its September meeting, but as I write this on the first day of the trials, we can review our first week of hikes.

We're off to a slow start, with some hikes being cancelled for lack of registrants and others because of a super abundance of snow still on the trails and forest roads. On the other hand, we have had some great hikes, fine weather, a surprising number of local area nonmembers and some memorable experiences. And, with the town starting to fill with visitors and our hikes being listed in all the activity directories, we're optimistic about business picking up.

One major development has been our having to switch our meeting place from South Eugene High School (ousted by Eugene08) to the **Very Little Theatre** parking lot. Although dealing with Eugene08 was



difficult (on their list of pressing issues, we don't rate very high), we had no problem at all getting a quick and friendly welcome from VLT, which is another venerable community service organization just a couple years younger than the Obsidians. Within 24 hours, VLT's president Jack Powell, checked with board members and got back to us with approval for us to use the VLT lot. On behalf of our committee and the club at large, we extend our most appreciative "Thank You!" to everyone at VLT. And we offer a wish we would never say for ourselves, but has a different meaning for those in show business: "**Break a leg!**"



Some of our trip reports can be found in this Bulletin...with the rest coming in the September issue, along with a more complete review of our activities.

## Otrials Hikes Much Appreciated

**K**UDOS TO MARSHALL KANDELL, his committee, and leaders who worked hard to provide an impressive hiking schedule for out of town guests during the trials. Three hikers emailed leaders with notes of appreciation:

**MARSHALL KANDELL RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING** from Bryan Acuff from Houston and brother of high jumper Amy Acuff. Bryan along with his parents, Jackie and Richard Acuff from Corpus Christi Texas were on Marshall's Pre's Rock hike. (See Marshall's trip report in this *Bulletin*)

Marshall,

*I just wanted to thank you so much for arranging the hike! I really appreciate you taking care of my folks on both hikes, being so patient with them, as well as arranging Nita Prefontaine and her grandchildren to meet us at the memorial. That was really special!*

*I really loved Eugene, and enjoyed the Trials. Everyone was so nice there. The whole experience was inspiring!*

*Best wishes to you,  
Bryan Acuff*

**JANET JACOBSEN RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING** from Jill Evers. Jill and Joan Ludtke, both high school teachers and cross country/track coaches from Kent City High School in Michigan were on Janet's Raptor Center hike on June 30th. They were staying at the UofO dorms. (See Jan's trip report in this *Bulletin*)

*Hi Janet,*

*We just returned to MI today after spending a splendid time in your city. Thanks so much for your hospitality and for leading our hiking adventure to the Raptor Center. It was a great morning. (On the return trip, we met Eugene's Marcia McChesney and we shared the trail and stories together. She later invited us to her home.)*

*In appreciation,*

*Jill Evers*

**BARB REVERE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING.** Tamera Adolph was staying at the Eugene Hotel and Judi Kandell (Marshall's wife) steered her to the Otrials hike. She went on Barb's hike up Pisgah on June 28 along with Bonnie Richman and Margaret Prentice (See Barb's trip report and photo in this *Bulletin*).

*Hi Barb,*

*I'm back in beautiful Pennsylvania and thinking about our wonderful hike. I enjoyed meeting you and the ladies. You're all great hikers.*

*Thank you for the picture, a good memento. Tell the others I pass along my greetings and good wishes. When I visit, I'll get in touch with you and hopefully be able to join you on another hike.*

*Blessings,*

*Tamera Adolph*



# Adding to the Ridgeline Trail and Obsidian History

By Janet Jacobsen

**T**HE RECENTLY REPORTED acquisition by the City of Eugene of 200 acres from Arlie and Company is good news for Obsidians. The purchase will expand the Ridgeline Trail southeast of Eugene, nearly to Lane Community College.

The Obsidians have had a long history with Spencer Butte and the Ridgeline Trail. Spencer Butte is mentioned in early Bulletins as one of the "usual" local walks with a reference to the rough Willamette road outside the city limits. Spencer Butte didn't come under public ownership until 1939 when Eugene residents were asked to give \$5.00 each to "buy a piece of the butte." This was followed by more purchases and easements that would eventually develop into the Ridgeline Trail system.

Until the early 1980's there was no easy way to hike up Spencer Butte

from the east side. In 1973 Marriner Orum figured out a route for his annual hike from Hendricks Park to Spencer Butte. In January 1974 Marriner wrote in his trip report for his 2<sup>nd</sup> annual trip that each year there were more **No Trespassing** signs. He also wrote, "Now that gas supplies are limited 'close in' trips have a lot of merit." In January 1975 on his 3<sup>rd</sup> annual hike, Marriner started out with 27 people. He wrote, "The Ribbon Trail is more of a concept than a reality. It will take a lot of dedication, lobbying, and dollars before we will be able to make this trip on a defined trail, divorced from the city streets and the automobile. It won't happen by itself and won't happen unless there is a lot of action soon." (The Ribbon Trail is now part of the Hendricks Park Trail system.) He also noted "Old Baldy is posted land so we detoured on to Barber Drive and Old Dillard road. This year we followed the Skyline ridge from Dillard road to the top of the butte rather than along the power

line." I remember going on one of these hikes with Marriner and I know that he was the only one who could possibly lead this trip, which led us through a maze to avoid private land.

**OBSIDIAN RECORDS SHOW** that the first Obsidian hike on the newly constructed Ridgeline Trail from Dillard to Willamette was December 28, 1983. The leader wrote, "The ground was frozen and it looked as though the trail can be quite muddy in places." That is still true!

When the new Amazon Headwaters Trail was added in September, 2005, our club increased the number and variety of trips using the Ridgeline Trail System. Hiking from the Amazon headwaters up to Spencer Butte is a great way to spend 3 plus hours in the woods. This spring, there were 7 hikes on the schedule utilizing the Ridgeline Trails. A popular Ridgeline hike uses a car shuttle so that hikers have a one-

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## Every Summit

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states, and even Atlanta, on a very clear day. One stage of the Tour de Georgia cycling race ends here each year.

Four years ago I visited the highest points of Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and New Hampshire while working in Wichita. The highest point in Kansas is Mt. Sunflower (4039'), located on private land, near the Colorado boarder. The summit was a bit difficult to reach as it required a long drive over unmarked gravel roads, then across a cattle guard, and onto a private dirt road that goes through a cattle grazing pasture to the "summit."

Black Mesa, Oklahoma's high point at 4973', is in a state park so access is fairly easy. It's located in the panhandle region close to the New Mexico border. It takes a very lonely eight mile round trip hike over some very rocky terrain to reach the summit, which is marked by a 10' tall granite monument that looks like the monolith on the rock and roll album by the Who

entitled *Who's Next*. I stopped by a Pizza Hut restaurant at the end of the day (Sunday) and ordered a beer, which was a big mistake. No beer is served on Sundays in Oklahoma.

**ARKANSAS'S HIGH POINT**, Mount Magazine (2753'), is in a new state park and required a 1/2 mile hike. It's a plateau with a sandstone cap rimmed by rock cliffs. Missouri's high point at 1772' was not marked at all and is "climbed" by driving to it using information from the internet and by asking a local resident which road to take. If I hadn't stopped and asked a local resident where to turn I would never have found it. It's named Taum Sauk and the locals pronounce it "Tom Suck". There's a fire lookout tower on the summit along with a couple of state owned homes.

That same year I hiked Mt. Washington (6288') in New Hampshire from the west side. I did it the weekend before Memorial Day and was surprised to see a fair amount of snow. Mt. Washington can be accessed by foot, driven by car on a toll road or by a cog rail for a fee.

My daughter Christine, wife Lulu and I went up Harney Peak in the Black Hills of SD last summer. It's 7242' and is the site of Black Elk's "Great Vision" he received when nine years old and the site to which he returned, accompanied by John G. Neihardt, as an old man. Earlier I climbed the highest peaks in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, as have a number of other Obsidians. I'll continue to reach the highest points in other states as I have the chance during my work assignments or vacations.

*Editors Note: Steve McManigal and his wife, Lulu, and daughter Christine (all members) live in the Seattle area where he works for Boeing. Steve joined the Obsidians in 1966 when he was five and attended several summer camps with his two brothers and parents, John and Lenore McManigal. He was seven when he climbed Diamond Peak in 1966. He climbed the Middle and South Sister in 1967 and the North Sister in 1969. He had to wait until he was 18 to become a chief in 1976. He summited Mt. Hood in 1979 and Mt. Rainer in 1980.*

# Obsidians Know How to Treat Olympic Guests

By Janet Jacobsen

**G**RETCHEN FRASER of Vancouver, Washington was the first American to win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics - in 1948. She was invited to Eugene May 21-23, 1948 for a big weekend sponsored by the City of Eugene, the UofO, the UofO Ski Club, and the Obsidians.

Here are the events that were planned for Gretchen from an article in the May 1948 *Bulletin*. It is an exhausting schedule.

“Events begin Friday noon where she will be honored at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Forum Luncheon. Immediately after the luncheon, she will be escorted up the McKenzie where the McKenzie River Guides will take her on a boat trip down the river. Friday evening she will attend the annual Obsidian Spring Banquet at the Osburn Hotel. The Banquet will be called the “Gretchen Fraser Banquet” and the tickets will be \$2.00. After the banquet, Gretchen will be honored on campus at the Mortar Board Ball. Incidentally this is the reason that some members will be wearing formals to the banquet. *(It was at this banquet that George Korn gave the Obsidians the two maple carvings by Lorie Cross that are in the entryway at the lodge—see Dec.2006 Bulletin.)*

**SATURDAY MORNING**, the Obsidian Princesses are scheduled to start the day off at 8:00 a.m. with a breakfast at the Eugene Hotel with Gretchen as

their guest. Following breakfast Gretchen is to be taken on a tour of the city and up to the University where Tri-Delta sorority will entertain with a luncheon. Saturday afternoon she will be honorary referee at the UofO football game. In the evening the University of Oregon Ski Club has a dinner planned.

7 p.m. and 9 p.m. are the times set for showings of the full color pictures “1948 Winter Olympics” by Hans

Thorner. The skiing and the skating in these pictures are the world’s best. The place—Roosevelt Junior High auditorium. Tickets are 50 cents, 75 cents, and \$1.00 tax inc. During intermission of the pictures Gretchen Fraser will make a personal appearance.

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be a ski trip to Sunshine Shelter led by Ray Sims and Bob Lyon. If you want to see Gretchen ski, here’s your chance.”

## *Trip Report: May 23, 1948 - Ski Trip to Sunshine Shelter and Camp Scott*

### *In Honor of Gretchen Fraser*

*By Ray Sims and Bob Lyon, Leaders*

**G**RETCHEN FRASER WAS ORDERED by her doctor not to take as long a trip as this, so Mickey Pembraur of Austria was the honored guest of the day, and being the champion that she is, could ski with the best, and liked our Oregon Mountains very much – “just like Austria” she said.

Leaving Eugene at 4:30 a.m. on May 23, 1948, eight or ten carloads of skiers, most of whom ate breakfast at “Phil’s”, were through the gate at Alder Springs by 6:45, where there was three feet of snow. After driving to the top of Dead Horse Hill, we found seven feet of snow. The Highway Commission had used a Rotary plow in clearing the snow this far.

**THE WEEK BEFORE**, the Highway office in Eugene asked the Obsidians to measure the snow at Frog Camp, so they could get an idea as to what equipment was needed to move the snow for the Gretchen Fraser week-end. So Bob Lyon, Glen Sims, Don Riedel and Ray Sims took the measurements from below Alder Springs at snow line to Frog Camp, where ten feet of snow was found on May 16. The answer was a Rotary plow.

Sunshine Shelter was reached by mid-morning and was found nearly covered with a record amount of snow. Two airplanes dropped cokes, ice cream and cakes in the open area above the shelter. There were probably fifty skiers in and about the area. The day was clear and bright. We enjoyed a seven-mile downhill ski ride to the top of Dead Horse Hill. There were 44 skiers on the trip including Doris Sims, Ray Sims, George Korn, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Norm Lee, Mike Stahl, Bryan Ryan, John Skillern, Jack Meissner, Bob Pfeiffer, Arlene & Ernie Keasling, Miner Hamlin.

## Ridgeline Trail

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way trip from Blanton Heights to Baldy and Spring Blvd. First timers on the trails are amazed that such a treasure is so accessible. The forests, wildflowers and birdcalls are highlights.

With the Arlie addition even more possibilities will be available for hikers. Most intriguing would be to take a bus to LCC, hike on the new trail to Baldy, walk up Dillard Road to connect with the Ridgeline Trail to Fox Hollow,

and then hike down the Amazon Headwaters Trail to catch Bus #28 on Martin Street. One could even include a “stroll” up Spencer Butte.

