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## 2009 Annual Confab

By Janet Jacobsen Photos by John Jacobsen



*Brian Hamilton receives 10-Peak Award from Climb Chair Larry Huff*

**T**HE CAKE AND ICE CREAM social gave everyone a chance to visit before the meeting and to see the progress that's been made on the Dallas Cole ceramic mural. Jim Duncan, President, called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00. Lana Lindstrom introduced the new board members, Elle Weaver, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, and Kathy Hoeg. She listed their numerous activities with the club and highlighted how each would listen and communicate and work as a team. The vote was unanimous and enthusiastic. Jim announced that Lana Lindstrom will replace Marshall Kandell on the Board beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. He said that Marshall is in many ways irreplaceable and thanked him for his service, while welcoming Lana to the Board.

President Jim Duncan's State of the Club message was positive and appreciative of the many members who contribute. He pointed out that our membership is steady with around 550 members.

Finances are in good shape. However, participation has declined in some areas such as summer trips, bus trips and summer camp while participation has increased for urban hikes, bicycle trips, and extended trips. Jim said that he didn't have the answers but that the board and committee chairs will continue to evaluate trends.

Twenty committee chairs gave short committee reports. Doug Nelson, lodge building chair, brought many laughs with the first statement of his report, "The lodge is still standing."

**THEN CAME THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING**, the awards. The recipients were all smiles when Jim Duncan gave them their certificates and patches. It was a touching moment when Ray Jensen accepted his 100 Leader Patch, a well-deserved award. Climbs chair, Larry Huff, gave the Ten Peak Award to Brian Hamilton and the Three Peak Award to April Anderson. Brian also should have received his 25 leader award but somehow the "Awards Committee" goofed. Congratulations to all those who received these hard-earned awards!

During the meeting, Jim and Committee Chairs expressed kudos for many folks. Accept my apology if I left out any names. Committee Chairs: the backbone of the club. Brian Hamilton: chairing a committee that developed a formula for car-pooling mileage fees. Matt Bell: Trail maintenance person of the year: Attended all of the 9 Ridgeline work projects and led 5 of them. Elle Weaver: Producing the new brochure and representing the club at the Oregon State Fair. Pat Bitner and

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Dorothy “Dot” Leland - 1918-2009

**D**OT WAS BORN January 7, 1918 in Philadelphia, PA, to John and Laura Boyer Hutt. She had three brothers and two sisters. The family later moved to Upper Darby, PA where she graduated from a suburban Philadelphia high school. She knew early in life that she wanted to teach and started her teaching career shortly after graduating from Ursinus College in 1939. She married John Leland in 1945. The family moved to Eugene in 1953 with three small children and she found the flexibility of substitute teaching and selling *World Book Encyclopedia* desirable. For many years she also organized and supervised the summer playground program at the River Road Park District. Her



love of education and her quest for knowledge followed her throughout her life.

Her children are sons Rod and Ron Leland, both of Salem, a daughter, Joyce Craven of Kelso, WA. A daughter, Janice Leland, died previously. Dot had six grandchildren and three great-grand children.

Dot was enthusiastic Obsidian who participated in a variety of activities. She sang, hiked, skied, climbed, attended summer camp, and led 82 trips. She joined the club in 1970. Her last trip was a bus trip June 23, 2009. Dot did 14 climbs and received the Three Sisters and the Ten Peaks Awards, becoming a Princess in 1972. Her Princess name was Wild Flowering Currant. Dot holds the current record for being part of 429 Obsidian trips.

One of her favorite hikes to lead was Finley Wildlife Refuge. She led it for the last time May 16, 1997 and wrote: *We shared what we liked best about the day: the birds and the bees (we saw a huge swarm of bees), wild flowers, ant hills, a golden chain tree and a feeling of peace and quiet being in*

*the woods with such pleasant company.”*

Known for her nimble footwork, she had no trouble climbing Mt. Olympus in 1980. She organized an Obsidian Dance Night, February 9, 1979. The participants commented, *the nice thing about many of these dances is they don't require a partner and as long as we have Dot Leland to lead most anyone can join in and have a good time.*

Bob Foster wrote us about Dot's love of music: “Dot Leland loved to sing folk songs. She sang with the Pickin’ and Singin’ Song Circle from 1978-1983 and more recently with the Eugene Folklore Society Song Circle. Dot also sang with the Memory Tones and the Peace Choir.

She did international folk dancing with Eugene Folk dancers for over twenty years and also did English and Scottish country dancing with Heather and Rose. Dot attended contra dance every other Saturday night. Dot was a good caring person. She encouraged everyone. She reached out to strangers at contra dances and song circles and made everyone feel welcome.”

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# Hiking Mt. Takao

By Pema Chhophyel

Photo by John Jacobsen

*EARLY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all my Obsidian friends from Tokyo, Japan!*

**A**S A FORMER OBSIDIAN, I follow all that happens in the Obsidian club with the deepest interest, thanks to your launching the online Bulletin. It helps someone like me in a faraway place to read and rejuvenate incredible memories with so much joy.

Some of the best parts of working in Japan are the string of consecutive national holidays and the convenient transportation services to take you anywhere without having to drive. After a few phone conversations with John and Janet Jacobsen, I persuaded the two of them to visit my wife Sachi and me in Japan during our summer holidays. I assured them that there would be plenty of fun, and of course there would be no shortage of hikes. Thankfully, without much coaxing, they both agreed to the trip and John began browsing the Internet for the airline tickets.

My wife and I live in Kawaguchi City, a suburb of Tokyo. We did our part in gathering ideas about popular tourist places. Knowing that John and Janet are avid hikers, we really wanted to hike Mt Takao (599m) together. Mt. Takao is also known as an Eden of wildlife and natural vegetation. This hike is a favorite of many travelers and was highly recommended by my friends in Japan. For us this was a warm up hike before we pursue our ambition to climb Mt. Fuji in the near future.

**IT WAS A BRIGHT AND SUNNY SUNDAY**, September 20, 2009 when we left our apartment at 7:00 am to catch a train to proceed to our Mt. Takao hike. It was a two hour trip via subway and train with several transfers to reach Hachioji, where hundreds of hikers surged off the train. Every 15 minutes another train stopped with hundreds more hikers. We joined the hiking hordes. The main trail was paved and wide enough for a vehicle, plus there was a cable car that one could take half way up. Good grief, there were huge queues at the cable car station and we were glad that we decided to hike from the bottom.

By this time, because of the holiday and the gorgeous weather, we realized there might be thousands of local hikers on the main trail. Sachi chose a less popular trail for the first

part of the hike. Surprisingly, it was a quiet - no loud voices and it was an absolutely LITTER FREE trail! At the halfway point, we encountered vending machines, souvenir shops and food stalls selling roasted rice balls, curry buns, beer, and corn dogs. As we breezed through the river of people and seeing all the stalls, I couldn't resist buying a Japanese corn dog for John.

Surrounded by other hikers, we continued upward, stopping for views and at a temple where visitors pray to Shinto and Buddhist mountain gods for good fortune. One source said the temple was dedicated to Kami Tengu, the savior of hikers. At the summit, we had an incredible view of Mt. Fuji. Everyone was so polite, taking turns for their photo ops. Each group somehow found a space for their blanket for a picnic lunch. We were lucky and shared a picnic table where we dined on sausage and potato sandwiches, Asian pears, and grapefruit. It was a unique experience for a few Obsidians to be at the top of the mountain encircled by thousands of people quietly



*Pema, Janet and Sachi on Mt. Takao with Mt Fuji in the distance*

eating rice with chopsticks, chewing on rice balls wrapped with seaweed, or boiling water for tea. And still, no litter.

Sachi chose Trail #6, an unpaved trail, for the downhill trek. It was a lesser-used, rough trail though a valley by a gently flowing river. We met a constant stream of uphill hikers but somehow we politely shared the narrow trail. We were rather surprised to find a few female hikers in their high heels and we couldn't see any logic to that. Think of it like this: If you were hiking up a mountain, you wouldn't be comfortable with such heels and let alone the painful blisters that are most likely to occur.

Mt. Takao was worth every drop of sweat and you wouldn't truly be able to appreciate it until you reached the very top!

Back at the train station, we were happy to find toilets and then headed back to Kawaguchi City for a light Japanese meal in our apartment.

**Editor's Note:** Pema, a young man from Bhutan, was an Obsidian member from 2003 – 2008, while he attended LCC and the U of O. He met his wife, Sachi, at the U of O. Pema was a cultural and trekking guide in Bhutan, and has been a guide for a number of Obsidians who visited Bhutan.

# 2009 Annual Confab

(Continued from page 1)

Joella Ewing: Working together for Conservation and SciEd programs. Paul Flashenberg: Taking over Winter Trips with enthusiasm and organizational skills. Pat Adams and Sam Tracer: Helping with the tree and wood removal. Wayne Deeter and John Jacobsen: Working on creating an on-line sign-up capability

**The Hershey (Candy Bar) Award** for extraordinary leadership: Barb Revere (15) Janet Jacobsen (18) and Marshall Kandell (20) trips led this year, Lana Lindstrom, for organizing and leading two extended trips and co-chairing summer camp, John Jacobsen: Ridgeline Trail representative for the East Ridgeline Arlie acquisition, Janet Jacobsen: Out in front with an article on the Ribbon Trail and the first Obsidian trip on Ribbon Trail (led by John Jacobsen).