Volunteers, the City of Eugene and other partners continue working to keep the dream of extending the Ridgeline Trail. Will it reach Fern Ridge and Mt. Pisgah? Will the trail include Moon Mountain? Will the trail ever be built near the Obsidian Lodge?

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Let City Council members know that you support the Ridgeline Trail. Lead a trip on

the Ridgeline Trail. Invite your friends to hike on the trail.

Volunteer to help maintain the Ridgeline Trail. Our Trail Maintenance committee, headed by Peter Green, coordinates with Eugene Parks and Open Space to schedule a monthly work party on the Ridgeline and Spencer Butte Trails. Those who have worked and sweated on these trails know first hand how wonderful it is that Arlie & Co. donated money to build and maintain the trails in the new acquisition.

## Flying Food, Talking Shoes and Romance on Butte!

### Take Time to Watch Nature

**O**N A RECENT HIKE when someone stopped abruptly to look at a flower, hikers suggested that we should create warning patches for our packs: "Hesitate for flowers" or "Stop for flowers". Or how about "Keep moving, I don't have time to smell the roses?" Or "I take pictures of everything."

**Janet Hall** recommends that you stop for butterflies and also purchase *Finding Lane County Butterflies* by Neil Bjorklund. This 100-page guide is the "where and when" guide for 33 butterfly sites. Bjorklund lists which of Lane County's 80 butterfly species might be seen at each site and includes the best times to see butterflies. Use this with a companion book that includes photographs, *Pocket Guide to Butterflies of Lane County*, a field guide produced by Marta Makurushka. Proceeds from the sale of her book go to the Eugene-Springfield chapter of the North American Butterfly Association.

### Shoes Communicate

**T**HE EXHIBIT, *Walk a Mile In These Shoes —The Stories They Tell*, at the Museum of Natural and Cultural History will interest both adults and children.

I took **Pema Chhophyel**, our member from Bhutan, for a tour of the exhibit, which included Oregon's 10,000 year old sandals and shoes worn by Oregon athletes, coaches, and politicians. We stopped by a bulletin board where one could share shoe-perstitutions. Pema tacked up some Bhutanese advice, "In Bhutan it is auspicious or lucky to dream of old shoes." Obsidians with old hiking and climbing boots should have plenty of inspiration for a dream. Just set those smelly shoes by your bed and let them tell the story.

It is fun to open the lockers, each representing a decade, to see if one can remember wearing the fashionable and functional shoes on display. I wondered if there were any hobnailed boots like the Obsidians used to wear for

climbing in the exhibit. A hobnail is a short large-headed nail for studding shoe soles. An article, "Advice to Tenderfeet", in the 1940 June/July *Bulletin* states, "...in the strongest possible terms, that absolutely no one will be allowed to climb in tennis shoes. Hobnailed boots are ESSENTIAL." Hiking and climbing boots were advertised in the 1940 *Bulletin* at a cost of \$3.95-\$13.95.

Cynthia Budlong, Museum Associate Director of Exhibitions, answered my question. "There is a pair of hobnailed boots in the 1910s locker! They are on the bottom shelf . . . and were worn during WWI. They are World War I US Army Field Boots (Non-issued Private Purchase), size 9. Captain Conrad Stafrin wore these privately purchased, hobnailed boots while commanding Oregon's Company L of the 162nd Regiment in France during World War I. The hobnails on the soles were used on military boots for increased durability and for traction on soft, wet soil or on rocky ground."

The exhibit closes August 24, 2008. Don't miss it!

### Air Drop for Climbers

**A**FTER NORM BENTON read about an ice cream drop on Phyllis Stalsberg Gaffney's climb in the May *Bulletin*, he called to share what happened on his first climb, South Sister in 1948. These are his words taken from his autobiography: *The Adventures of Norman Benton, Volume IV*: "While eating, two light planes arrived, circling a time or two. Then one followed the other in flying low above the summit snowfield, and dropping some bundles. About this time, we finished our lunch, one man came over to talk to us. I recognized him as **George Korn**, who worked at Hendershott's Sporting Goods store in Eugene. George told us that they were with an Obsidian group, an outdoor club in Eugene. We knew of that club, and some years later I would become a member of that organization. I believe both pilots were Obsidians, or at least they were making the airdrop for them.

George said he and two boys planned to spend the night there at the summit rim, and among the items the planes had dropped were tents and sleeping bags, as well as food and probably a stove and other items. I believe George had run the ski area at Willamette Pass, which at that time was only rope tows."

By the way, George gave a quart of ice cream to Norm and his climbing friends. Norm would go on to climb many more mountains not just in the United States but in many other countries

To read about another airplane food drop, see the article on page 5 about Gretchen Fraser. Two airplanes dropped cokes, cake and ice cream on that ski trip to Sunshine Shelter.

### Romance On the Trail

**T**HERE WERE TWO COUPLES still on top when I hiked down from Spencer Butte, on June 24. Along the trail, I saw eight or so notes posted on trees that weren't there when I hiked up. Each 8 1/2 X 11 inch note had a typed love note that I think was poetry. On each was a blue piece of tape with the words, "Please don't take down. This is for my date." One of the poems began, "If my eyes could see into your heart." That is all I can remember!

What I needed was technology to help remember these words of love. It was too bad that I didn't have Jim Pierce's hand held tape recorder or Jean Coberly's pencil and notebook that she frequently pulls from her pack. Nor did I have a digital camera that two young women were using to take pictures of the confusing trail so they would know how to get back down. I should have used my cell phone to call and leave a romantic message. I will have to be satisfied with "I don't remember so well." The trail was abuzz with ascending hikers who were trying to decide if a man or a woman could have written such "heart touching words." One group thought that the poems were written by a man who planned to propose. My vote was for a woman poet who lagged behind her

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# BOARD NOTES

July 2, 2008

By Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary

President Brian Hamilton called the meeting to order. Board members present: Laurie Funkhouser, Wayne Deeter, Marshall Kandell, Jim Pierce, Stewart Hoeg, Barb Revere, Anne McLucas, and Jim Duncan. Other members present: Kathleen Floyd, John Jacobsen, Lenore McManigal, Liz Reanier, and Verna Kocken. June Meeting minutes APPROVED.

**Treasurer's Report:** Payment of bills APPROVED

## OLD BUSINESS

**Membership Survey** (Ed Lichtenstein): On June 9<sup>th</sup>, the committee reached a decision to shorten a previous version of the member survey while adding a few items aimed to gain an understanding of why members do or do not sign-up for or lead trips. It is anticipated the revised survey will be part of the Fall membership renewal.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Request to Sponsor Barbara Hillary:** A request from the University of Oregon Outdoor Program to contribute to the sponsorship of Ms. Hillary. After discussion, the Board decided to seek additional information.

**Hikes Near Fern Ridge Reservoir:** A letter from Estelle Sweet requested assistance to establish a hiking group out of the Veneta area. The Board agreed to invite Ms. Sweet to participate in hikes learn more about our organization.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE

**Olympic Trials** (Marshall Kandell): The Olympic hikes are in progress. From the

experience the committee has learned a variety of things. A full report will be provided at the next meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips** (Barb Revere): For June, 13 trips with 80 members and 22 non-members: total fees of \$206. 6 trip reports are outstanding at this time. 17 trips have been canceled, 16 rescheduled.

**Climbs** (Larry Huff): A slow month for climbing due to more snow than usual on the approaches and mountains proper. 2 cancellations and 3 rescheduled.

**Trail Maintenance** (Peter Green): Several members have agreed to lead Spencer Butte litter pick up hikes. Hikers on two June Obsidian hikes picked up a lot of trash, especially at the top. The first litter clean up will be July 9th.

**By-Ways-By-Bus** (Liz Reanier): In June, 29 riders were led by Ben Jeffries and Barbara and Paul Beard on a 3 day trip to Southern Oregon.

**Summer Camp** (John Jacobsen): 53 participants are signed up for each week. APPROVED authorization for the following to be signatures on the Summer Camp checking account: Sharon Duncan, Sharon Ritchie, Joella Ewing, John Jacobsen, and Scott Hovis.

**Extended Trips** (Jim Duncan): A trip took place but no report at this time.

**Entertainment** (Laurie Funkhouser): Bill McWhorter's ultralight airplane views of Oregon were viewed by 35 attendees, \$34.00 in fees. The committee will begin work on the September welcome potluck.

**Science and Education** (Joella Ewing): 13 attended June SciEd program on amphibians and the Opal Creek Wilderness.

**Membership** (Julie Dorland): Current membership is 558. A new member applicant was APPROVED by the Board.

**Publicity** (Anne Dhu McLucas): We are once again 'revving up' for the annual publicity blitz of the Eugene Celebration! Looking to fill the schedule to "man" the booth for September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>! APPROVED a request for a budget of up to \$200.00 to purchase a new canopy for publicity events.

**Concessions** (Kathleen Floyd): A total of \$48.90 was received as revenue for the month with \$37.59 in expenditures.

**Online** (Wayne Deeter): The website continues to run just fine. John Jacobsen added that 367 members were e-mailed Summer Camp surveys - 110 have responded and only 2 bounced.

**Library/Historian** (Lenore McManigal): All on-line reports have been recorded.

**Lodge Building** (Brian Hamilton): A few maintenance tasks still need attention. Thanks to Lodge Grounds for taking care of several problems, including unwanted pests. Please remember to schedule Lodge events through the Lodge Committee to avoid conflicts.

**Lodge Grounds** (John Jacobsen): The monthly grounds work party - Pat Adams, Gary Kirk and Rick Ahrens - met on the afternoon of June 26.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anne Dhu McLucas announced that there will be a meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Harris Hall located in the Lane County Public Service Building for private land owners to be introduced to opening their property for public use such as hiking.

## Janet's Jottings

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date so she could post the notes. Technology was not going to provide an ending for this story.

### New Spencer Butte Bridge

Eugene's Parks and Open Space staff contracted with a local stonemason,

Alan Ash, to replace a worn out wooden bridge that was removed last year by Obsidian volunteers. The mason used a very old dry stone method so that the stones interlocked without cement or mortar. This makes it easy for the stones to adjust to freezing and thawing. Built by hand, the stones are from the Butte, Coburg hills, and other

local areas. The bridge has two arches over the seasonal streams with 400 pound keystones to hold in place. This should last for years.

*I need Obsidian Bulletins from 1955-1983 for the Bulletin archives. If you would like to recycle, here is your chance. Call Janet at 343-8030.*

# TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



## Hikes

### Fall Creek

May 17, 2008

Leader: Martha Welches

6 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

**W**E ALL MET AT SEHS and after brief introductions and directions, proceeded in two cars to the trailhead. The trip leader, acting as co-pilot, went past the Oakridge turnoff, so both cars had to turn around, finally meeting at the Dolly Varden Campground. The day's high temperature was predicted to be around 85 degrees. We started out at a vigorous pace, over log bridges and rutted trail. It was suggested we slow down and notice the fairy bells, sword and maidenhair ferns in the old-growth forest. Reaching a portion of the trail in which there had been a forest fire and consequently no shade, it began to get very hot, so we turned around. We had lunch under one of the log bridges in the shade, where it was pleasant to listen to the bubbling creek, dip our feet in the cool, refreshing water, and just enjoy the company of nature and each other. Heading back to the trailhead it became really hot and we all responded to this in our unique fashions and tolerance levels. As it turned out, it was close to 100 degrees that day. Naturally we were glad to get back to our cars and start for home. Members: Julie Dorland, Sachiko Iwasaki, Joanne Ledet, Lou Maenz and Martha Welches; nonmember: Darlene Thomasec.

### Larison Rock

May 31, 2008

Leader: Barb Revere

9 miles, 2,400 ft. (Moderate)

**A HIKER'S HOMILY:** If the rain sprinkles down only during the drive, but the sun joins you for lunch, only to hide again behind the heavy clouds, you have to count your hike as one of the best in the season. The trip to Larison Rock was just such a day. We had sprinkly rain all the way to Oakridge, then a cool cloudy walk

to the top, but our lunch was warm and relaxing up on "the rock." We were too early for the rhododendrons, which were just budding out some color, and a little late for the orchids, which were pretty "hang-dog" after last Wednesday's rain. But our little band of three got a bird's eye view of Oakridge, had a nice "workout hike" and enjoyed each others' company. The trail is muddy in spots, but all the tree-fall is cleared. In the first mile of the trail, poison oak lurks. Walking sticks recommended, wish I'd had mine! Members: Paul Flashenberg, Sandra Larsen and Barb Revere.