Janet Jacobsen receives 400-Trip Award



Ray Jensen receives 100-Trips Led Award From President Duncan

## Climbing Awards

**Ten Peak Award:** Brian Hamilton

**Three Peak Award:** April Anderson

## Trip Awards

**400 Trips:** Janet Jacobsen

**300 Trips:** Dave Predeek and Dick Hildreth

**200 Trips:** Barb Revere

**100 Trips:** Dan Christensen, Scott Hovis, Daphne James, Jim Pierce, Carol Petty and Ruth Romoser

## Leader Awards

**100 Trips:** Mary Ellen West and Ray Jensen

**50 Trips:** Barb Revere and Scott Hovis

**25 Trips:** Dan Christensen, Chris Stockdale and Brian Hamilton

## Compleat Obsidian Award

Jim Pierce and Lana Lindstrom

Thanks to Historian Lenore McManigal for maintaining the log books, to Sharon Ritchie and Janet Jacobsen for counting, and to John Jacobsen for printing the awards.

## Impressions

**MEMBERS WERE ASKED TO SHARE** their impressions of the Annual Meeting. For some, it was their first Annual Meeting.

*"Dessert, awards and the face of the Obsidians. The annual meeting is truly a delightful way to experience the dedication and spirit that make the club a success."*

- Doug Nelson

*"Cool autumn evening. Warm crackling fire in the fireplace. Yummy cake and ice cream. Interesting committee reports. A very enjoyable meeting. It's always interesting to hear about the wide variety of activities of the members receiving awards."*

- Kathy Hoeg

*"The countless number of hours donated by volunteers to run the club and lead club activities."*

- Lana Lindstrom

*"Committee reports in general were informative and short. Cake and ice cream were great. How about a potluck for the next annual meeting?"*

- Paul Flashenberg

*"I am excited to be a member of Obsidians for lots of reasons but the main one is the strong sense of camaraderie among the members. They really care about and support one another, just like family."*

- Lyn Gilman-Garrick

*"The annual meeting brought together what the club has done as a whole during the past year. The best part was being in the midst of happy people looking forward to the next adventure wherever or whatever it may be."*

- Elle Weaver

*"It was very impressive to see how such an informal organization was managed in a very professional manner. I was also impressed by the amount of work put in by so many individuals. It is indeed very inspiring to see so many contribute so much to the cause of this wonderful organization."*

- Tashi Choden

# Hoofing it Barefoot (Or Nearly So)

By Matt Bell

**A**T THE BEGINNING OF THIS PAST SUMMER I was facing, for me at least, a terrible dilemma. My faithful Chaco sandals were finally very close to being a lost cause, being so worn down that I wouldn't be able to return them to the company to have the straps and sole replaced. I'd worn the sandals on nearly every summer hiking adventure and misadventure for years. I own hiking boots, secretly loath them, and only wear them for trail maintenance, snowshoeing, and very reluctantly and infrequently on hikes. I desperately wanted to send my sandals back to be refitted but didn't want to miss out on any hiking, have to buy another pair of sandals, or hike in boots or shoes, so my search for alternate hiking footwear began.

In recent years there has been an increase in interest by runners in going barefoot or using minimalist footwear. This movement is by no means mainstream, even within the running community let alone in the hiking community. The main premise behind this is that to run as we'd evolved to you need to run as close to barefoot as possible. In traditional running shoes you hit heel first and then roll forward onto the ball of the foot; running barefoot as you did when you were a child you land on the ball of your foot and spring forward. People who run barefoot or nearly so, such as the Tarahumara of Mexico's Copper Canyon region, suffer significantly fewer running related injuries.

So what did this mean for me and for us hikers? Should I, should we, throw away our trail shoes and hiking boots and all start hiking barefoot? Of course not. Hiking boots help protect our feet and us not only from the dangers of rolling an ankle in the backcountry but also from falling rocks on climbs and scrambles. But we can adapt some of the lessons gleaned from these runners. We should respect our feet, keeping them happy and strong. The stronger our feet are without shoes or boots the better protected they'll be when we do wear them.

**I FOUND THAT VIBRAM**, the company that makes most of the soles in our sandals, trail-runners, and hiking boots, has a product line that consists of what are essentially gloves for our feet, called FiveFingers. After online research and careful consideration of what I wanted in alternate hiking footwear I decided on the Vibram FiveFingers KSO, short for Keep-Stuff-Out. For me, these

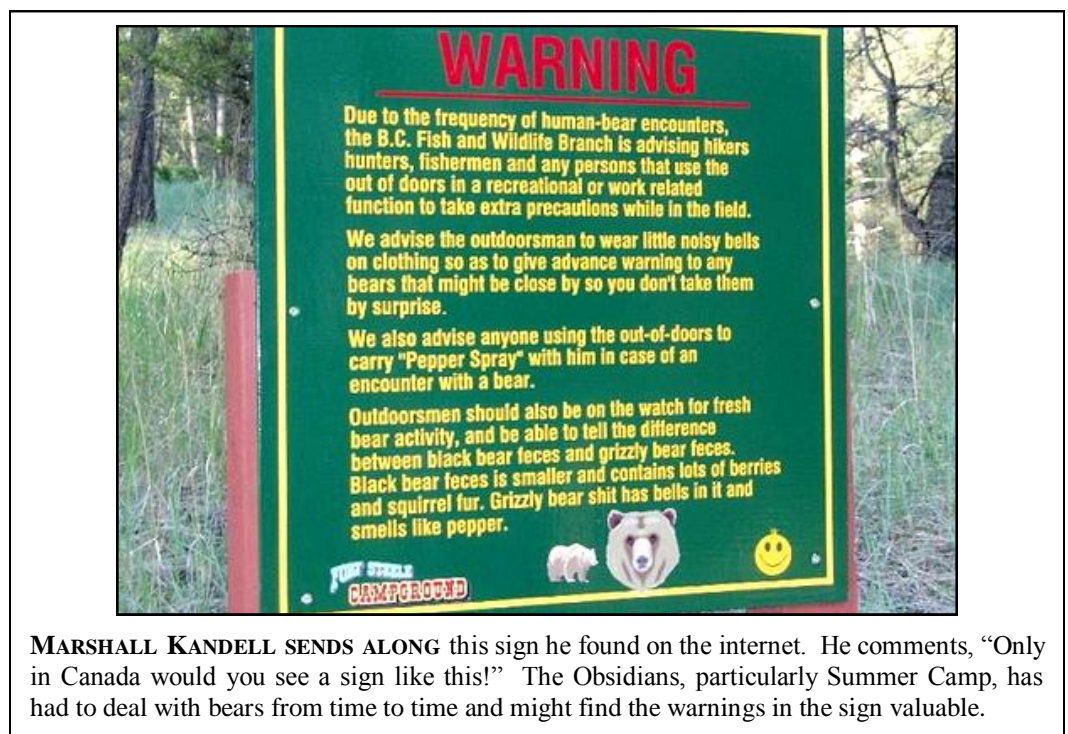
are exactly what I was looking for in alternate footwear. While the thought of leaving footprint shaped tracks on the trail is definitely part of their appeal, the uniqueness of something is never enough for me if I'm going to trust it with my feet. The KSOs are a compromise between going barefoot and wearing shoes; they are light, they are breathable on top, and they offer protection for the soles of the feet.



**I DID SEVERAL HIKES IN THE KSOs:** Triangulation Peak and Boca Cave (4 miles), Phantom Bridge (8 miles), and Lookout Mountain (10 miles). For me there was nearly no period of adjustment. My feet and ankles were strong enough from hiking in sandals to adjust to the new footwear and stride almost effortlessly. Granted this is not the norm; most people have to work up to hiking in FiveFingers or risk hurting their feet since the muscles, ligaments, and joints of the foot aren't used to the lack of support.

Very recently Vibram has introduced a new FiveFingers model, the KSO Trek, which is more geared towards hikers and backpackers. Will I be trying out a pair? Not until I wear out my KSOs!

If you are interested in researching FiveFingers, you can go to: [www.vibramfivefingers.com/](http://www.vibramfivefingers.com/)



**MARSHALL KANDELL SENDS ALONG** this sign he found on the internet. He comments, "Only in Canada would you see a sign like this!" The Obsidians, particularly Summer Camp, has had to deal with bears from time to time and might find the warnings in the sign valuable.

# Novice Hiker's Survival Guide

By Lee Kirk

Photo by Gary Kirk

*Editor's Note: Lee Kirk wrote this article for the Register Guard, March 16, 1985. She has given us permission to reprint in the Bulletin. Lee's husband, Gary Kirk, is a longtime Obsidian member and a past president.*

**I LIKE TO HIKE.** Yes, I do. Trouble is, for me a "hike" has always meant a pleasant walk along woody paths. The group of friends I've recently joined in some outings has a slightly different interpretation. Their forays include trudging along esoteric "trails" and climbing a small mountain or two.

Plenty of books have been written about the outdoors. They explain campcraft, first aid, foraging and the like. But not one discusses how to survive what my friends call "a nice little hike."

I've collected a few tips and observations of my own, which I'd like to present as "the Novice Hiker's Survival Guide."

The basic hike can be broken down into four parts: 1) the Approach, 2) the Up-hill Climb, 3) the Short Way Down, and 4) the Long Walk Home.

The Approach is an ordeal of swamps, marshes meadows and thickets. If you're lucky, there's a deer or elk trail.