### Old Baldy/Coburg Hills

May 31, 2008

Leader: Gary Kirk

Photo: Gary Kirk

6 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

**BY 9:00 AM, EVERYBODY** was ready to go, including two alternates who replaced two cancellations. Off to McKenzie View Road and the pasture gate, which was open and waiting for us, and to the parking area, where we were greeted by Jean Jancaitis, a steward for The Nature Conservancy (TNC). She was joined by Michelle Murphy who is interested in working for TNC. I had asked Jean to join us a

guest speaker to share with the hikers what Nature Conservancy's mission is for the area, and what has been done since last year when TNC became involved with the Coburg Ridge area through the generosity of the Jaqua family. I made a short speech about the special permission we have to hike, and then Jean talked a little about the history of the area.

Then it was time to hit the trail (McKenzie View Road) heading east to the trail up into the East Caves. We went up the trail of many steps, to the "Cave" to check it out, past the steep rock faces where there are many climbing routes and, on to Overlook Meadow with views of the valley. Here Jean expanded her talk with maps and pictures, and answered many excellent questions. When we got to the old Coburg-Marcola wagon road things changed from past hikes. The road has been improved to allow equipment access for removal of some trees to restore oak savannah and make a flyway for endangered butterflies. We followed it for a short way, then turned upward cross-country toward the summit of Old Baldy.

As in any Obsidian hike there are short stops for flowers, birds, neat rocks, views, and today a herd of Texas long-



*Happy group shot on Old Baldy - Springfield in background.*



horn cattle. Jean is trying to find the owners, whose cattle are getting free meals. Then we climb the steep slope to the summit (2000') of Old Baldy where we had lunch. While the valley view is excellent, the peaks off to the southeast were covered in clouds. After our lunch stop we headed down toward the west.

Here we saw the butterfly flyway through what used to be thick woods. The small firs are gone, but the big old trees stay to keep the effects of wind down, which helps the butterflies to fly more easily. I was impressed with the logging work, as debris was piled up in small burn piles, or hauled off to chip, plus obvious care had been used to reduce any erosion. Slowly we continued downhill to the big meadow area and across the Old Wagon Road and down toward the Main Caves area where the Obsidian Climbing Schools were taught for years. Here is where I got caught in not checking the complete route for the hike prior to dragging people along. In the past it has been a nice stroll though the woods on deer trails. I had checked out the lower part, but did not do this section. And here is where TNC had done some work, which made travel a bit of a pain, involving a lot of back and forth around things, but at last we got to the fence crossing above the Main Caves.

We made a short visit to an area I spent many happy times teaching rock climbing students of the Obsidian Climbing School, but which now is covered in Scotch broom and moss. Jean and Michelle left us at the meadow below, to head on down, with everybody's THANKS for making this a very informative hike. We then continued up to the Wall Street Overlook, which I also wanted to share with the others, and then it was time to head on back to vehicles. En route we passed "The Whale" where in the past we would teach basic rock skills, before taking students to Main Caves. We made it to the parking lot, thanks to Tom Happy, my excellent "Tail End Charlie" who reported all hikers accounted for. All the hikers earned the "Official Cross Country Hiking Badge" and I am thankful they did not stone the leader for leading them through the slash pile.

Members: Dan Bates, Brad Bennett, Sue Carey, Rob Castleberry, Dan Christensen, Pat Esch, Gary Kirk, Lynne Moody and Doug Nelson; nonmembers: Tom Happy, John Hartman, Erik Muller and Sally O'Donnell.

## Eula Ridge

June 1, 2008

Leader: Rich Romm

Photo: Rich Romm

10 miles, 3,300 ft. (Difficult)



**SPRINGTIME IN PARIS:** the sun, the flowers, the Eiffel Tower. This wasn't it. It was a cold damp day up the steep Eula Ridge Trail then down The Hardesty Trail. As if the terrain and steepness weren't enough, the trail was blocked by multiple downed trees, so it was over some, and under others. It took a while but it was a hardy group and we enjoyed our little saunter to the summit. The Hardesty Trail was free of downed timber, and was a welcome relief on our descent.

Members: Chrissy Anderson, Denise Butler, Mardel Chinburg, Daphne James, Richard Romm and Elle Weaver. Nonmembers: Michael Cooper, Jerry Goodnough, Ron Swisher and Kathleen Wilkowski.

## Washburne/China Creek

June 7, 2008

Leader: Marshall Kandell

Photo: Cathy McLaughlin

5 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

**DESPITE A WEEK OF RAIN** and dark clouds (and some rain enroute to the coast), we enjoyed a day of fine hiking weather: cool, no wind, occasional efforts at sunshine and just a drop or two of moisture to remind us that lunchtime was over.

The tide was as low as I've ever seen it, with lots of rocky creature-covered outcroppings to explore that are normally below water. A rabbit welcomed us into the parking area and a seal monitored our progress along the beach from his rocky perch, while a second seal basked in the near sunshine farther away. We saw starfish, anemone and sand dollars galore. Whatever streams crossed the sand (and there appeared to be more than usual) were so shallow they had no effect on our stroll. Still no hobbits spotted on the way up the highway, but I felt their beady eyes watching us.

We snacked at the beaver pond, lunched at the meadow, and tried not to step on salamanders along the China Creek loop and creekside on the way back through the campground. We finished back on the surf and stopped on the way home to check out the tiger lilies at Darlingtonia Botanical Garden, and to replenish our calorie losses at Alpha Bit.

Thanks to Julie Dorland for driving. Also in the happy wanderer party with



*Harbor seal checking out hikers on the Washburne/China Creek hike.*



me were Joan Abel, nonmember Cathy McLaughlin (who just moved back to Eugene from Portland), and members Lynne Moody and Nancy Whitfield.

## Brice/Trestle Creek Falls

June 8, 2008

Leader: Chrissy Anderson

8 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A PERFECT, pleasantly warm sunny day. We felt very lucky considering it has rained every day as far back as anyone can remember, and then it resumed raining the day after the hike. Starting at the upper Brice Creek trailhead, the hikers in front set a lively pace, and we quickly climbed 900 feet to reach Upper Trestle Creek Falls, which is incredible with all the rain and snowmelt. Next we hiked to Lower Trestle Creek Falls, then back down to the main trail for a leisurely lunch at the bridge. We continued at a post-lunch pace 5 miles down to the lower trailhead and our shuttle car. On the way we stopped at a beautiful summer swim hole and lounged like sea lions on the rocks. A few of us momentarily put a foot or hand in the frigid, raging river. Throughout the day, we identified lots of flowers, not necessarily correctly, but to our satisfaction, and saw some newts and butterflies. This was my very first hike as a leader, so I was especially grateful to have such a friendly, fun group. Our group of 11 included nonmembers Art Kearney, Ernst Schwintzer, Sandor Lau, and members Laurie Funkhouser, Charlie Van Deusen, Valerie Metcalfe, Mel Zavodsky, Jim Fritz, Pat Hutchins, Marianne Camp, and myself.



Tamolitch Pool with its accompanying "usually dry" falls.

## Tamolitch Pool

June 12, 2008

Leader: Marshall Kandell

Photo: Barb Revere

4 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

WITH CLEAR LAKE (our planned hike) still in the grip of winter snow, we turned to Plan B - a hike to nearby Tamolitch Pool, where the heavy spring snow-melt and run-off had transformed the usual "dry" waterfall (since the river usually goes underground at this point) into a picture-postcard thing of beauty - a real "wet" waterfall that poured into the turquoise pool. Accompanying the waterfall, like family offspring, were a few small side tumblers. We began our trip with a quick visit to Sahalie Falls. Always a powerful force, it was a booming dynamo that caused spray and mist to rise high enough to create rainbows. Oh, and let me say something about the weather. Leaving Eugene in 39-degree chill, we were all prepared for frigid temps at 4,000 feet. It turned out to be shirt-sleeve weather, with warm sunshine and a cloudless sky. The temperature when we returned to our cars was in the mid to high 70s. We had a large group of 14 hikers, half of them nonmembers. All in all, it was a joyous, perfect Oregon hiking day. The only problem encountered was getting everyone roused from their lunch and sunbathing break at the pool for the hike back. Thanks to Jim Pierce and Pat Hutchins for helping out with the driving. Members included Joan Abel, Pat Hutchins, Marshall Kandell, Norma

Lockyear, Jim Pierce, Margaret Prentice and Barb Revere; nonmembers were Ralph Core, Pat Endicott, Gary and Kate Herse, Cathy McLaughlin and Darlene and Robert York.

## Spencer Butte

June 18, 2008

Leader: Janet Hall

Photo: Jim Pierce

7 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)



WE HIKED FROM MARTIN at the end of Amazon Drive, going up the trail to meet the Ridgeline Trail, across Fox Hollow Road and up to the top of Spencer Butte. We had hoped to find butterflies to greet us at the top as June is supposed to be the best butterfly observation time in that area according to the book *Finding Lane County Butterflies* by Neil Bjorklund, but it seems the weather has been too cool for them to be out. If you want to find butterflies go in the late afternoon if you can. We did see one immature butterfly on the way down (i.e. a caterpillar). Another good book to have is *The Guide to Butterflies of Oregon and Washington* by William Neill, which has good photos. I use Bjorklund's book to locate butterflies and Neill's book to help with identification, but there are other good books available. After dining atop the butte, Jim and Janet Jacobson collected litter in their lunch bags. Janet got quite good at picking up trash with her walking sticks, using them somewhat like chop sticks, which was very impressive. It was a most enjoyable day with nice mild Oregon weather and good friendship. Members: Janet Hall, Janet Jacobson and Jim Pierce.

## Hills of Southwest Eugene

June 19, 2008

Leader: Joanne Ledet

4 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

THE HIKERS WANTED A GOOD WALK and did not want to travel out of town.

We met both goals by walking the hills of southwest Eugene. We met at the Churchill Plaza and walked along Warren Street until we got to a path that took us into a wooded area. The trail is steep there so we each walked at a pace that was comfortable. The walk took us on city streets for about a half mile and then we cut into another wooded area, walking downhill on this portion. Unfortunately most of the wildflowers along this path were long gone, but there was still water in the creek and we followed it for about a half mile. We did another combination of city streets and a short, steep trail and eventually we worked our way to McCornick School on Brittany Street. We cut through the playground and followed another path which took us back to our cars at Churchill Plaza. Enjoying a 4-mile hike on a pleasant day were members Joan Abel, Max Brown, Jean Coberly, Daniele Delaby, Yuan Hopkins, Marshall Kandell, Jim Pierce, Margaret Prentice, Ruth Romoser, Vincenza Scarpaci, and leader Joanne Ledet.

### **Tamolitch Pool**

**June 21, 2008**

**Leader: Judith Terry**

**4 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)**

**WOULD THE WATERFALL** at Tamolitch Pool still be flowing? Eight Obsidians took an easy hike on a beautiful day through old-growth forest to find out. On arrival there was still an abundance of water pouring over the falls. A special thanks to Anne Montgomery for providing the names of many wild flowers and other points of interest. She showed us "every little thing" as Virginia likes to say. We spent a leisurely lunch at the beautiful clear pool with a lot of other hikers, all of us taking advantage of a special treat not often seen. Members: Max Brown, Barbara Bruns, Lena Houston, Anne Montgomery, Virginia Rice, Guy Strahon, Judith Terry and Rod Wood.

### **Crescent Mountain**

**June 22, 2008**

**Leader: Laurie Funkhouser**

**9 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)**

**THANKS TO A FLEXIBLE GROUP**, we were able to have three adventures in one day! The trip started as usual: met at SEHS, departed at 8:00 am, and arrived at the Crescent Mountain trailhead under blue skies just before 10:00. But then it

changed. The first 100 feet of the trail were great – then the trail was under snowbanks of up to 3 feet deep! We traipsed through the snow for just over a mile until we found the collapsed bridge over Maude Creek. We crossed the creek and opted to turn around. Returned to the cars, ate lunch in the sun – it had to be at least 70 degrees! – and made alternate plans. We drove back to the McKenzie River Trail and hiked the "fall loop" to view Sahalie and Koosah Falls gushing with water, and drove a little farther and hiked to a mesmerizing temporary waterfall into the deep blue Tamolitch pool. Ah...hard to leave. Thanks to a great crew. NOTE: Barb Revere will be leading another hike to Crescent Mountain, on August 17th; conditions should be better! The great crew included members Daphne James, Barb Revere, Paul Flashenberg, Art Kearney, Jim Pierce (photographer), Charlene Pierce, Denise Butler (photographer), Marianne Camp (trailfinder), Elle Weaver and Laurie Funkhouser; and nonmember Ivan Paskalev (trailfinder).

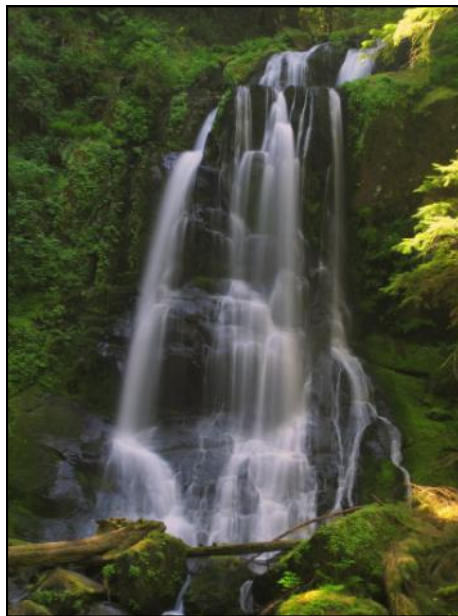
### **Kentucky Falls**

**June 24, 2008**

**Leader: Barb Revere**

**Photo: Bruce Swenson**

**4 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)**



**THE MYRIAD ROADS** into Kentucky Falls have grown new potholes and the old ones have worsened, but we forgave all because the wildflowers along the road were stupendous! Iris, lupine, rhodies, columbine and foxglove saluted us as we bounced by. The trail was in great shape,

with many wildflowers clinging to the steep canyon walls. Veteran hikers among us agreed that the falls were not as full as expected -- but we were still wowed by mist and thunderous noise. We were dismayed by the daring group that arrived as we were leaving, who hopped across the creeks to the base of the North Fork Falls. We didn't stay to pick up any pieces! We could hear the shrill squawk of American dippers, even over the roar of the falls, but never spotted one. Weather? Every hike leader should expect such weather! Sunny by the time we arrived and not too warm --we were glad of the tall forest that shades the entire trail. We had two nonmembers, Bruce Swenson of Eugene, and Delacie Barney of Springfield, who were as thrilled with the falls and the hike as the rest of us. They readily took the membership forms I handed out. The group also included members Jean Coberly, Marshall Kandell, Barb Revere and Bonnie Richman. [Otrials hike]

### **Clear Lake**

**June 25, 2008**

**Leader: Marshall Kandell**

**6 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)**

**CLEAR LAKE** and Sahalie Falls never disappoint. Making today's hike special was the fact that we had three visitors from Texas who were not only awed by the scenery from the time we left Springfield until seeing the Three Sisters and Mt. Washington setting a magnificent backdrop for the picturesque lake toward the end of our loop. They will go home telling everyone how they hiked over lava and snow(!) in shirtsleeve-weather (a bit warm for us Oregonians, but delightful if you've spent the last few weeks in 100+ degrees in Gulf Coast humidity). The snow was more a matter of remaining icy clumps here and there on the trail although there was a 6-foot tall pile at the picnic shelter that was pretty impressive. We also had to do a balancing act at one new inlet, tip-toeing across shallow water on a narrow line of rocks as the lake is higher than normal. At the source of it all, where we had lunch, the normally docile springs feeding the turquoise great pool were actually gushing out with considerable force. And the small rapids connecting the pool to the lake was a steady, deep stream covering all the rocks. And, to top it off, the normally dry Fish Lake Creek was a full-fledged rapids. Foot bridges at both ends of the



lake appeared to have been newly rebuilt, or at least strengthened with new railings, etc. Sahalie Falls, as has been noted in other recent reports, is a roaring powerhouse. It's hard to believe that what starts out so deceptively can become such a monster. Speaking of which, our guests wondered about the possibility of seeing Sasquatch on the hike. Not only didn't Big Foot make an appearance, but neither did the ospreys, eagles, pileated woodpeckers, beaver, river otters, pikas and other critters described in the lake brochure. We did see lots of wildflowers and other vegetation authoritatively identified by Anne Montgomery (and with Barb and Margaret along, she had to be on top of her game). Having us all smell the perfume emitted by flowering False Solomon's Seal was a sensory first for the rest of us. So, if you get the idea we had a magnificent day...you're right! Thanks to Jim and Kathy Floyd for being my co-drivers. And a final note: By the time you read this, we'll know if Jackie and Richard Acuff's daughter, high jumper Amy Acuff, qualified for her FOURTH Olympic team. Wow! Members: Jim Floyd, Kathy Floyd, Marshall Kandell, Margaret Prentice and Barb Revere; nonmembers: Jackie Acuff, Richard Acuff and Mary-Lee Blodgett. [Otrials hike]

## Spencer Butte

June 26, 2008

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

6 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

UNFORTUNATELY, we didn't have any Olympic visitors sign up for our hike to Spencer Butte. Hikers on Janet Hall's Spencer Butte hike the previous week picked up trash so the Butte would look its best. Unfortunately, it was even more trashed out today - some folks must have had a wild party on top. They even painted some rocks lower down on the trail with blue verbiage: FU STATE. Another hiker thought that had something to do with the Fresno State baseball win but we were not so sure about that. We picked up the trash and wished for plastic bags, gloves, and a shovel, and Ruth happily shared her bottle of hand cleanser. We took a side trip down the main trail to see the new causeway built over a seasonal stream. A local stone mason who specializes in traditional Scottish dry stone masonry (stone construction without the use of mortar or cement) did a spectacular job which should last for decades. At the Fox Hollow lot, Dick took

off for an additional 4-mile hike over to Baldy and down Spring. I picked up an empty six-pack of Obsidian Stout to carry down the trail to my car. Hikers greeting us on the trail must have thought we were very happy Obsidians. Next stop was Cafe Yumm! for lunch. The group included Pat Esch, Dick Hildreth, Janet Jacobsen, Ruth Romoser, Ellie Weaver, all members.

## Trestle and Parker Falls

June 26, 2008

Leader: Wayne Deeter

5 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

AS BOTH SIGNEES CANCELED it was just my assistant, Jim Pierce, and me (Wayne Deeter) on this gem of a hike. As we had only one vehicle, we couldn't do a car shuttle for a one-way hike along Brice Creek. Instead we chose to hike the always enjoyable Trestle Falls loop from the trailhead on the east end of the Brice Creek Trail, followed by the less known Parker Falls out and back that starts two miles further east. The four falls we viewed are Lower Trestle in its tight canyon; Upper Trestle with its two-part, upper and lower cascade in its large, drippy cirque; Lower Parker with its numerous pools and smaller cascades; and Upper Parker from the top, sliding over the steep slope of bedrock. [Otrials hike]

## Pre's Rock

June 27, 2008

Leader: Marshall Kandell

4 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

I GUESS YOU COULD CALL this a dress rehearsal or a dry run. On this first of two scheduled Pre's Rock hikes, we had no out-of-towners signed up. Jim Pierce joined leaders Marshall Kandell, Dan Christensen and Janet Hall (all members) for a brisk walk from Very Little Theatre and up 20th Ave. to Agate and then up 19th to Fairmount and Hendricks Park. After a short rest stop, we continued to Skyline Drive and the memorial to Steve Prefontaine, adorned as always with tributes from runners and admirers of all ages. The downhill return along Birch offers magnificent views of the Eugene/Springfield area and a look at impressive forested homes in an area most Eugeneans never visit. An added bonus at the bottom of the hill was the wonderful exhibit of track & field in action figures in Fairmount Park crafted out of tree limbs and branches. Starkly simple in appearance, they must have taken a tremendous

amount of time and creativity. Returning to VLT, we paused just briefly at the SportHill tent at 19th & Agate and, had it been an hour or so later, we might have given Prince Puckler a visit. We were all looking forward to doing it again the next week, when we had visitors signed up and excited about making their Pre Pilgrimage. [Otrials hike]

## Delta Ponds

June 27, 2008

Leader: Ruth Romoser

4 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

EIGHT HIKERS ENJOYED a sunny day and a walking tour of Delta Ponds with naturalist Rick Ahrens. Rick showed us osprey nests and identified many birds and plants. Most of the hikers had never taken the east bank trail or walked along the ponds. Obsidians on the walking tour were guide Rick Ahrens, Carolyn Higgins, Kathy Hoeg, Jan Jacobsen, Bonnie Richman and leader Ruth Romoser. Non-member Cathy Claussen brought her daughter Hannah Claussen and Hannah's friend Amy Mainwald. [Otrials hike]

## Mt. Pisgah Summit

June 28, 2008

Leader & Photo: Barb Revere

2.4 miles, 1,002 ft. (Moderate)



WE HAD ONE out of town guest, Tamara Adolph, who was in town to visit her mother who resides in the Eugene Hotel. Judi Kandell recommended our Otrials hikes to her. Thanks, Judi! Bonnie Richman, Margaret Prentice and I had to share Tamara among us. The trail was hot and dusty and full of people -- some fit and some decidedly not fit. All were puffing heavily in the heat. We took it slow, and had a nice view at the top. Today was "Snake Day" on Mt. Pisgah. We saw a snake, no rattle on its tail, head only slightly triangular, but with the tweedy pattern of a rattler on its skin. The snake darted out in front of us and then

slowly slithered away as we discussed what kind it might be and as I fumbled for my camera. No picture! On our way down from the top we talked to some young women who had spotted a snake and they were afraid to continue up any further, until we assured them the snake wouldn't come after them. That snake had longwise stripes. We also saw a deer, scared out of the brush by a hiking party ahead of us; at least one mosquito; and many butterflies, none of which stayed still long enough for us to see them well. [Otrials hike]

## Skinner Butte History Walk

June 28, 2008

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

3 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)



"Marker of Origin"

**STARTING AT THE LIBRARY** with a quick a quick glance at the bronze statue of Eugene Skinner, we walked across the street to view the new expensive meshed photo banner around the big hole. It is too transparent to hide the hole! We tried to read the undersized excerpts from Ken Kesey's books at the base of The Storyteller statue on Broadway Plaza. We studied Betsy Wolfston's Four Seasons and then headed down Willamette Street to see the Japanese American Memorial Peace Park, the Celebration mosaic mural by Dallas Cole at the Hilton Hotel, Carl Morris's 1943 paintings in the Post Office, and the Eugene Amtrak Train Station. Near the train station is another piece of art by Wolfston titled the Marker of Origin. We pretended we were tourists and used our binoculars to read the circular quotations stretching up 30 feet:

*The world is a very good world*

*But you must seek it*

*It will not do to neglect it.*

- **Lady Morgan, 19th Century**

*The trouble with many travelers is that they take themselves along.*

- **John Prescott.**

*It is not down on any map, true places never are.*

- **Herman Melville**

*Take only memories. Leave nothing here but footprints.*

- **Chief Seattle**

Next stop was the Nike Store so that LaRee and Ruth could see the Nike museum displays for the first time. In front of the 5th Street Market, we read the sidewalk inscription about Eugene Skinner and then headed for the Historic District where two homeowners graciously shared their enthusiasm and pointed out unique features of their homes.

Near the top of Skinner Butte, we spotted a fledgling sitting on the eagle's nest. We were glad to head to the Steelhead for lunch. It was 92 degrees when we walked back to the Pearl Street Garage at 10th and Pearl to see more of Wolfston's ceramic art and quotes on her stunning mosaic panels. Back at the library, we watched a colorful, peaceful sidewalk parade with banners stating: "Olympics China; Stop Torture Tibet."