If you are on an elk trail, watch out. An elk trail can seem, on the surface, to be a kindly gift of nature. But elk are crafty creatures. They make Elk Holes. The critters do this by identifying a piece of soggy ground on the trail. They gather there during the night. They tromp and dance and prance on this sodden soil until it becomes the consistency of instant chocolate pudding for a depth of at least two feet. Then they pull brush and grass across the surface and lie in wait for the next bunch of hikers.

**THE EXPERIENCED HIKERS** will take subconscious note of these spots and avoid them. You will not. You will plunge into goeey sludge to your knees. Meanwhile, the elk will be gathered in the nearby woods, sniggering elk sniggers. Ignore them.

In most hiking areas, it is a courtesy of the trail to holler "rock" if you dislodge one and someone is behind or below you. In western Oregon, the cry is most often "slug!" If you don't believe a slug can be a trail hazard, wait until you unsuspectingly step on one. The record for sustained downhill skimming on a banana slug is set at 1.3 miles.

The Uphill Climb is the portion of the trip where the inexperienced must exercise absolute cunning. "Uphill" means a grade of at least 45 degrees. The experienced hikers will forge ahead. You will soon find yourself pop-eyed and gasping. Your most urgent thought will be, "How can I stop and catch my breath without admitting I need to?" There are a number of ways:

**1) Study the flora.** Anybody can understand the impulse to examine a beautiful flower. It is more difficult to explain a sudden fascination with a dandelion or a pine branch, but it can be done. This subterfuge is particularly useful if you take a camera, adjust the focus and wait for the light to change. It is at this point the experienced hikers will inform you that the bush you twisted out of the foreground is poison oak. Ignore it.

**2) Shoe untied.** This will give you at least two reprieves (one for the left shoe, one for the right). Try it a third time, however, and someone in your group will favor you by tying knots in both of your laces.

**3) Falling down.** Certain obstacles, such as boulders, chasms, logs, and clumps of blackberry vines, will give you the opportunity to fall down. Make it a dramatic event. Aim for a very deep hole, or at least try to convey the impression that you have knocked yourself senseless. These antics may generate much hilarity among your companions. Ignore them.

**4) Viewing the scenery.** As you near the top of the hill, scenic vistas should increase at about the same rate as your desperate need for stops. It helps to warble ecstatically about the view if you can warble while gasping. You can

increase the length of the break by incorrectly identifying the rivers, road, towns and landmarks you see below. The more experienced folk will take time to set you straight. They will smirk at your ignorance. Do not smirk back. Ignore them.

**IF YOU'VE USED ALL OF THESE** diversions and you're still short of the top, don't despair. By now those who've been setting the pace will be exhausted, too. Through blued lips they will gasp suggestions for a stop so that "you" can rest. You will feel the temptation to pity them. Ignore it.

When you reach the top of the hill, you will be enlightened as to the purpose of the climb. It was to reach the top of the hill. It is now that the others inform you of the Short Way down.

The Short Way Down is short because it's more nearly vertical. The trail will consist of slippery, sliding gravel, slippery, sliding shale, or sloppery, slimy mud. The experienced hikers will head down the hill at top speed, kicking up waves of rock or mud while somehow remaining erect. You can try it, but you'd be better off just to sit down and slide. You will anyway.

The Long Walk Home is where you can get yours back. Your companions will be dazed and weary from having "proved themselves" all day. You will have conserved energy and strength. Now you can trot, skip and leap in the road around your comrades. Challenge them to a foot race. Inquire who is up for a game of handball or tennis. You can torment and tease your friends as much as you like.

They will ignore you.



Lee on an Obsidian hike to Twin Lakes

# Litter (& IED) Pick-up

By Janet Jacobsen

**I WISHED THAT I HAD SCHEDULED AN OBSIDIAN HIKE** while I enjoyed the spectacular fall colors on this hike from Martin Street to Spencer Butte on a Friday morning in October. Back down at the Fox Hollow trailhead parking lot, I pulled out my two spare garbage bags to pick up litter. With distaste, I poured various colored liquids from an assortment of bottles. I was thinking about my trash collecting in Iowa a month earlier where I had been told to be careful since truck drivers save time by throwing out bottles filled with urine. I soon realized that I couldn't carry both bags down the trail so I asked a friendly looking couple with a dog who were getting in their car if they would take one of the bags.

Richard and his wife, who moved to Eugene year ago, were more than happy to transport the bag and they even volunteered to help pick up some of the litter. A few minutes later Richard overturned a tape wrapped bottle and out fell an explosive device. It looked like a large Sharpie pen covered with duct tape with a fuse at the end. Neither of us wanted to transport this IED (improvised explosive device) nor did we want to leave it for an unsuspecting hiker. Richard suggested that we call the county sheriff's department. He just happened to have the necessary numbers on his cell phone. A recording said to call back later. We knew the trailhead was outside the city limits but just in case, we decided to call the Eugene City Police.

**TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT**, Richard finally called 911 and repeated the same information that we gave the Eugene City Police. It turns out that a bomb threat is at the top of the emergency list. Richard gave our address, described the IED, and told how far we were standing from it. He said again, "I am standing by Janet Jacobsen, an Obsidian, who was out picking up trash and shamed my wife and me into helping." "And no, we didn't have orange cones to block it off nor did we have paper large enough to make a sign." We

would just have to wait. We visited and worried that we might miss lunch or a meeting. I finished picking up the trash.

It turns out that Richard is a retired airline pilot and has had some training on how to recognize IED's, even one that looks harmless. My imagination was working overtime thinking that if he hadn't offered to help, I would be walking down the trail with a garbage bag filled with plastic bags of dog poop, a diaper, a pacifier, numerous cans and bottles and this IED. I was also thinking about the how many vehicles and sirens would show up from the sheriff and how I was going to explain the black garbage bag.

**SOON, A YOUNG DEPUTY SHERIFF** arrived quietly in his vehicle – no siren. Richard introduced us and again I was referred to as "the Obsidian picking up litter." We showed him the location of the device near the kiosk sign. The deputy said, "I'm not touching it. I'll let the bomb squad do that." He took Richard's name since he was the most knowledgeable. He didn't ask for my name and address. He did thank me for picking up litter, but since the black garbage bag belonged to me, he didn't need it. Drat! Now I would have to carry it out.

Richard took one of the bags to their car and I took the other and started down the trail. His wife called out, "Nice meeting you, Janet!" I hope so! They certainly deserve big thanks from me.

On the way down, I stopped to visit with Ingrid, a Martin Street neighbor, who is burned out picking up litter. I tried to tell her what was happening at the trailhead but somehow, she thought I said that the sheriff was up at the trailhead investigating an IUD. That tweaks the imagination a bit.

It is still a puzzle why dog lovers leave plastic bags filled with dog poop stacked so neatly by the trailhead sign. If you are in need of adventure, you might consider signing up when I lead a litter pick up hike. I do hope that Richard and his wife will join us in the parking lot.



## Media Notes

Obsidian **Richard G. Hildreth** is a co-author of *Environmental Law* released October 8, 2009. Dick reports that "it took about 15 months of steady work, 10 to 20 hours per week, mainly locating, editing, compiling, and linking with editorial comments rather than writing from scratch to complete the book. The publisher says: "This casebook examines climate change law using primary source materials, commentary and problem exercises. Climate science and policy are integrated into each section of the book. Reducing global and U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to

the impacts of climate change receive approximately equal treatment. Mitigation is covered in chapters on the probable post-Kyoto regime, energy law and policy, national and state law, theory and practice of economic instruments (such as cap and trade and carbon taxes), and carbon sequestration. Adaptation is addressed in ecosystem, sectoral, regional, and human settlement chapters." Other co-authors are David R. Hodas, Nicholas A. Robinson, and James Gustave Speth.

This sounds like a "cool" 885-page book for law students. The price is \$141.00

# ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

October 9, 2009

By Laurie Funkhouser

President Jim Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced the current Board members: Wayne Deeter, Stewart Hoeg, Jim Pierce, Verna Kocken (absent), Laurie Funkhouser, Marshall Kandell, Larry Huff and Barb Revere (absent).

## Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg):

In contrast with the rest of the economy, the Obsidians financial outlook remains bright. As of October 6<sup>th</sup> our balance sheet shows assets of over \$147,700 versus approximately \$124,500 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Our healthy financial position is a function of the improved cash flow from the new dues level and the continued generous support of members in the form of premium memberships and other donations. So far this year the club has received over \$2,375 in contributions from members and a \$2,000 contribution from the Bus Committee. Thanks to everyone for your continued financial and other support for the club.

## Election of new Board Members:

Lana Lindstrom introduced the three candidates: **Kathy Hoeg** – Bicyclist and hiker; chaired the Entertainment Committee for several years; by profession, a group facilitator. **Elle Weaver** – Current Publicity Chair, newer member with enthusiasm, hiker. **Lyn Gilman-Garrick** – Avid bicyclist and generator of many bike trips, new Concession Committee member; by profession, an attorney.

President Duncan called members to vote on the new Board member candidates. The candidates were elected. The three Board members ending their terms are: Jim Duncan, Barb Revere, and Laurie Funkhouser.

## Replacement of Board member Marshall Kandell:

Recently, Marshall Kandell informed the Board that he would not be completing the third year of his three-year term. The Board asked, and the appointment was accepted by, Lana Lindstrom. Her one-year term will begin in January 2010.

**State of the Club (Jim Duncan):** "I would not join any club that would have someone like me for a president" adaptation of Groucho Marx began Jim Duncan's remarks. Jim noted the role that Committee Chairs play in the club and

thanked the Chairs and committee members for their services. Especially noteworthy are - Elle Weaver, Paul Flashenberg and Pat Bitner – who have taken committee chairs positions as relatively new members.

Over the term of office, the Club has: (1) through an ad hoc committee, developed a rational approach to carpooling reimbursement; (2) virtually developed an on-line sign-up for trips; and (3) been involved with the development of local community trails – Ribbon Trail, Ridge-line Trail – due to the dedication of members John and Janet Jacobsen. The Club has a steady membership and remains financial sound; however, the participation in club activities is declining.

## Committee Reports

**Summer Trips (Jim Pierce):** Outings: Hikes 87, Bikes 17, Water Trips 1, Baseball 11, Total Trips 106. **Participants:** Members 603, Non 170, Total 773. **Outing Leaders:** 55 **Revenue:** Member \$616, Non \$718, Totals: \$1,334, Expenses \$250, Net Income: \$1,084.

**Winter Trips (Paul Flashenberg)** There were 53 completed trips comprised of: 35 hikes, 6 cross-country ski, 10 snowshoe and 2 snowshoe/cross-country ski. **Participants** 328: Members 282, Non 46. **Total Revenue** was \$482: \$276 Members, \$206 Non. My thanks to all the committee members – Chris Stockdale, Daphne James, Elle Weaver and Jim Pierce (former Chair and mentor) - as I took over in mid-season and they made it a smooth transition.

**Climbs (Larry Huff)** We had a total of 19 climbs. There were only a handful of cancellations, none due to weather. The climb school went smoothly and it always seems to bring the spirit of cooperative volunteering out in our climbing circle. It also has a positive influence on the students and brings prospective members to our club. Thanks goes out to Eugene Mountain Rescue for lending a professional touch.

I would like to thank Wayne Deeter for exemplary leadership, Sue Sullivan for her professional touch and Doug Nelson who always lends me an ear or a hand when I ask him to. Our totals for the year: **Participants** 111: 80 members, 31 non. **Revenue:** \$1,300.

**Trail Maintenance (Peter Green)** There were 9 projects in cooperation with the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space. Natural Resource Maintenance staff, Christer LaBrecque and Jason Morrow, were terrific organizers. Flyers posted at trailhead kiosks helped recruit nonmembers. Matt Bell deserves kudos for not missing any of these events and for leading 5 of the work projects. Five additional projects, some sponsored by other committees, involved litter pick up, ivy removal, and trail clean up. **Total:** 69 members and 21 non.

Trail Maintenance Committee: Matt Bell and Janet Jacobsen

**By-Ways-By-Bus (Liz Reanier)** The year to date has been successful and bewildering at the same time. We have experienced slow signups, approximately 25% fewer signups and had to cancel several trips due to lack of interest. In addition, the bus company, OC&W, being a lot larger than the privately owned Oregon Coachway, has radically changed our procedures and greatly limited the places we can go due to the much larger buses.

Our record this year started with 13 trips planned. We have completed 7 trips, 3 of which were extended trips. We canceled four trips. We still have two trips to go, including the Evergreen Air and Space Museum on October 20 and the Christmas Lights trip on December 8.

We have remained under budget in spite of all our uncertainties. We want to thank Ben and Pat Jeffries for their long stay as our treasurers, and thanks to Barbara Flanders for stepping up to the challenge as our new treasurer.

I want to thank all my leaders, reservations persons and the Social Committee for all their long hours of service. Our trips would be very difficult without them and all our riders.

**Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom)** Camp Ishi started out a bit rocky when we realized that registrations were significantly lower than we planned. As a result, we consolidated the two sessions into one, increased the length of the session by one day, and changed the dates slightly. Sixty-seven people attended

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camp; 55 members and 12 nonmembers. It turned out to be a very successful camp - varied, interesting hikes with short driving distances, a good camp site, an inclusive, low-key group and good weather.

The finances, including interest through August 31, 2009 are as follows: Revenue: \$13,058.20, Operating Expenses 12,722.67, Transfer to the General Fund 790.00, Net (\$454.47), Capital Expenditures \$83.57.

**Extended Trips (Jim Duncan)** It was a successful year for extended trips. Four trips went out this year and all were fully subscribed. One additional trip is scheduled for November. Thanks to the trip leaders for their time and effort in making these successful trips, and to committee members Lana Lindstrom and Jim Pierce.

**Conservation (Pat Bittner)** Committee activities have included: monthly newsletter article on pertinent conservation issues, recommended board support for renewal of Roadless Rule to protect wilderness, supported efforts for wilderness designation for Devil's Staircase, sponsored Science-Education Committee. Committee members, Pat Bitner, Margot Fetz and Judy Newman.

**Membership (Barb Revere)** The Membership Committee is charged with keeping the records of all members, collecting dues, encouraging renewals, reporting delinquencies to the board and investigating ways to increase membership. We also collect and record donations sent in with regular club dues. For committee chairs throughout the club, we provide the suggestions and volunteer lists taken from the member renewal forms.

We have worked to provide greeters for first time visitors, new members and applicants at potlucks and secure name badges for all regular attendees. Our 2009 Renewal Drive is now in progress with 214 renewed members and 291 delinquents. Current membership: 554 (485 active, 35 Associates, 3 Honorary, 12 Junior, and 19 Life members).

Members of the Committee: Shirley Froyd, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Charlene Pierce, Margaret Prentice, and chair, Barb Revere.

**Publications (Barb Revere)** Your Publications Committee, charged with the responsibility of publishing the Bulletin each month, cleared every hurdle and

rounded every turn handily in 2009. The committee members are Jean Coberly, Bea Fontana, Stewart Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Beth Roy and chair, Barb Revere. We have published 11 Bulletins since our last General Meeting in 2008. We hope you found them useful, informative, interesting, entertaining and even sometimes humorous.

**Entertainment (Laurie Funkhouser)** Since the beginning of 2009, the total count for attendance at the potlucks is 402 (57 average) and utility contributions of \$374. Several of the potlucks were hits: Bill Sullivan (Oregon Natural Disasters), Camp Ishi Rally, Robert Graham (Appalachian Trail), Chris Stockdale (Bhutan). Three potlucks remain this year. A huge thank you to the committee members who make the process easy. The 2010 is coming together; however, suggestions are always welcome.

**Science & Education (Joella Ewing)** Science and Education Committee held nine SciEd Tuesday programs between October 2008 and September. By far the most popular programs were the biking, California Treasures and Swifts put on by Obsidian members. 197 people attended these programs and \$188 in lodge fees were collected. SciEd and Conservation Chairs are meeting to explore how our committees can more effectively work together.

**Publicity (Elle Weaver)** Our major goal was to produce a brochure which is currently on display at REI, McKenzie Outfitters, Travel Lane County, and at the Y. Membership was renewed with Travel Lane County which allows the Obsidians to be listed in the relocation and visitor's guides. Obsidian trips and activities were presented to the Newcomer's Club and at a breakfast meeting of Springfield's Chamber of Commerce. A booth promoting our club was present at the State Fair this year as well as at Eugene Celebration. Many thanks to committee members: Mary Hamilton, Janet and John Jacobsen, Marshall Kandell, Margaret Prentice, Martha Welches and all the volunteers who helped enthusiastically.

**Concessions (Kathleen Floyd)** During the past year the concessions inventory has been updated with many new color selections in T-shirts and caps. In addition we have added an insulated lunch bag to our inventory which is available in 6 colors. Lyn Gilman-Garrick contacted

me and shared her willingness and excitement in wanting to help out with the Concessions Committee. We have since met and conducted an inventory together, and most recently she represented concessions at the September potluck. Revenue: \$515.00, Expenses: \$1,317.82

**Online (Wayne Deeter)** The Online Committee maintains the Obsidian web site and e-mail system. The web site continues to provide up to date information about the club and our activities, and provide email list, scheduling and trip reporting services to other committees. Planning has started on an online signup system for trips, with expectations that it will be in place by the new year. Our domain name, obsidians.org, has been renewed for nine years. An archive of Obsidian Bulletins is now available online from the first issue, December 1936, through the 50s.

Thanks go to my other committee member, John Jacobsen, for his continued support in maintaining and improving the website and our services to the club.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg)** The Obsidian Finance Committee during the past year was responsible for putting together the 2009 budget, recommending investments for the Endowment Fund and Contingency Fund and the rebuilding of the Contingency/Capital Fund. In addition, the committee audited the General Fund and the Summer Camp Fund. Thanks to committee members, Dan Christensen, Jean Coberly, Lana Lindstrom, Liz Reanier and Chairmen Stewart Hoeg.

**Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal)** The log books are up to date. Active Members who died this year: Ewart Baldwin, Doris Jones, Mary Jean Bentsen, Dot Leland. Sharon Ritchie counted the leader awards as of September 7. Janet Jacobsen counted the trip awards.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen)** The Obsidian Grounds Committee held 10 monthly work parties for routine maintenance and upkeep on the lodge grounds since the last Annual Meeting. We also had two special projects. The first is the ongoing task of removing unsafe trees and oak habitat restoration on the Lodge grounds - with a special thanks going to Pat Adams and Sam Tracer for doing the bulk of the felling, bucking and splitting. We have also been able to add a bit

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of revenue to the Obsidian coffers through the sale of split wood. The second special project was the construction of a rock stairway from the handicap parking area up to the rear of the Lodge.