Hikers were: LaRee Beckley, Ruth Romoser and Janet Jacobsen, leader. [Otrials hike]

## Pre's & River Trails

June 29, 2008

Leader: Marshall Kandell

4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

**WAS IT THE HEAT?** Or are there just a lot of people who like to get up early and go running? Or is it the aura of Steve Prefontaine hovering over Alton Baker Park? Whatever the reason, four of us joined the 7:30 am procession along Pre's Trail, single-file most of the time to let all the runners pass by. It was noticed by one of our group that everyone seemed unusually pleasant, greeting us with smiles and genuine "good mornings." Starting from the duck pond, we skirted by the Science Factory and Autzen Stadium, circled the lake and envied the serene vistas of homes along the waterway. We then returned via the River Trail, with a short detour to enjoy the Willamette from the Autzen Bridge. Enjoying the early morning hike were members Marshall Kandell, Kathy Lindstrom and Ruth Romoser and nonmember Judy Ness. [Otrials Hike]

## Amazon Headwaters, Raptor Center

June 30, 2008

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

3 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

**FOR INTRODUCTIONS**, each of us shared how long we had lived in Oregon and from whence we came. Out of the 17 hikers, there were six native Oregonians with others migrating from the Midwest, Texas, Arizona and California. Our two Olympic guests from Michigan, Jill Evers and Joan Ludtk, are high school teachers and coach track. It was a pleasant hike up Amazon Headwaters Trail to the Raptor Center. For several locals, this was their first visit. The shady pavilion was a lovely place to watch the handlers, Louise and Kit, display two barn owls, an American kestrel, turkey vulture, and Swainson's hawk. We were then joined by two Boston visitors, Chris and Cohn McCardle, members of the Appalachian Hiking Club. They had read about the hike and amazingly were able to make their way to VLT, Martin Street, and up the trail to the Raptor Center. After the presentation, we ambled through the grounds and gathered at the yard, where Kit brought out a young red-tailed hawk for us to watch while we sat. Our group of 19 hikers contributed \$80.00 to the Raptor Center. Members included Rick Ahrens (co-leader), Richard Heinzkill, Carolyn Higgins, Kathy Hoeg, Mary Morrison, Ruth Romoser, and Janet Jacobsen, leader; and nonmembers Kristina Brooks, Megan Brooks, Victoria Brooks, Chad Higgins, Dee Johnson, Joan Ludtke, Chris McCardle, Cohn McCardle, Mary Schearffs, Jim Robertson and Sharon Piper. [Otrials hike]

## Washburne Loop/Heceta Head Lighthouse

July 1, 2008

Leader: Marshall Kandell

5.5 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

**WHAT MAKES OUR TRIPS SO SPECIAL** is not just our love of hiking, but the opportunity to share our appreciation of the natural wonders we have in our own backyard with out-of-town visitors. Today we were joined by Ineke and Cees Laan of the Netherlands, who were in Eugene on a baby-sitting mission for their grandchild. Natalie Flindt thought her mother Beverly, visiting from Chico (CA) would enjoy a coastal hike. Mary-Lee Blodgett, from Wisconsin via Texas,



was on her second Obsidian hike in a week. Indeed, the only members on this jaunt were the leader and Susan Sanazaro. We moved the start time for this hike up a bit to get a slight edge on an incoming tide, but needn't have worried. The ocean was calm and we had plenty of time to beachcomb from the day area parking lot to the Hobbit Trail. I thought that, perhaps, our Dutch friends might spot a Hobbit; but once again they eluded our sight. A light marine layer hovered overhead, defending itself well against a sun trying to burn through. That gave us comfortably cool weather, ideal for the strenuous climb up to the lighthouse. That's where we had our lunch and several in our group took tours. The hike back down and along the Valley Trail was a pleasant change of pace. Ineke and Cees (pronounced case) took lots of notes on the flora and were constantly impressed by the expansive vistas and open space compared to the tight quarters of the Netherlands. On the return, we all stopped to take photos of the lighthouse, now shrouded in a light marine haze. The sea lions roaring on the rocks just below us put on a great show. Then it was a short stop to see the always fascinating cobra lilies before heading home. By the way, none of the visitors were in Eugene for the Olympic Trials! [Otrials hike]

## Cape Mountain

July 1, 2008

Leader: Paul Flashenberg

7.6 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER HALF of the signups cancelled, the remaining four of us made our way to the coast for what has become an annual event. The weather was delightfully on the cool side with temperatures in the mid-sixties amidst bright sunshine. The wildflowers were in full bloom with the foxglove especially vibrant. The salmonberries were scarce with only a few ripe ones; perhaps the bears have feasted already. There were several stops before lunch, with views of the ocean and a visit to a replicated Indian shelter. After a leisurely lunch at a prime ocean-viewing bench, although substantially obscured by the clouds, we completed the loop with the major uphill portion of the hike. Joining leader Paul Flashenberg were members Elle Weaver, Lamonte Smith (Smitty) and nonmember and first time Obsidian hiker Alan Overwater.

## Pre's Rock

July 3, 2008

Leader: Marshall Kandell

3.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

I DON'T KNOW if you'd call it a true pilgrimage, but a dozen of us hiked up to Hendricks Park and then to the memorial for Steve Prefontaine, where his sister, Nita Prefontaine, awaited us, along with her grandson and granddaughter. As others joined us, swelling our number by double or even triple, Nita reminisced about her early years with her younger brother, his high school and U of O days and how his legacy is being carried on in a variety of youth programs. She graciously answered questions and posed with people for photos. It was a wonderful few moments and many of the bystanders who stumbled upon the presentation also thanked us (I tried to collect nonmember fees from them, but had to settle for laughs and thank yous). The remainder of the hike was much like the one reported for June 27, except we lost hikers along the way as a couple went to visit an ailing Marriner Orum; a few went back to the campus and some went to Studio One for a late breakfast. A special thanks to my two co-leaders: Janet Hall and Dan Christensen. Others on the hike were: Jackie and Richard Acuff from Corpus Christi TX, parents of high jumper Amy Acuff; Bryan Acuff, Amy's brother (who flew and trained into Eugene late the previous night from Houston); Diane Marsh of Portland; member Dick Hildreth and his track athlete daughter Emily, who just graduated from UC San Diego; and members Marshall Kandell (leader), Joanne Ledet, Kathy Lindstrom and Jim Pierce. On behalf of the club and myself I want to extend our sincerest "Thanks!" to Nita Prefontaine for making this a very special event. [Otrials hike]

## Road's End

July 3, 2008

Leader: Barbara Beard

Report: Jan Jacobsen

Photo: Paul Jensen

2.8 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

JEAN COBERLY, JANE HACKETT, Vi Johnson, and I met Dallas Cole at The Inn at Spanish Head the day before the hike. Three of us hiked up to Cascade Head while Dallas and Vi enjoyed a beach walk to view the harbor seals. The next morning at 5:30 am we joined Paul and Barbara Beard and their daughter,

Paula, plus seven Lincoln City guests at Road's End State Park.



We were able make our way around the tip of the headland as we looked for marine life in the tide pools and on the exposed rock. We were surrounded by colorful starfish, sea slugs, chitons, mussels, and anemones. We kept a close watch on the tide table stats to make sure we would not be trapped. Back at the park, Barbara and Paul served up a brunch with coffee, pastries, chocolate-dipped apricots and strawberries, fruit, cheese, and yogurt. We enjoyed meeting the Lincoln City folks and gained much respect when Dallas recited the poem that she shared at a recitation last summer on a Garrison Keillor-hosted Scandinavia Cruise:

*There was a girl named Dallas  
who peed in the Archbishop's challis.  
I'm sure it was for relief  
and not out of Protestant malice.*

We hope that Barbara and Paul Beard's Road's End beach hike at the lowest minus tide becomes an annual event. Members: Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Jean Coberly, Dallas Cole, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen and Vi Johnson; nonmembers: David Baldock, Robert Eaton, Sue Forest, Paul Jensen, Sharon Meniscosy, Mary Westgard and Paul Westgard.

## East Alton Baker Park

July 5, 2008

Leader: Barb Revere

4 miles, 10 ft. (Easy)

AN OCCASIONAL SMALL PILE of empty cans, spent fire-crackers and dirty paper plates were evidence that a good time was had by all last night, but it was a quiet and enjoyable walk we shared this morning with other walkers, cyclists, joggers, ducks, geese and one great blue heron. Thanks to Marshall for pointing the way. Participating members: Marshall Kandell, Joanne Ledet, Barb Revere and Ruth Romoser. [Otrials hike]





## Bike Trips

### **Fern Ridge Wildlife Bike/Bird**

**May 25, 2008**

**Leader: Janet Hall**

**20 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)**

**I**T WAS A LOVELY overcast spring day for riding bikes along the bike trail, then to the end of Royal Avenue to the wildlife area. Along the route we saw several acorn woodpeckers and an osprey carrying nesting material to its waiting mate in the nest, in addition to the usual variety of ducks, redwing blackbirds, herons, etc. Once at the wildlife area, we walked to the viewing platform to be treated to the spectacle of a group of about 20 white pelicans in the distance and three pairs of cinnamon teal ducks in the foreground amidst the mallards and other water and shore birds. It was the perfect day to be surrounded by the music of the birds. A special thanks to the rain for holding off until after the outing. Members: Janet Hall and Kurt Koivu.

### **Veneta - Our Daily Bread**

**May 31, 2008**

**Leader: Stewart Hoeg**

**42 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)**

**JOHN FISCHER DIDN'T LIE.** We didn't get any rain on our trip to Veneta - a big improvement over the two days of snow that occurred on the ride's originally scheduled April weekend. Under cloudy skies, 10 hearty eaters - make that hearty riders - headed out the back roads south of Highway 126 towards lunch; oops, I meant Veneta. Along the way, a wide array of wildlife, including cows, llamas, and two strangely cheering and waving elderly men on Central Road, urged us on to our noontime destination. Our Daily Bread had a table prepared for our arrival. After a delicious lunch and a leisurely ride back into town, it was agreed by all that sunshine wasn't a requirement for a satisfying eating, I mean biking, experience. Future dieters included Obsidians Bill Aspegren, Laurie Funkhouser, Barb Bruns, Joyce Sanders, Sharon Ritchie, Judy Terry, Guy Strahon, Dick Moffitt, George Jobanek and Stewart Hoeg.

### **McKenzie View**

**June 8, 2008**

**Leader: Janet Hall**

**35 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)**

**WE RODE BIKES** along the river bike path to Crescent Avenue in order to avoid as much traffic as possible. It was a lovely day and we saw the usual assortment of birds along the way. We took Crescent to Coburg and Coburg to McKenzie View. The ride along McKenzie View is nice as it rolls up and down and has turns, sometimes approaching the river and at other times moving away from the river. When we intersected with Hill Road we turned right to meet Old Mohawk Road and then took Marcola and turned right again on Hayden Bridge Road to 35th where the bike path begins to take us to the Pioneer Parkway bike path. When going down 35th the path is well marked so don't take any turns until you see the sign for the path. We completed the ride along the river bike path to end in Eugene. Members: Jim Clarkson, Janet Hall and George Jobanek; nonmember: Ron Swisher.

### **The Cottage (Cottage Grove)**

**June 14, 2008**

**Leader: Sharon Ritchie**

**36 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)**

**FINALLY, A PICTURE PERFECT DAY** with sunshine, white clouds and cool breezes instead of rain, rain and more rain. Okay, okay, the cool breezes felt more like headwinds on the return, but we were able to get away from them most of the time. It was a small, very compatible group. Barb Revere did her first "official" Obsidian bike ride and has promised me there will be more. She did great! The ride to Cottage Grove was wonderful, the food at The Cottage was, as usual, outstanding and the return trip went too fast. My thanks for sharing this wonderful day go to members Barb Bruns, Barb Revere, Judy Terry, Guy Strathon, Joyce Sanders and Charles Durham.

### **Cottage Grove/King Estate/ Creswell**

**July 3, 2008**

**Leader: Lyn Gilman-Garrick**

**44.5 miles, 0 ft. (Difficult)**

**IT WAS A GREAT DAY** for a bike ride, mid 70's and partly cloudy. We started at Ray's Food Place in Creswell and took Sears Road to Cottage Grove. From there

we headed up and over the Cottage Grove-Lorane Road hill, our first of three hard climbs. In Lorane we stopped for a delicious lunch at King Estate Winery. The winery is located at the top of a very steep hill but the views from the patio and the downhill afterwards made the climb worth every crank of the pedal. After lunch we tackled Hamm Road, our last hill. Our reward was ice cream at Old Time Scoop in Creswell. Despite all the hills and the ever-present headwind, we probably gained a couple of pounds from all the good food. That's why we bike in the first place, isn't it? Members: Paul Garrick, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Stewart Hoeg, Sam Miller and Pam Morris; non-members: Chris Hayward-Mayhew and Sandor Lau.



## Climbs

### **Diamond Peak**

**May 31, 2008**

**Leader: Larry Huff**

**9 miles, 4,000 ft. (Class 3)**

**I**T WAS A BIG SNOW YEAR for the Cascade Mountains (what used to be considered normal). It has been difficult to visit the peaks in mid-spring, so I rescheduled the climb three weeks later than initially planned to facilitate an easier approach and climb. The climb had as many as twelve people signed on, then on the day of the climb it dwindled down to seven participants. We met at the Albertson's on 58th and Main and popped over the hill to Hwy 58 on our way to the wilderness. We experienced heavy rain along Hills Creek Lake, then arrived in sunshine at the trail head at Pioneer Gulch. We shared the trailhead with two groups of telemark skiers intent on linking turns in the bowls. We non-skiers headed on up to the southwest ridge through hemlock and fir forest to open vistas of Diamond Peak as we began to ascend to treeline. We kept a pretty brisk pace once we were out on the open slope, which turned into a torrid pace once I let the twenty-somethings get out ahead. I gave the guys a minute and a half headstart, then I went off after them. They said they had already been waiting ten

minutes by the time I caught them! (I developed cramps chasing those darn kids.) The weather on top of the mountain went from awesome to awful in a minute. We summited in a white-out with the rumble of thunder not far off. Our group hung around for the obligatory pictures and briskly headed back down. The view into the east bowl was fleeting but gorgeous, with the Diamond Peak wilderness still slumbering in winter's white blanket. Meanwhile we were keeping a wary eye on the storm that was casting a dark sheet of rain over Maiden Peak and Davis Lake. We took advantage of the steep slope and did some glissading down the ridge until we reached the trees (what a hoot!). Once in the forest it's all about which way did we come into these darn woods and will we find our way out - hmm. The participants for this fun outing were myself, Brian Hamilton and Mark Slipp, fearless assistants, and fellow Obsidians Marianne Camp and Steve Kuhn. The eager nonmembers were Ajah Boise and Shawn Grover.