I would like to thank the following grounds committee members for doing the work to keep the grounds in shape and looking good & for helping on the special projects: Pat Adams, Rick Ahrens, Brad Bennett, Max Brown, Jim Dotson, Jim Floyd, Brian Hamilton, Stewart Hoeg, Brenda Kameenui, Gary

Kirk, Darlene Mancuso, Chuck Mitchell, Doug Nelson, Effie Neth, John Pegg, Jim Pierce, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan, Sam Tracer.

**Lodge Building (Doug Nelson)** The Obsidians' lodge building seems to be in good condition. The building currently has no known structural or systems problems of pressing importance. The building has been rented once in 2009. Eugene Mountain Rescue continues to use the lodge to hold their monthly meetings. In February, rain water was discovered leaking into the building through the concrete wall. Fortunately, repairs were

fairly simple and our Obsidian volunteers were able to complete them in a short time. Committee volunteers have responded to the occasional call for help in keeping the building clean. We are all looking forward to the completion of the mural on the retaining wall near the entrance! Thanks to all the many volunteers who have worked to make this building the treasure that it is.

### Awards

**Awards** presented by Janet Jacobsen, Larry Huff and Jim Duncan. See story Page 3 for complete list.

## OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

**October 14, 2009**

**By Laurie Funkhouser**

President Jim Duncan called the meeting to order. The following members of the Board were present: Laurie Funkhouser, Jim Pierce, Marshall Kandell, Wayne Deeter, and Stewart Hoeg. Other members present were Kathy Hoeg, Paul Flashenberg, John Jacobsen, Elle Weaver, Doug Nelson, Pat Bitner, and Lana Lindstrom.

**Treasurer's Report:** Board approved payment of all bills.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** (John Jacobsen, filling-in for Barb Revere) Sought approval for two new membership applications. This brings the membership to 552. Member renewals continue. As of 10/14, 261 members have renewed, 245 remain unpaid.

**Incident Report:** Jim Pierce received an incident report. Contact with the individuals concerned has taken place and the issues are resolved.

**Summer Trips** (Jim Pierce): We had 26 trips for the month of September - 21 hikes and 5 bike trips - 8 canceled or rescheduled - 155 members and 38 non. Revenue was \$364.00... \$175 from members... \$189 from Non-members. Expenses for the month of \$75.20.

**Winter Trips** (Paul Flashenberg): Recruitment for leaders for the 2009-2010 has been underway since September 15. At present, there are 20 trips on the schedule. There have been a total of 37 potential leaders contacted, with 17 of

them already volunteering. Our goal is to have at least 50 trips this season.

**Climbs** (Larry Huff): Four climbs in the month of September. 23 participants: 18 members, 5 non. Fees collected \$131.

**Extended Trips** (Jim Duncan): One additional Extended Trip has been added to the schedule: Jim Pierce and Ruth Romoser will lead a trip to Golden and Silver Falls State Park near Coos Bay on November 7-8.

**Conservation** (Pat Bitner): Conservation and Sci-Ed are organizing Obsidian participation in the Fall 2009 Beach Cleanup, which is set for Sept. 19. Information will be distributed by e-mail, web and Sept. newsletter.

**Entertainment** (Laurie Funkhouser): "Welcome Back" September potluck was attended by 65 individuals with receipts of \$64.13.

**Science and Education** (Joella Ewing): 37 people attended Rick Ahrens Vaux Swifts presentation and the field trip to Condon School to watch the show the swifts put on for us. \$32 collected.

**Publicity** (Elle Weaver): New photos, brochures, bulletins, and other club info were on display at the State Fair at the beginning of the month and later at the Eugene Celebration. Following up on an invitation from this year's Newcomer's Club president, our club's activities were presented at a breakfast attended by Springfield's Chamber of Commerce members.

**Concessions** (Kathleen Floyd): Revenue: September - \$33.00 Expenses:

None. I was not able to attend September's potluck, Lyn Gilman Garrick stood in for me.

**Lodge Grounds** (John Jacobsen): We had a good grounds work party on September 8 to clean up some of the summer's over-growth. Thank you to Effie Neth, Brad Bennett, Gary Kirk, Brenda Kameenui, Pat Soussan and myself. A work party on October 8 did a quick spruce up before the annual meeting. Work has begun on the Dallas Cole mural in front of the Lodge.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Waiver of liability** for "Play in the Rain": Elle Weaver sought approval by the Board to sign a Release Agreement relating to the upcoming event at Mt. Pisgah/Buford Arboretum. After discussion, the Board approved signing the Release Agreement which related to "claims for injury, loss or damage to personal property and the property of the organization." As with other activities of Obsidians, it was reiterated that members are volunteers and potentially may bear personal liability.

**Authorization to Sign contracts for Club:** As an expansion of the above issue, the discussion of signing contracts on behalf of the Club took place. Currently, the By-laws allow Summer Camp to sign contracts and the President and Secretary are authorized to sign for the Club. After discussion, it was decided to revisit this concern at the November meeting.

# NOVEMBER BOARD NOTES

November 4, 2009

By Laurie Funkhouser

President Jim Duncan called the meeting to order. The following members of the Board were present Laurie Funkhouser, Jim Pierce, Marshall Kandell, Larry Huff, Barb Revere, Verna Kocken, Wayne Deeter, and Stewart Hoeg. Other members present were Paul Flashenberg, John Jacobsen, Lenore McManigal, Elle Weaver, Doug Nelson, Pat Bitner, Joella Ewing, Kathy Hoeg, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, and Lana Lindstrom.

**Treasurer's Report:** Board approved bills for payment. Discussion regarding the appropriate financial account – lodge, contingency fund, general fund - to record the donation for the mural took place.

## **Committee Business**

**Membership:** Barbara Revere requested approval for three new applicants. Two applicants are coming from Climbs and one from hiking.

**Summer Camp:** (Lana Lindstrom): The committee met twice and, after much discussion, selected Sequim as the location for the 2010 Summer Camp. However, a monkey wrench in the plans occurred when Lana was beat out in reserving the two facilities for the desired time period.

**Summer Trips** (Jim Pierce): We had 13 trips for October: 12 hikes and 1 bike trip. There are 5 trips that have not completed reports or paperwork and 4 trips canceled or rescheduled.

There were 72 members and 9 non-members for a total of 81 participants. Revenue was \$114.00; \$72 from members and \$42 from Non-members. There were no Expenses for the month. Approximately 9 trips have incomplete status to wrap up the Summer Trips Season. My thanks to all the committee members and Leaders who made this season successful.

**Winter Trips** (Paul Flashenberg): The Preliminary Winter Trips Schedule has been published.

There are 42 trips consisting of 12 Hikes, 14 Snowshoe, 15 XSki and 1 XSki/Snowshoe, led by 27 different leaders. Recruitment is in its final phase with 9

potential leaders who have not yet sent in trips. The goal for this season is for 50 completed trips. My thanks to the recruitment team of Daphne James, Elle Weaver.

**Trail Maintenance** (Peter Green): A work party was held Saturday morning, October 31. We carried potted Douglas fir, ponderosa pine, dogwood, big leaf maple, vine maple and sword ferns up the steep west trail and planted between the barrier fences erected in previous sessions. At 11:00 we voted to continue the planting on an unauthorized steep path taking off from the south trail. Participants: Cal Young student, Joel, working on his leadership hours. Open Space staff included Lorna Baldwin, Jason Morrow and Christer Labrecque. Members were Matt Bell, Tashi Choden, Peter Green, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, and nonmembers Connie Morehouse, Adam Gapinski.

**By-Ways-By-Bus** (Liz Reanier via Verna Kocken): The bus trip leaders met on Nov. 2, 2009 at the home of Liz Reanier for the purpose of reviewing trip proposals for the coming year. A follow up meeting will be held on Dec. 15, 2009 at the Lodge with the full committee to finalize the 2010 schedule. The rally will be held on Feb. 21, 2010 at the lodge for trip schedule review and sign-up.

**Publication** (Barb Revere): Publications mailed 363 copies of the October, 2009 Bulletin - 139 members were notified of the online publication. After "too many years to remember", Vera Wooley has chosen to retire as Mail Crew Caller. We held a recruitment drive for mail crew volunteers in September (after four regulars said "enough"). Our call list overflows with 18 volunteers -- 9 are new to mail crew.

**Entertainment** (Laurie Funkhouser): Thirty-one attended the Ronnel Curry's "Friends of Mt. Buford Park and Mt. Pispah" on October 23, 2009. The next potluck will be Jarl Berg presenting the history of telemarking, featuring photographs from Norway, and is scheduled for November 20.

**Science and Education** (Joella Ewing): Thirty-seven attended Rick Ahrens September program on swifts, followed by a

field trip to watch them flow into the Condon School chimney. \$33 was collected. 46 attended Lana Lindstrom's slide show on her Owyhee River trip. \$42 was collected. Nov. 17 program is on the use of GPS in the wilderness.

**Membership** (Barb Revere): There are a total of 552 members: 485 Active; 34 Associate; 3 Honorary; 12 Junior; 18 Life. Renewal Drive: 318 (~58%) Paid; 188 (~34%) Delinquent; 46 (~8%) Dues do not apply (life, jr., etc.). We will begin an email and phone campaign this month. Going forward all renewals must include \$5 late fee. In addition, received total donations as follows: Contingency Fund: \$2570; Endowment Fund: \$50.