**Middle Sister**  
**June 14, 2008 to June 15, 2008**  
**Leader & Photo: Wayne Deeter**  
**15 miles, 5,000 ft. (Rating I-1)**

**STOPPED AT HARBICKS** for the usual, pre-climb chicken-on-a-stick. Hiked from Pole Creek Trailhead to our campsite at 7200', much of the way on snow. Got a slightly lateish 5 am start the next

morning using crampons right from our camp, and passed the usual Mazama dozen as we mounted the glacier. Protected the steep part of the north ridge with a couple of pickets. It took us three hours to summit. We had views as far as Mt. Scott and Crater Lake Rim to the south, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams to the north. After an hour basking in the sun on top we returned to camp, relaxed for a couple more hours, hiked out and finished the trip with pizza at Papa Andreas in Sisters. Members: Wayne Deeter and Lubos Hubata-Vacek.



**Byways**  
**By Bus**

**Tillamook Forest Center**  
**May 29, 2008**  
**Leader: Ray Jensen**  
**302 miles**

**M**ANY ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS have impacted Oregon, and perhaps the most disastrous was the Tillamook forest fire of 1933, with repeats in 1939, 1945, and 1951, collectively known as the Six-year Jinx. Over 12 billion board feet of timber in an area of about 360,000 acres were destroyed, similar in magnitude to the St. Helens eruption in 1980. The success in reforestation was achieved by many volunteers, scientific

research, new replanting techniques, contributions by both private and public agencies, and most importantly the bond financing by the State of Oregon in 1949.



The new Tillamook Forest Center, located astride the Wilson River some 30 miles west of Forest Grove, is a tribute to these efforts. This facility, housed in a building similar to a small sawmill, features interactive displays, memorabilia, videos, a donkey, a replica of a 40 ft. fire lookout tower and state-of-the-art environment-friendly utility systems. Everything is very clean and well maintained. For our trip to the Tillamook Forest Center (TFC), we departed Shopko at 8 am, took a rest break at the Santiam, then traveled via backroads in scenic countryside through Newberg, Gaston, and Forest Grove to the Wilson River Hwy 6. At TFC, Jim Reeher, from a pioneer family, presented a very good slide show on homesteading. We enjoyed our sack lunches outside in rare pleasant sunny weather. The 15-minute film shown at the Center, "LEGACY OF FIRE," is breathtaking. We had plenty of time to enjoy the river, the trails and wildflowers and all the exhibits. The TFC staff was most cordial and helpful. Our return route was to Forest Grove, Hwy 47 to McMinnville for the obligatory ice cream at the DQ, and 99-W to Corvallis and home by 6:30. Driver Ralph Perry was excellent, logging in 302 miles. Thirty-five riders, including seven guests, are listed. Members: Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Ewart Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Louise Behnke, Stephen Brander, Mary Lee Cheadle, Robert Eaton, Patricia Esch, Rachele Fizman, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Bette Hack, Dora Harris, Sachiko Iwasaki, Ben Jeffries, Ray Jensen, Patrice McCaffrey, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Jim Pierce, Liz Reanier, Janet Spelman, Mary Ellen West and Vera Woolley. Nonmembers: Ben Kirk, Gloria Layden, Joan McCaffrey, Carolyn Rayborn, Judi Scranton, Viola Stults and Carol Volesky.



*Wayne and Lubos on Middle Sister.*



## Oregon Rogue Valley & Umpqua Headwaters

June 23-25, 2008

Leader: Barbara Beard

**TWENTY-NINE OF US**, 24 Obsidian members and 5 guests, enjoyed a blending of excitement, informative tours and river habitat on this bus trip.

**Day 1:** We visited Sunny Valley's Applegate Interpretive Center (several commented that they would have enjoyed more time here), the nearby Grave Creek covered bridge and the burial place of the 16-year-old pioneer girl for whom the creek is named. Next, we checked into our motel, grabbed jackets and readied ourselves for a 4-1/2 hour jet boat excursion and dinner. Our route was from Grants Pass, at the foot of the motel, to Hellsgate. The boat operators gave a thrilling ride, with a number of tight water drenching 360-degree turns, and racing with a companion boat. They also provided informative wildlife and river history narratives. Dinner in a 400-person pavilion was both plentiful and delicious.

**Day 2:** Our activities consisted of tours and facility visits. The first stop was in the tiny community of Ruch and its mega church, which draws approximately 6000 worshipers per week. We viewed the amphitheater, which looked like it would seat several thousand. From Ruch, we took back roads to Medford and Harry and David's facilities. We toured the Chocolate, Moose Crunch and Cake buildings. Most of us loaded up on their store products. Next we were at Roxy Ann Winery for lunch, wine-tasting, and talks by their staff. The third stop was Dogs for the Deaf, which is the largest such program in the world. We saw demonstrations of training and training settings consisting of complete home rooms, videos, and dog housing. The last stop was at the Crater Rock Museum. We viewed a slide show on minerals, had a tour and were treated to viewing a 250-pound obsidian piece brought to the museum by its finder, to recognize our club name.

**Day 3:** This day consisted of following the beautiful Rogue River into the mountains, switching to the equally attractive Umpqua near their headwaters, and making many view stops. These included: Cole M. Rivers Interpretive Center, the Natural Bridge area, The Rogue Viewpoint at Union, Diamond Lake Overlook,

Views of Mt. Thielson and Bailey, lunch at Lemolo Resort, several waterfalls, and unnamed, but attractive pullovers. We also heard a talk by John Ouimet, District Ranger of the Umpqua National Forest. We arrived back in Eugene at 7 pm, somewhat weary, but highly pleased. Members: Ethel Allen, Don Baldwin, Ewart Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Marylee Cheadle, Evelyn Claycomb, Keith Claycomb, Rachele Fizman, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Jeanette Forsman, Dora Harris, Marjorie Jackson, Ben Jeffries, Pat Jeffries, Verna Kocken, Dot Leland, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Cristy White and Vera Woolley. Nonmembers: Ron Bauer, Jackie Jensen, Caroline Rayburn, Susan Reinoehl and Eva Wright-Bever



## Trail Maintenance

### Spencer Butte

June 3, 2008

Leader: Peter Green

Photo: Christer LaBrecque

0 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)



**SEVEN OBSIDIAN VOLUNTEERS** met just after 5:00 p.m. with Christer and Jason, two city staff members, in the Spencer Butte upper parking lot on Wilamette Street. The staff described the planned tasks and demonstrated how to use the three new motorized wheelbarrows, but no explanation was needed for the shovels, picks, and pulaskis. Hands went up quickly to drive wheelbarrows and to torch an invasive plant, as we all found jobs that matched our abilities. One of the tasks involved digging out eight wooden posts, the last remnants of the wooden causeway that our group removed last year. The city received a grant to build the new stone causeway,

install trailhead signs, and remove rocks that would block the wheelbarrows. The causeway is a work of art! Here is what Christer LaBrecque, Natural Resource Maintenance of Eugene Parks and Open Space, wrote about our group:

*Hello all - Just wanted to thank the Obsidians group of trail maintenance folks for their hard work yesterday evening at Spencer Butte. Seven volunteers came out to help with several projects on the main trail at Spencer Butte. Here's a list of projects:*

- One of the new way finding markers was installed at the meadow at the junction of the Tie Trail and the Main Route
- All remaining treated lumber was removed at the newly constructed stone causeway.
- Re-surfacing was done on approximately 100' of trail (which had previously been inaccessible to power carriers!)

*It was a good evening project and I look forward to the next one on July 23.*

If you would like to volunteer, contact Peter Green: [peteg@nwframing.com](mailto:peteg@nwframing.com).

Participants included members Peter Green, Joanne Ledet, Janet Jacobsen, Bill Montgomery; nonmembers Adam Gapinski, Steward Lewis, and Ed Wilson; and city staffers Jason and Christer LaBrecque.



## Backpacks

### Blacklock Point

June 20-22, 2008

Leader: Scott Hovis

15 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

**I**N AN AREA KNOWN for wind and rain there was very little of either, and the temperature was mild. The creeks were plenty full allowing us to pump drinking water. We saw a few people but not too many, and enjoyed the solitude. There were quite a lot of pelicans flying north, and we also saw whales spouting. There has been a fair amount of work clearing winter "blow-down" and as a result the trails are in good condition. The Sixes River had a curious phenomenon: due to the winter tides pushing the sand up at



the mouth of the river, the river was colliding with a backwash of seawater running downhill from the ocean. When they met it caused a whirlpool where both waters disappeared under the beach. Or so it looked! The beach sand is coarse and makes walking a work-out, unlike some of the northern coast sand which compacts to a hard surface. There were a few pockets of bugs, but not too bad. Participants included members Brad Bennett and Scott Hovis, and non-member Ryan Borden.



## Potluck

### Oregon by Ultralite

June 27, 2008

Review by Stephen Brander

**T**HINGS WERE A BIT UP IN THE AIR at the June potluck which brought us a view of Oregon from a different perspective. Bill McWhorter showed us views of Oregon forests, mountains, oceans and the canyons from Bill's ultralite aircraft, a 254-lb., 46-hp. fixed wing

kit-built flying machine that Bill described as being like "flying a lawn chair."

While Bill most often flew low to get a close-up view of Oregon's natural wonders, his ultralite had the capability of reaching a 10,000 ft ceiling, which enabled him to photograph around the Three Sisters. Having this ability allowed Bill to show us views of vast swaths of Oregon that would be unavailable by foot or conventional aircraft. Cruising at 30 mph allowed Bill and his digital camera to capture images that would escape a trekker on the ground or a conventional plane at greater altitude. Flying the coast on crisp clear still mornings over Walport, Cascade Head Scenic Area, Seaside, Cannon Beach and Newport revealed hidden waterfalls and arched rocks. Flyovers of Diamond Peak, Odell Lake Salt Creek Falls Owyhee Canyon and Reservoir, the Wallowa Mountains, lake and terminal moraine were likewise spectacular.

The video of a few flights from the cockpit gave us a sense of what it is like to take the controls. The presentation did hit a sweet spot with the audience who gave voice to numerous questions and comments and made their appreciation felt with a round of applause.

## Member Orientation

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people to inquire as to their satisfaction level, find out if they have questions, invite to a potluck, if appropriate, and encourage membership (without hounding!). If the person is amenable, an address and e-mail contact could be obtained. Then if a few extra *Bulletins* could be made available each month, such prospective members (probably no more than 4-5 each month) could be sent a complimentary copy as further enticement to join. In addition, it was suggested that the leader packets include an informational sheet to hand to non-members (probably one sheet that could be copied or could be downloaded by the leader to take along when he or she knows how many non-members are taking part).

Suggested Responsible People: Designated members of each trip committee (NOT the chairs!) Information on repeat hikers and/or trip takers would have to be collected to give to the designated callers.

5) **Individually led hikes to Obsidian Lodge.** As a way of introducing prospective and new members to Obsidians and the Lodge, every month one person can volunteer to lead a "Lodge Loop" hike (see Janet Jacobsen for details of her route), which could incorporate scenic sites in Eugene, including the Obsidian Lodge.

Suggested Responsible People: Anyone who would volunteer to lead such a hike.

*Submitted by Ad Hoc Orientation Committee: Kathleen Floyd, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Anne Dhu McLucas, Barb Revere, Chris Stockdale*



## Upcoming Bus Trips

### Oregon Garden & Silver Falls

Date: Tues Aug 5

Leaders: Betty Hack & Liz Reanier

Cost: \$40 members; \$42 non

Reserve: Pat Bitner 485-3971

**W**E WILL DRIVE to Silver Falls State Park where we will have our morning coffee break. We will go to the South Falls and do a short hike to view the area. We will return through Silverton and drive to the Oregon Garden for lunch (on your own), and tour the gardens. They now have trams which accommodate 48 people and leave every 30 minutes from the visitor center. Tram cost is included. Those wishing to tour the Gordon House, designed by Frank L. Wright, will need to pay an additional \$4 at the time of you

register, and indicate you want the tour. We will travel back roads home to Eugene, by 6pm.