**Concessions** (Kathleen Floyd): Revenue: October - \$3.00. No expenses.

**Online** (Wayne Deeter): A new, more thorough backup procedure has been implemented for the Obsidian web site.

**Finance** (Stewart Hoeg): A CD for \$21,122.94 was renewed for 1 year at 2 % interest on 10/15/09 at Umpqua Bank. Received a letter from Hallis LLC, our accountants. Hallis is retiring and has passed our account to Marta Powers, a CPA at Mueller Larson Osterman and Yuva LLP. Budget worksheets have been mailed to all current committee chairs. The Finance Committee will meet prior to the December board meeting to finalize a proposed 2010 budget.

**Library/Historian** (Lenore McManigal): Up to date with recording trips in the logs and up and moving.

**Lodge Building** (Doug Nelson): There was a joint work party, with Grounds and Building Committees, on Saturday October 24. Projects completed included: slip proof material installed on back step; mildew in storage vault was addressed; the board room, kitchen, and entry area got special cleaning attention; and a bike rack was installed in the parking area. There has been one inquiry concerning a possible lodge rental for an event scheduled for next June.

**Lodge Grounds** (John Jacobsen): A joint work party was held along with the

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# Applause for Hard Work by FWOC Conference Chapters

By Pat Bitner

**S**HIRLEY CAMERON REPORTED BRIEFLY on the annual conference of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) in the October *Bulletin*. Since it was held way off in Spokane, WA, we thank her for making the effort to attend the conference - a long, long drive from Eugene. Before her departure to her winter home in Arizona, Shirley handed me a sheaf of resolutions submitted by FWOC chapters, some 34 in all. It is evident they represent a lot of hard work and devotion to diverse causes. Several deserve our particular attention for they relate directly to our area:



**"OPPOSE HELICOPTER TOUR FLIGHTS OVER CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK"** Submitted by Friends of Discovery Park, Seattle, WA. Leading Edge Aviation, Inc. of Bend has applied to the National Park Service for permission to fly tour operations over Crater Lake... with at least 300 flights per year. They would fly helicopters from an airport outside the park and loop over the lake at approximately 1,000 feet. They would do tours of from 30 to 50 minutes, mostly in summer, but to continue through the winter months. This has been publicized locally, but, surprisingly, none of the Oregon FWOC members submitted resolutions.

**"FWOC URGES MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT...THE MOLALLA RIVER WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT OF 2009"** Submitted by The Mazamas. Legislation is proposed in the Senate to protect the Molalla River in Oregon's Willamette Valley. The act will protect 21 miles and approximately 7,000 acres of riverside land through Wild and Scenic River designation

**"SUPPORT OREGON CAVES NATIONAL MONUMENT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2009"** Submitted by Indian Creek Botanical Mission, Selma, OR. This act would expand the size of the monument from 480 acres to over 4,000 acres. It would grant Wild and Scenic River status to Cave Creek, a total of 7.6 miles. It would also provide for the retirement of grazing allotments in the adjoining forests and provide a increase in recreational opportunities.

recreational opportunities.

**"MOUNT ST. HELENS CONSERVATION"** Two Resolutions, Submitted by The Mazamas and by Susan Saul, Vancouver, WA. The Mount St. Helens Advisory Committee, founded by Senators Murray and Cantwell, was developed last year to form a long-term vision for the 11,000 acre Monument. It has made recommendations to county commissioners of affected counties that there should be no road building in the Monument and that the restricted area (eruption area) be left to unimpeded recovery. A contradictory recommendation was to allow expansion of recreational facilities. They would include development of destination resorts and campgrounds, as well as recreational fishing in Spirit Lake. FWOC supports proper funding to maintain current roads, trails and visitor facilities, but opposes construction of any new roads or destination resorts. FWOC opposes continuation of the current advisory committee, believing the committee is at present weighted toward local tourism interests with token representation from the scientific and educational communities.

Look for follow-up information on these important issues in future

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Lodge Building Committee on Saturday, October 24. We had 13 people show up to help and we got lots of jobs done: gutters cleaned, bike rack installed, kindling rack built and stocked, wood pile restacked with new wood, old piles cleaned up, bushes pruned and trimmed, reset the front gate post to align the lock holes, and cleaned and hauled away a lot of trash. Thanks to: Pat Adams, Max Brown, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Dennis Gordineer (non-mem), Brenda Kameenui, Gary Kirk, Darlene Mancuso, Sam Miller, Doug Nelson, Effie Neth, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen. Also had

a couple of small work parties to keep the grounds spruced up before the potluck and another a day or so ago to clear out some of the fall leaves.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Proposed changes in Constitution and

By-Laws: John Jacobsen, Jim Duncan and Marshall Kandell met to submit a change in the Constitution and By-Laws to address signature of documents relating to the Club. A proposed addition to the Constitution that would address legal contracts was presented. The Board opted to take no action at this time and to allow Board members to review the

changes for further discussion and potential action at the December meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Proposal from Science and Education and Conservation Committees:

Joella Ewing and Pat Bitner presented a proposal to combine the committees. No action was taken by the Board. Board member Marshall Kandell recommended a proposal for a By-Law change be presented at the December meeting.

#### Election of New Board Officers for

2010: The following were elected to office: President: Jim Pierce; Vice-President: Lana Lindstrom; Treasurer: Stewart Hoeg; Secretary: Kathy Hoeg.

# TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



## Hikes

### Pre's Trail

September 23, 2009

Leader: Margaret Prentice

4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

**D**ESPITE A LITTLE SMOKE FROM THE FIRES it was a beautiful day when four of us met to walk Pre's Trail. The filbert trees were already dropping nuts, a few leaves were beginning to turn so fall was in the air. We stopped to examine the work on I-5 and express opinions about the whole project. Along the canal was a variety of birds and, thanks to Bob, among them we identified cedar waxwings, goldfinches, a Bewick's wren, and black-capped chickadees. There were also the expected ducks and geese. Elsewhere two great blue herons stood in their usual places. Across from the Science Factory we noted two dawn redwoods which will be shedding their greenery later. We looked up to see the rookery ahead; only three of the five nests are visible at present. Our walk ended with a visit to Hayes Tree Garden. Members: Myron Cook, Bob Jones, Jim Pierce and Margaret Prentice.

### Ribbon Trail

October 3, 2009

Leader: John Jacobsen

Photo: Jim Pierce

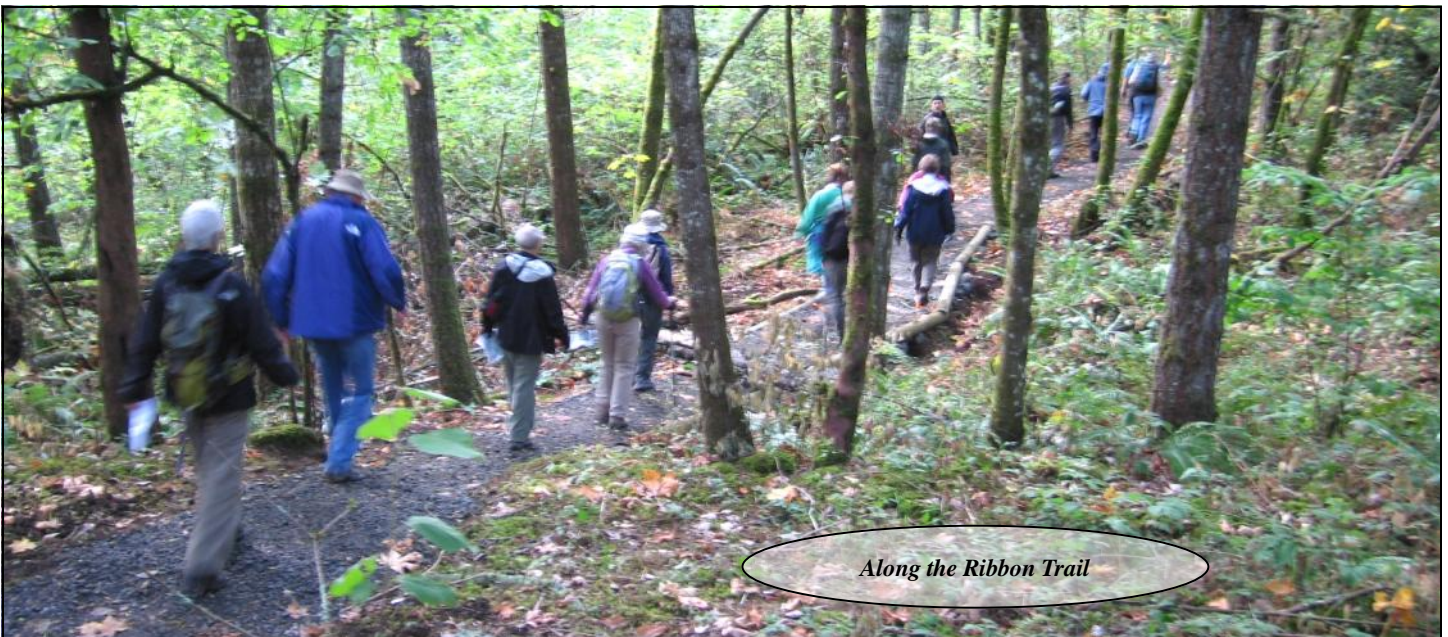
4 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THE RIBBON TRAIL WAS CONSTRUCTED THIS SUMMER with

stimulus monies and completed in September. It extends the Ridgeline Trail from Hendricks Park south a bit over a mile on nice gravel to 30th Avenue where it joins street segments of the Ridgeline Trail. After getting several cancellations, 16 of us met on a cool, partially cloudy morning at SEHS and carpoled to the Hendricks Park main parking area. From there we headed along the east side of the park on the Floral Hill Trail, with a short side loop and views of the Laurel Hill Valley and Moon Mountain through the fog, to a four-way junction, one of which was the south-bound Ribbon Trail.

The fog quickly lifted and we enjoyed a very nice morning as we proceeded past the 29th Avenue neighborhood connector and then along the east side of the Obsidian Lodge property (with the Lodge briefly visible through the trees and blackberries). When we reached 30th Avenue (less than 1¼ miles from the hike start) we took a different trail back which went along the property to the west of the Lodge to Central Blvd. Here a new trail built in conjunction with the Ribbon Trail goes from the end of Central down to the open areas above Laurelwood Golf Course, We headed down the new trail to explore that area – an unadvertised addition to the trip, but all seemed to appreciate seeing an area most didn't even know existed. We retraced our route from Laurelwood back to Central, on to 29th and rejoined the Ribbon trail at the 29th Avenue neighborhood connector and then back to our starting point via a different trail through Hendricks Park.

The Ribbon Trail is a great addition to the Ridgeline Trail system. If you haven't had a chance to explore it yet, it is worth the effort. Note: the trails in Hendricks Park are not signed and can be confusing, so if you start there or plan to go through there, maps of the park are available at the Friends of Hendricks Park website and are highly recommended to help you sort things out. Members: Myron Cook, Brigitte Cross, Walt Dolliver, Pat Esch, Dick Hildreth, Yuan Hopkins, John Jacobsen, Marshall Kandell, Joanne Ledet, Norma Lockyear, Mary Morrison, Jim Pierce, Dave Predeek, Darko Sojak and Chuck Wagar. Nonmembers: Sarah Praskievicz.



*Along the Ribbon Trail*

## Lowell Bridge Loop

October 4, 2009

Leader: Stewart Hoeg

3 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BIKE UP BIG FALL CREEK, but the weather didn't cooperate. Only four of a planned group of 13 arrived at Lowell State Park to ride up Big Fall Creek Road. With a temperature in the mid-40s, low clouds and light drizzle, the remaining four opted for a three-mile hike to the Lowell covered bridge. We began hiking through the woods next to the reservoir as we headed back towards town. Reaching town, we went through a small local park and walked over our first covered bridge - the Cannon Street covered bridge - a small (maybe six feet end to end) bridge that took us over a muddy spot as we headed towards our primary objective. The Lowell covered bridge has a very nice set of large, well-lit interpretive signs with lots of pictures and information about the history of Lowell and the covered bridge. After soaking up some history (and thankfully, no rain) we headed back to the cars, satisfied with an unplanned but enjoyable Sunday hike. The four hardy hikers, all members, were Barb Bruns, Peter and Kitson Graham and Stewart Hoeg.

## Olallie Mountain

October 6, 2009

Leader: Jim Pierce

7.2 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS JUST JIM DUNCAN AND MYSELF on this first winter hike of the season, as there was snow and ice on the road and up to six inches of snow on the upper part of the trail. The forest is spectacular, especially shrouded in snow, and the views of the mountains were great. At times we could see each peak from Bachelor to Jefferson. The Sisters seemed close enough to reach out and touch. The heavy snow obscured the trail so we stopped short of the top. Sorry you missed this early winter outing... Members: Jim Duncan and Jim Pierce.

## Sweet Creek and Baker Beach

October 8, 2009

Leader: Jim Pierce Photo: Darko Sojak

3 miles, 150 ft. (Easy)

WHAT A GRAND DAY! The valley fog lifted to reveal a sunny day at Sweet Creek and later Baker Beach. The Japanese garden-like waterfalls and eight varieties of ferns kept our nine gawkers enchanted for over two hours. With the great weather, we went on to Baker Beach. The sand walking was tough, the sea breeze chilly, the surf mesmerizing, and the giant jellyfish astounding (over 12 inches in diameter). Enjoying our great day were members Martha Welches, Darko Sojak, Myron Cook, Daniele Delaby, Pat Esch, Nola Shurtleff, Cork and Carolyn Higgins and leader Jim Pierce.

## Alton Baker Park du Jour

Dates of Trip: October 12-16, 2009

Leader: Marshall Kandell

4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

DURING A FAIRLY RAINY WEEK, nary a drop fell upon our heads during our daily four-mile hikes on a variety of Pre's Trail and River Trail routes. Indeed, the sun had us shedding layers as we basked in what was once called "Indian summer" weather.



Photographing jellyfish - Baker Beach - October 8, 2009

Enhancing the experience was the sight of fall colors changing the park landscape on a daily basis. The reflections of brilliantly colored foliage off the still waters of the canal on a very sunny Friday morning were stunning. The experiment of having no advance registration at the Y for the hikes -- just show up and sign up -- has to be called a disappointment. Here's what happened: **Monday:** Starting out with an early morning temp of 28 degrees wasn't too inviting, I guess. After waiting 10 minutes, I went on the hike alone. I found out later than Ken Rivernider was just running late and we missed connections. Two great blue herons posed for me on the stroll. **Tuesday:** Ken Rivernider and Myron Cook joined me on a great walk through an invigorating park. Along with school children on a field trip, we were treated to a rare sight -- a large raccoon putting on a daytime vaudeville show: playing with a small branch, tossing it around, catching it and frolicking on the bank of the waterway. **Wednesday:** Ken Rivernider and I reversed the route of Tuesday's hike. **Thursday:** Margaret Prentice joined me for a saunter in the sunshine. **Friday:** Margaret Prentice, Sandra Larsen and Dick Hildreth joined me on the warmest, sunniest day of the week. Margaret pointed out a heron rookery on a tree that none of us had noticed before. The herons have flown off for the year, but their five large nests bear witness to their having been here.

Alton Baker Park is a true gem in the heart of our city. It offers constantly changing vistas, chances to see all sorts of wild-life and wonderful opportunities to renew one's spirits. You don't need to be an Obsidian to hike its trails, but having genial company always enhances the experience. Members participating during the week: Marshall Kandell, Myron Cook, Ken Rivernider, Margaret Prentice, Sandra Larsen, and Dick Hildreth.



## Bike Trips

### **Big Fall Creek**

**October 11, 2009**

**Leader: Stewart Hoeg**

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

**S**IX BIKERS ARRIVED AT THE MEETING PLACE, Lowell State Park, under cloudy skies. This ride was rescheduled from the previous Sunday due to poor weather. With a temperature of about 40 in the parking lot, we were wondering what the weatherman had in store for us with our "redo." We had a couple of small hills early in the ride, so we all quickly warmed up even though the temperature really hadn't. Fortunately, after about 12 miles the clouds began to burn off as we headed into the Fall Creek burn area. The recent cold temperatures and the lack of shade in the burn had the vine maples showing off their spectacular fall colors. By the time we arrived at our lunch spot at Puma Creek Campground, the skies were clear. We lunched at a picnic table located in the sun and basked in its warmth. After lunch we had a beautiful ride back to Lowell. Although even George, our resident polar bear, wore a jacket for the entire ride, everyone really enjoyed the fall weather and scenery. Riders were members Dave Becker, Barb Bruns, George Jobanek, Darlene Mancuso, Joyce Sanders and leader Stewart Hoeg.



## Byways By Bus

### **Trinity Alps – Weaverville**

**September 30-October 3, 2009**

**Leader: Ethel Allen**

**TWENTY-FOUR RIDERS LEFT EUGENE** Wednesday, September 30 at 8 a.m. in light rain. We stopped at the Waterfront Park in Oakridge for refreshments and then proceeded over Willamette Pass, where we were treated with snow-covered trees. By Crescent Lake Junction a ray of sunshine broke through the clouds and the sky was clear as we traveled to Collier State Park for lunch and a walk through the extensive display of early logging equipment. We traveled south through Klamath Falls, then southwest to Weed, California, and observing Mt. Shasta showing a thin blanket of snow. On I-5 we stopped at Castle Crags viewpoint and resort, where we walked by numerous railroad cabooses which are rented to guests. We spent the night in Redding.

Thursday after breakfast we visited Redding's Sundial Bridge which crosses Turtle Bay. There we toured an extensive arboretum. Of special interest was a large structure built of vines and supported in the center with a tree; many openings were on the outside so children could run in and out. A short drive west on Hwy. 299, the first of several stage coach roads, took us Shasta City. Shasta City was established before Redding, and although most of the city is now in ruins, the court house still stands in good condition and is now a museum. After seeing a film of the history of Shasta City we moved on to Whiskey Town Lake where we enjoyed the beautiful view and the fine visitors' center. Near the end of the lake we turned onto a side road which took us to French Gulch, another gold mining town where we dined at the Stage Coach Hotel.