### Lake Chelan/N Cascades

Date: Sept. 2 - 6 (Tues-Sat)

Leaders: Ben Jeffries & Ewart Baldwin

Cost: \$450 members; \$460 non

Reserve: Janet Speelman 344-3019

**AT THE MOMENT**, this trip is full, but there are always cancellations for various reasons. If you wish to be on the list in case of a cancellation, call Janet Speelman at 344-3019

### Octoberfest

Date: Thursday September 11

Leaders - Barbara and Don Payne

Cost: \$28 member; \$30 non

Reserve: Verna Kocken 736-5180

**WE WILL DEPART** from Eugene, driving through the farm lands of the Willamette Valley to Mt. Angel for the Octoberfest, which started in 1966 and now is one of the nation's largest annual

festivals of German culture. September 11 is SENIOR DAY! No admission. Highlights include over 50 food booths and over 60 artists displaying their works. There will be plenty of music and dancing as well. So bring your pocket book and walking shoes for a fun day. Home by 6pm.

# Columbia Gorge Waterfalls and Wildflowers

By Lana Lindstrom  
Photos by Stewart Hoeg

**I**N SPITE OF SEVERAL “bloopers”, this was a great trip! In fact I had so much fun that I’ve already booked next year’s trip – May 28-30, 2009.

Driving up I-5 on our way to Menucha on a dreary Wednesday, it rained on and off. But by the time we arrived at Menucha, there were patches of blue sky. Menucha is a retreat center in Corbett on about 100 acres, just west of the Crown Point. The spacious grounds are spectacular and include beautiful gardens, views of the Columbia, a swimming pool, and labyrinth. Meals are served family style with Obsidians serving and bussing the tables. Seventeen of us stayed in two houses, one of which had a large meeting area.

**Day #1 hike: Angels Rest to Wahkeena Falls** (6.4 miles, 1700 foot elevation). After meeting and greeting, gathering our lunches and packs, we set off to hike from Angels Rest to Wahkeena Falls. Unfortunately, I didn’t read Sullivan’s book quite carefully enough and set up the shuttle from the Bridal Veil parking lot rather than the correct one 0.8 miles away. Extra credit goes to Barb, Elle, Jan, and Stewart for walking the distance while I shuttled everyone else to the correct parking lot!

Angels Rest is a rocky bluff which juts out over the Columbia; spectacular views up and down the Columbia River. We saw one eagle and lots of wildflowers with larkspur being the showiest. We lingered a bit at the top and then continued to Wahkeena Waterfall, passing several smaller waterfalls and Wahkeena Springs.



**Day #2 hike: Eagle Creek** (6.7 miles, 600 foot elevation). The plan was to hike Dog Mountain, but one driver locked her keys in her car and then it started drizzling. (Is a Slim Jim one of the 10 essentials?? No luck using it though!) After re-grouping and discussing how to proceed, we decided to hike Eagle Creek instead - it’s less strenuous and a much shorter drive. Three supportive Obsidians waited with the driver for AAA and later explored the culinary options at nearby McMenamins. Eagle Creek is one of the premier hikes in the Gorge. It passes a number of waterfalls; Punchbowl Falls is just spectacular. Several sections of the trail have been blasted out of the rock and have handholds since the canyon drops sharply below. We hiked to High Bridge for lunch, and since it was still drizzling,

decided to turn back. Note: there have been numerous break-ins at the trail-head. Park about ½ mile away in the overflow parking lot just after exiting the freeway.

In the evening, we played “guess who’s behind the blanket” (harder than one would think!), speed Scrabble, and Fictionary. (Next year, after the *seguidilla*, we’ll tie the *grogam* back with *henequen* and the *zoophagous* among us will dine on *gorgeny!*)

**Day #3 hike: Multnomah Falls** (2.2 miles, 700 elevation gain) After a good breakfast and singing Happy Birthday to Sandra, we packed up and headed out. Most folks wanted to get some exercise before the drive home, so we decided on Multnomah Falls. We didn’t linger on the bridge since the spray from the falls combined with the rain from above made for rather wet conditions. The view of the falls from the top isn’t spectacular, but we did marvel at the platform’s engineering and admired the flow. Splitting from the group, Janet Jacobsen and Barb Revere hiked from Horsetail Falls to Oneonta Gorge, including a section of the Larch Mtn. trail to view Triple Falls. They were soaked, but lunch tasted oh so good!"

Thanks to all the flexible and patient folks on this trip: Elle Weaver, Charlene and Jim Pierce, Kathy and Stewart Hoeg, Keith Christensen, Sandra Larsen, Ed Lichtenstein, Brigitte Williams, Pat Esch, Grace Swanson, Norma Lockyear, Janet Jacobsen, Barb Revere, Peggy Windle, Richard Hughes, and Leader Lana Lindstrom.





## UPCOMING

# A Couple Extended Trips Not to be Missed

## Lassen Volcanic National Park

Date: August 20–24

Leader: Jim Pierce

Cost: \$70 members; \$80 non



**AUGUST 20-24** (Wednesday to Sunday) is the perfect time to visit the treasures of the southern Cascades. We will be camping (tent or van) at a group campsite inside Lassen Volcanic National Park for four nights. The group will collectively cook three dinners, but breakfasts and lunches are on your own. For more information, call Jim Pierce at 344-1775. Amazingly, there are still spots available on this trip... and there are car pools forming.

How do I summarize an extended trip with sooooo much to see and do? Explore the second largest geothermal area in the 48 states... complete with hot springs, bubbling pools and mud pots. Hike up the easiest Cascade volcano to 10,457 feet... like hiking two Pisgahs... at elevation. To sweeten the pot, Climbs Chair Larry Huff has made the Lassen Peak hike an official Obsidians climb. Hike up a 600 foot cinder cone formed only 350 years ago. Hike along the Nobles Emigrant Trail, like the pioneers. Visit a “hot boulder” bigger than a car, blasted from Lassen Peak during the 1915 eruption. Be mesmerized by wild flowers, alpine meadows and forests, and fascinating rock formations. There are waterfalls and fishing. There is even a museum of the Old West.

You get all this excitement for a mere \$70 (\$80 non-member). Send your check to leader Jim Pierce, 1775 Cameo Drive; Eugene, OR 97405. There will be a pre-trip meeting August 6 at 7 PM at Jim’s house.

## Lewis and Clark On The Columbia River

Date: October 3–5

Leader: Jim Duncan

Cost: \$120 members; \$126 non

**I**F THE RECENT Lewis and Clark Bicentennial passed you by or you haven’t yet seen newly reconstructed Fort Clatsop, this is your chance to make amends on an Obsidians Extended Trip. Jim Duncan will lead an extended trip on October 3 – 5 that will explore Lewis and Clark history at the end of their journey to the Pacific Ocean. We will be staying at Fort Columbia State Park across from Astoria, at or near the site of Station Camp, the western-most camp of the Corps of Discovery on the Columbia River (November 15 – 24, 1805). During the trip, we’ll visit the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Cape Disappointment Lighthouse, and Fort Clatsop. There are hiking trails at both Fort Columbia and Cape Disappointment State Parks.

**Accommodations:** Steward’s House (sleeps 4 w/ 1 shared bath, living room and kitchen). Scarborough House (sleeps 8–10 w/ 2 shared baths, kitchen, living room and dining room). <http://www.parks.wa.gov/vacationhouses/ftcolo.asp>

**Meals:** The participants will prepare breakfasts (2) and dinners (2) in the Scarborough House kitchen. Bring your own fixings for lunches. There are refrigerators in both houses.

**Pre-trip meeting:** Wed., September 17, 7:00 at the Lodge. Maximum participants: 12 (14 if participants are willing to share a room. To reserve a spot send a nonrefundable check payable to Obsidians for \$15 to Jim Duncan, 1878 W. 27<sup>th</sup> Place, Eugene, OR 97405 by August 15. Balance due by September 7. If you want to share a room with someone (or are willing to), indicate that when you send in your check,



# No Summertime Blues here!

**Fri., July 18 –Tidbits Mountain – Hike, moderate.** Join leader Stewart Hoeg on a trip to this interesting rocky-peaked mountain. The climb is steady, but never too steep, as you gain 1100 feet over 2 miles of trail. The summit has 360 degrees of views and the climb is well worth the effort. There is exposure to steep drop-offs and steep slopes.

**Sun., Jul. 20 – Coast Range Foothills – Bike, moderate.** One of the featured routes in the *Lane County Bicycle Map*, this bike trip starts with one 500-foot hill followed by several smaller climbs before going essentially level for the last half of the loop. Your route covers 35 miles, all on quiet back roads. Possible views include the foothills of the upper Willamette Valley, Fern Ridge Reservoir and many Central Cascade peaks. Join leader Doug Nelson in the rolling countryside between Alvadore, Cheshire and the coast range foothills.

**Same Day (Jul. 20) – Row River Trail – Bike, moderate.** For a relaxing break from motorized hazards, join leader Guy Strahon on this bike path which is separated from road traffic over the entire 15-mile route. (Note: there are some intersections with roads.) Once a line for the Oregon & South Eastern Railroad, the path was built in the 1990's by cooperative efforts between the BLM and the city of Cottage Grove.

**Sun., Aug 3 – Horsepasture Mountain – Hike, moderate.** A short steep hike, this trip is well worth the grunt and puff you expend on the way up to magnificent views of the Three Sisters and surrounds. Wildflowers are a possible added attraction – but I honestly don't know what to expect this year!

**Fri. to Sun., Aug. 1-3 – Blacklock Point – Backpack, moderate.** There are several trail options in this little known state park near Coos Bay and Langlois. The park is largely undeveloped except for trails and is bordered by the Pacific Ocean and the Sixes River. Leader Bill Sullivan says the hikes will take in

beach, sea stacks, cliffs, waterfalls and river.

**Thurs., Aug. 7 – Erma Bell and Williams Lakes Loop – Hike, moderate.** This 8.4-mile loop, led by Joan Ledet, rewards you with four swimmable lakes and a hidden waterfall, all within the Waldo Lake Wilderness. As you eat your lunch on the shore, listen for the high frequency call of picas, search the tree-tops for osprey, or watch the fish rising. The voracious Waldo mosquitoes should be gone in August -- on second thought, pack bug spray and wear long pants/sleeves. The same hike is offered on Aug. 16 and look for it again in Oct. – no mosquitoes -- maybe snow!



**Sun., Aug. 10 – Opie Dilldock – Hike, difficult.** The destination is the NW flank of North Sister and Collier Glacier Overlook. The route winds through forests and meadows before breaking out into wide-open lava fields, passing Four-in-One Cone and finally joining the PCT. At the pass the view is a stunning sweep to Mt. Jefferson. This “difficult” hike, led by Rich Romm, travels 14 miles and climbs 2,000 ft. Good boots, plenty of water and good conditioning should go without saying. Note: Jim Fritz will lead a backpack trip to Opie Dilldock July 28 & 29.

**Tues., Aug. 12 – Lowder Mt. –Hike, moderate.** Climb up through several wildflower meadows to a final meadow

at the top to get spectacular views of the Three Sisters and other high Cascades. Wildflowers can be marvelous on this hike, and this year August is the right time for flowers! This is a gem of a trip. Led by Jim and Sharon Duncan, this trip is 5.6 miles and climbs 900 ft.

**Sat., Aug. 16 – Canyon Creek Meadows – Hike, moderate.** On the east side of Three Fingered Jack, this hike climbs through a pretty meadow to a high shoulder where the views of the high Cascades stretch far -- north, east and south. Part of the route is on a narrow ridge crest with exposure to steep slopes on both sides. Led by Judy Terry.

**Same Day - Aug. 16 – Smith Reservoir Paddle-- Kayak/Canoe, easy.** An afternoon glide across a glassy lake, a hot dog roast as the sun slips behind the ridges and a return trip under the stars: If this sounds like a little bit of heaven, please join leader Ellen Sather and friends for an unforgettable trip at this tucked away reservoir. Participants provide own boat and PFD.

**Sun., Aug. 17 –Crescent Mountain – Hike, difficult.** This hike was attempted in late June, but 3-feet of snow deterred our enthusiastic group. I'm hoping the wildflowers will still be fresh for this date and they are said to be spectacular! Beargrass is the star here, with a host of other meadow bloomers. But no matter, the views are of our lovely high Cascades and will be worth the climb and distance --2200ft and 8.6mi. This writer will be your leader.

**Same Day (Aug. 17) – Matthieu Lakes – Hike, moderate.** Two small but lovely lakes along the PCT with North Sister so close that you can reach out and grab a handful of snow -- almost! The view of that same mountain is so breathtaking you won't believe your eyes. The lakes are inviting, so bring a swimsuit and towel.

**Wed., Aug. 20 – Emeralds vs. Vancouver -- Baseball and dinner.** The Obsidians go out to the ballgame with

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# Barb's Sampler

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our 3rd annual game night. The catered dinner is delicious and whether the home team is triumphant or not is immaterial, as everybody wins on this trip led by Ed Lichtenstein. See Page 23 costs and details.

**Sat., Aug. 23 – Vivian Lake – Hike, moderate.** Starting at beautiful Salt Creek Falls (second only to Multnomah Falls in height) your trail will wind past two smaller falls as it traces Fall Creek (Willamette Pass) to placid Vivian Lake in the Diamond Peak Wilderness. Led by Charles Durham, this hike is a lovely way to spend an August day.

**Sun., Aug. 24 – Green Lakes – Hike, moderate.** Follow a trail along Fall Creek (Three Sisters Wilderness) and you'll wind up at Green Lakes—three ice-melt lakes that nestle between South Sister and Broken Top. Most often thought of as a jumping off spot for climbing South Sister, the hike is a rather lovely one as it traces the creek closely and contains a nice waterfall. The route also traverses dry pine forest into volcanic devastation, which adds interest. Some old timers can tell stories of those that have dared swim in Green Lakes, but this writer doesn't recommend it. When last seen, ice chunks and snow ringed the shoreline in August. Co-led by Daphne James and Elle Weaver.



**Tue., Aug. 26 – Eddeleo Lakes – Hike, moderate.** Your trail winds down Winchester Ridge north of Waldo

Mountain to a string of delightful little alpine lakes that drain into the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. Open views are limited but spectacular on this heavily wooded trail and include the Three Sisters. Paul Flashenberg leads this moderate hike of 9.2 miles. Please note the trail climbs up 700 ft. to return to the trailhead.

**Thurs., Aug. 28 – Heceta Head – Hike, moderate.** Leader Sandra Larsen says this trip is just what the weatherman ordered for a hot August day. A cool day at the coast is a beachcomber's dream. It's a long sandy beach with a dash up the headland before returning via a forested inland valley.

**Same Day (Aug. 28) – Lillian Falls/Klovdahl Bay-Hike, moderate.** You'll take a little breather at twisting Lillian Falls, before beginning the final climb to Waldo Lake's Klovdahl Bay. The trail travels a dense verdant valley as it snakes along Black Creek up to the lake. Stewart Hoeg leads this rewarding trip. Plan on taking a container to fill with berries (huckleberry, salmon, red currant, wild strawberry and Oregon grape) – or just graze as you walk.

**Fri., Aug. 29 – McKenzie Pass Geology – Geology walk, easy.** Erosion, glaciation, old and new lava flows, craters, cones and peaks: all will be discussed and explained as you ride and walk on this "classroom drive/hike" in the McKenzie Pass area. This is the fifth year Peter Rodda has led this popular trip.

**Same Day Aug. 29) – Shasta Loops/Blackberries – Hike, easy.** A nice hike in the SE Eugene hills -- you'll see a variety of architectural styles and hike a few back roads to view wild turkeys and domestic peacocks. Bring containers for the juicy berries that grow along farm fences and vacant land.

**Sat., Sep 6 – Black Crater – Hike, moderate.** This climb of 2,500 ft. is well compensated for by fabulous views of many high Cascade peaks: south to the Sisters, east to central Oregon and north to Mt. Hood. Jennifer Baer leads this 8-mile hike.

**Sun., Sep. 7 –South Waldo-Black Meadows – Hike, moderate.** Scott Hovis leads this 9.8-mile hike, with elevation gains of 1000 ft. Your trail is

a loop from Shadow Bay boat access to the meadows that sit in the afternoon shadows of Mt. Fuji and Bunchgrass Ridge. Waldo Lake is one of Oregon's purest lakes and 75% of its shore is wilderness area.



**Wed., Sept. 10 – Santiam Wagon Road – Hike, moderate.** Wagon trains and natural history are woven together on this hike in the Santiam Pass area. Intending to profit, Andrew Wiley built the road in 1854 on top of the route native people had walked for centuries. A 19-mile remnant, now preserved as a trail, stretches from House Rock to Tombstone Pass to Fish Lake. Join leader Pat Hutchins on this enriching adventure.

**Fri., Sept. 12 – Rosary Lakes – Hike, moderate.** In the Willamette Pass area, this 4.5-mile trip on the Pacific Crest Trail, with 600 ft. of elevation gain, skirts the southern slope of Maiden Peak and strings together three lovely alpine lakes like rosary beads -- hence the name. View rugged Pulpit Rock towering over Lower Rosary Lake and look for wildflowers along the deeply forested trail. Led by Chris Cunningham.

**Sat., Sept. 13 –Trestle Creek Falls Loop – Hike, moderate.** One of the great little hikes that's relatively close to town. Led by Karla Rusow and Jennifer Barnes, this 3.5-mile trail begins at the east end of Brice Creek trail and loops west through old-growth forest and between two tumbling creeks. Parts of the trail are steep and slippery from waterfall spray.

## Emeralds Baseball

**T**HE THIRD ANNUAL Obsidian outing to the Ems game is coming up. Join us to see the Emeralds play Vancouver at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 20th.



Your \$18 covers food, ticket, and trip fee. Sign up at the Y and send the fee to Ed Lichtenstein, 3385 Bardell, Eugene, OR 97401. We'll be along the third baseline this year. Call Ed (683-0688) if you have any questions.

## Eugene Celebration Help Needed!

**S**EPTEMBER SEEMS FAR AWAY, with many hikes in between, but we need to start thinking now about staffing the Obsidian booth at the Eugene Celebration. As those who've helped in previous years can attest, it is fun to sit at the booth, talk to people, give out brochures, and just generally enjoy the scene. We generally have two people sitting at the booth for two-hour shifts. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, then 11-5 on Sunday. Please e-mail me to volunteer: [amclucas@mac.com](mailto:amclucas@mac.com). Many thanks for your help! Anne Dhu McLucas



### SciEd Tuesday, September 23

## Fire Ecology

**F**IRE ECOLOGY will be the topic of the September 23 SciEd Tuesday Program, cosponsored by the Obsidian Conservation Committee. Jay Linger of Cascade Wildlands Project will be the presenter. He has also invited Obsidians to join him in a Cascade Wildlands Project guided hike of the Warner Creek burn area near Oakridge the following Saturday, September 27. Obsidian Conservation Chair Juli McGlinsky will be Jay's co-leader. See details in the September *Bulletin*.



### Potluck, September 26

## Welcome Potluck

**T**HE SEPTEMBER POTLUCK is a "Welcome" event, welcoming back folks after the summer and welcoming new and prospective members to the Obsidians. An entertaining slide presentation of club and volunteer activities, will be shown.



## Trail Maintenance

**T**HE NEXT WORK PARTY IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD at 5:00 p.m. at the Spencer Butte upper parking lot on Willamette Street. The Open Space city staff will provide gloves, shovels and whatever else is needed. All volunteers welcome. For questions, contact me at [peteg@nwframing.com](mailto:peteg@nwframing.com). See you there.

- Peter Green, Trail Maintenance Chair

## Obsidian Calendar

### July

19 Sat - **Disston—Oakridge**, Bike **D**, S.Miller..... 484-4586  
 20 Sun - **Coast Range Foothills**, Bike **M**, Nelson .... 736-6076  
 20 Sun - **North Fork Smith River**, **M**, J.Dorland..... 484-0280  
 20 Sun - **Iron Mtn sketch/paint**, **E**, Montgomery..... 736-8955  
 20 Sun - **Row River Trail**, Bike 32m **M**, G.Strahon..345-0720  
 23 Wed - **Spencer Butte**, Trail Maint, P.Green..... 510-1151  
 26 Sat - **Sunrise Cafe**, Bike 36m 500' **M**, S.Hoeg..... 484-6196  
 27 Sun - **Wolf Creek**, Bike 52m 1560' **D**, R.Hughes 683-1409  
 28-29 Mon-Tue - **Opie Dilldock**, Backpack **D**, J.Fritz345-0347

### August

1-3 Fri-Sun - **Blacklock Point**, Backpack, Sullivan...683-6837  
 2 Sat - **Gathering Farm**, Bike, M, L.Garrick..... 345-5236  
 2-3 Sat-Sun - **Mt. Adams**, Climb, L.Huff ..... 868-5391  
 3 Sun - **Horsepasture Mtn**, 3.3m 900' **E**, B.Revere .. 726-4989  
 3 Sun - **Flagstone**, Sport Rock Climb, D.Nelson..... 736-6076  
 3 Sun - **Waldo Lk Wilderness**, 10m 2000' **M**, P.Asai 933-3927  
 5 Tue - **Oregon Gardens**, Bus, P.Bitner ..... 485-3971  
 7 Thu - **Williams Lake**, 8m 800' **M**, J.Ledet ..... 683-2603  
 9 Sat - **Broken Top**, Climb, B.Hamilton ..... 343-6550  
 9 Sat - **Clear Lake**, 5m 200' **E**, J.Barnes ..... 895-3704  
 9 Sat - **Diamond View Lk** 10.8m 1000' **D**, Dolliver .345-2975  
 9 Sat - **Middle Fork Willamette**, **M**, J.Dorland.....484-0280,  
 9 Sat - **Mt. Thielsen**, Climb, M.Slipp.....503-582-1100

10 Sun - **Opie Dilldock**, 14m 2300' **D**, R.Romm.....484-5214  
 12 Tue - **Lowder Mountain**, **M**, J.Duncan ..... 343-8079  
 16 Sat - **Canyon Creek Meadows**, **M**, J.Terry ..... 345-0720  
 16-17 Sat-Sun - **Middle Sister**, Climb, Hamilton..... 343-6550  
 16 Sat - **Mt. Pisgah sunset**, **E**, Murdock ..... 345-8305  
 16-17 Sat-Sun - **North Sister**, Climb, W.Deeter ..... 954-0924  
 16 Sat - **Smith Reservoir**, Kayak/Canoe, Sather..... 822-0311  
 16 Sat - **Williams Lake**, 8m 800' **M**, J.Ledet ..... 683-2603  
 17 Sun - **Crescent Mountain**, **M**, B.Revere ..... 726-4989  
 17 Sun - **Matthieu Lakes**, 6m 800' **M**, J.Hackett..... 984-0049  
 17 Sun - **Three Fingred Jack**, **D**, Funkhouser ..... 206-2303  
 17 Sun - **Cowhorn Mtn**, 9.5m 1850' **D**, J.Jacobsen ... 343-8030  
 20 Wed - **Emeralds Baseball** E.Lichtenstein ..... 683-0688  
 20-24 Wed-Sun - **Lassen**, Hike/Car Camp, Pierce .... 344-1775  
 20 Wed - **Maxwell Butte**, **D**, J.Clarkson ..... 334-6883  
 23-24 Sat-Sun - **Gannett**, Climb, McManigal.....206-286-9474  
 23 Sat - **Three Fingred Jack**, Climb, D.Nelson..... 736-6076  
 23 Sat - **Vivian Lake**, 8m 1600' **M**, C.Durham ..... 687-0885  
 24 Sun - **Green Lakes**, 9.6m 500' **M**, D.James ..... 683-7488  
 24 Sun - **Brice Creek**, Bike 55m **M**, J.Sanders ..... 485-2944  
 24 Sun - **Rebel Rock**, 12.3m 3300' **D**, M.Baldwin..... 683-1248  
 26 Tue - **Eddeeleo Lakes**, **M**, P.Flashenberg ..... 461-1977  
 28 Thu - **Heceta Head**, 6.5m 600' **M**, S.Larsen..... 687-2589  
 28 Thu - **Lillian Falls**, 7.6m 2200' **M**, S.Hoeg ..... 484-6196  
 29 Fri - **McKenzie Pass**, Geology, **E**, P.Rodda ..... 343-3887  
 29 Fri - **Shasta Loops/Blackberries**, **E**, Kandell ..... 345-8095  
 30 Sat - **Mt. Washington**, Climb, W.Deeter ..... 954-0924  
 30 Sat - **Tamolitch**, Family Hike, **E**, Nelson ..... 736-6076  
 31 Sun - **South Sister**, Climb, B.Blumm..... 343-8830

### September

2-6 Tue-Sat - **Lake Chelan**, Bus, J.Speelman..... 344-3019  
 4 Thu - **S Cinder Pk**, 13.4m 2200' **D**, Christensen ... 343-8941  
 6 Sat - **Black Crater**, 8m 2500' **M**, J.Baer ..... 431-0767  
 6 Sat - **Eugene Century**, Bike 100m **D**, McCarty .... 342-6962  
 6 Sat - **Mt. McLoughlin**, Climb, B.Hamilton ..... 343-6550  
 6 Sat - **Vivian Lake**, 10m 860' **M**, W.Dolliver ..... 345-2975





*Hiking down from Angel's Rest in Columbia Gorge Photo by Stewart Hoeg see trip report on page 19*



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