After lunch we were back on route 299 and drove through the rugged areas of the Trinity Alps to Lewiston Road, another stage coach road. We stopped at the original Etter (Ethel Allen) ranch home, dating from the 1920's, which is now a ranch for horses and mules. The owner gave us apple chunks to treat the animals. Then it was on to Lewiston, a town on the National Historic Register. The buildings in old town are exactly the same as in 1920. We enjoyed ice cream while waiting for the Country Peddler store to open. After shopping we moved on to Weaverville and the Victorian Inn, our hotel for the night. A wonderful Italian dinner was prepared for us at the Victorian Restaurant.

On Friday we picked up sack lunches prepared by the Victorian Restaurant and drove into the old town of Weaverville so every one could walk about this quaint town until time for the Joss House (Chinese temple) to open. Chinese people still come from San Francisco to worship at this historic temple. We left Weaverville on highway 3 for the old Bowerman barn on Guy Covington Road. It was constructed about 1870 by the two Bowerman brothers. We enjoyed our hearty lunches on the barbecue pad at the Carrville Inn. The caretaker, Jim Geisler, invited us into his spacious home which was furnished with many African artifacts. We also visited a separate building filled with dozens of African artifacts which are for sale. Jim is a very interesting man who served in the U.S. Navy and has a wonderful dog, Ralph, who lost a leg in a scrap with a cougar. After lunch we continued on the stage coach road to the road summit of Scott Mountain where a brief stop made us appreciate how oxen could pull sleds in deep snow over such a difficult road. The Pacific Crest Trail crosses the road at that point. Descending to beautiful Scott Valley, we stopped for ice cream at Scott Valley Pharmacy in Etna. We spent the night at the Baymont Inn in Yreka and had a fine dinner at Grandma's restaurant.

On Saturday we toured the historic homes in Yreka. We then traveled north on highway 99 to the Klamath River where we feasted on a variety of refreshments at the "State of Jefferson" rest stop. Back on I-5, we moved north to Ashland, where our excellent bus driver, Mo Laneham, knew the stage coach roads in the area. We drove by numerous pear orchards and beautiful country settings through Jacksonville, and finally to Gold Hill, where we rejoined I-5 near Grants Pass. Soon we drove into Wolf Creek to view the Stage Coach Hotel. The owners could not accommodate us this time, so we continued on to Quines Creek Road where the Heaven on Earth Restaurant is located. There we were treated like royalty. As soon as we were seated at

tables, a beautiful plate of chicken salad was placed before us. Warm bread was served and warm apple crisp was dessert. A tag with numbers was beside each plate; there was a drawing and about six of our riders won gifts. What a party!

The stage coach experience was great during the final three days, and the last day was a perfect way to end our four-day trip. We were back into Oregon atmosphere very soon as there were rain showers near Roseburg. We arrived in Eugene about 4 p.m. where we were welcomed by sunshine. Members: Ethel Allen, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, Leona Devine, RoseMary Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Dora Harris, MaryAnn Holser, Amy Maxwell, Joyce Norman, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Julie Snell and Cristy White. Nonmembers: Tom Holser, Fern Jacobson, Valerie Livering, Bonnie McKee, Judy Moomaw and Judy Phelps.

## Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum

October 20, 2009

Leader: Ray Jensen

FOLLOWING OUR USUAL COFFEE BREAK at the Santiam rest area, we traveled through Salem, crossing the Willamette River to Hwy. 221, then the Lafayette Highway to the Evergreen Museum, arriving at 10:20 am. We were impressed by the many well-trained volunteers who were very helpful and attentive to our comforts all day. We began with a guided tour of the original air museum - the centerpiece being the *Spruce Goose*, along with many other vintage aircraft. At noon, we viewed "Wild Oceans 3-D" at the new IMAX theater - spectacular photography and our 3-D glasses involved us close to the action. Lunch was at the Cosmo Cafe (very good), located in the new Space Building, which is still a work in progress. There are some exceptional exhibits such as the Titan II Missile, the Redstone Rocket,

the SR-71 Blackbird, Apollo Mission hardware and much more. There was plenty of time after lunch for a self-guided tour of the new space facility, and also to browse, shop, and take a second look at anything of special interest. Everything in this complex is first class - all very precise and well presented. Departing at 2:45 pm, we went south on Hwy. 97 through Corvallis to Hazelnut Hill for ice cream and tasty confections. Most of us sat outside to enjoy the view and the pleasant weather. We arrived back at Shopko at 5:30 pm. There were 21 riders, including members Ethel Allen, Alice Anderson, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, MaryLee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Dora Harris, Ben Jeffries, Ray Jensen, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Nola Shurtleff, Julie Snell, Dick Speelman and Janet Speelman; nonmembers: Tom Shurtleff.



## Trail Maintenance

### Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance

September 30, 2009

Leader: Peter Green

2 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

**F**OR OUR LAST WEEKNIGHT TRAIL WORK OF THE YEAR, 10 volunteers met at the main Spencer Butte lot. Rain threatened, but never fell, allowing us to work just past sunset. New fencing was added, gravel was spread, culverts were cleared for the winter, and I think a good time was had by all. Thanks to all the volunteers, and to Jason and Crister from parks and open spaces. Members: Matt Bell, Peter Green, Brian Hamilton, Jim Pierce, Darko Sojak and Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Anne Blackley, Monica Green, Jason Hagg and Katie O'Neal.

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' UPCOMING

### Trail Maintenance Opportunities

**LORNA BALDWIN, VOLUNTEER IN PARKS** Coordinator for the City of Eugene, announced a planting project Saturday, November 14th, 9:00-noon. They will be installing native plants and construction fencing at the site with the new rock on the main trail at Spencer Butte. An RSVP is very helpful for planning! They start at the Spencer Butte main parking lot. [lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us)

### Eugene Natural History Society

**Friday, November 20, 7:30 PM, Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus** If you'd like to learn more about invertebrates, crabs, spiders, and insects, come hear Professor Nora Terwilliger, from the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology,

talk on "Invertebrate Natural History". Free to the public.

**Friday, December 11, 7:30 PM, Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus** Is it a crow? Is it a raven? And, just what are they saying? Find out about these corvids at a great talk by University of Washington Professor, John Marzluff, co-author of *In the Company of Crows and Ravens*, a book that keeps the conversation cawing. Free to the public.

**Friday, January 15, 7:30 PM, Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus.** "We have to do a better job educating people about why a cute little critter like a red-eared slider or a beauty like a mute swan can be destructive," states wildlife biologist Rick Boatner. Come hear his talk titled "Stop the Invasion". Rick will focus on invasive wildlife species detrimental to both agriculture and native habitats in Oregon. Free to the public.



## Hard Working Work Party

**A** JOINT WORK PARTY OF THE Lodge Building and Lodge Grounds Committees was held on Saturday morning, October 24. Thirteen people showed up to help and we got lots of jobs done: gutters cleaned, bike rack installed, kindling rack built and stocked, wood pile restacked with new wood, old piles cleaned up, bushes pruned and trimmed, reset the front gate post to align the lock holes, slip proof material installed on back step, mildew in storage vault was cleaned out, the board room, kitchen, and entry area got special cleaning attention and we cleaned up and hauled away a lot of accumulated junk and trash. Thanks to: Pat Adams, Max Brown, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Dennis Gordineer (non-mem), Brenda Kameenui, Gary Kirk, Darlene Mancuso, Sam Miller, Doug Nelson, Effie Neth, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen.



*Max pruning*



*Gary built new kindling rack and helped stock it*



*The newly installed bike rack*



*Effie and Darlene lugging wood for stack*

## Mural Is Looking Good

**D**ALLAS COLE AND SCOTT WYLIE are making great progress on the ceramic mural in front of the Lodge. All of Dallas's tiles are in place and Scott is busy with all the background rock work.



*Scott building 'tree' on mural*

## AT THE LODGE



# POTLUCK

Friday November 20:

## What Telemark Really Is

**O**N FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, Jarl Berg of Berg's Ski Shop will be giving a presentation on the God-father of Modern Day Skiing – Sondre Norheim – and sharing his search for “What Telemark really is.” After an exciting trip in Norway this past summer, Jarl has pictures and videos to set the winter scene for learning about telemarking.

Please join in the experience.

*Laurie Funkhouser, Entertainment Chair*

**November Potluck  
Friday, November 20, 2009  
Obsidian Lodge**

**Potluck, 6:30 pm Program, 7:30 pm**

*Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with plates, utensils and cups... plus \$1 to help cover club expenses.*



SciEd Tuesday November 17

## Off-Road GPS Lesson



**C**URIOS ABOUT AN OFF-ROAD GPS? What do WAAS, UTM, waypoints and NAD27 mean? Learn some of the technology, terminology, software and what a GPS has to offer.

Come to the Lodge Tuesday, November 17th to learn what a GPS can and cannot do for you. An "on-the-trails" GPS does not think for you. It does not automatically give you directions. What a GPS does is give you more data so you can make informed decisions in the wilderness (or about town).

Dale Schaper describes himself as a "direction impaired" retired electronics engineer and former electronics instructor at LCC. He has taught GPS usage for the Riverhouse Outdoor Program and has been a SCUBA diver, flat water and river paddler, bicycle and snow sport enthusiast. (Sounds like he'd make a good Obsidian.)

*Joella Ewing, SciEd Chair*

## Winter Trips Schedule

**P**AUL FLASHENBERG and his Winter Trips recruitment team of Daphne James and Elle Weaver have put together and published the winter trips schedule. We all appreciate the time and hard work that goes into putting a schedule like this together. It is included at right and is available online as well.

## Obsidian Trail Maintenance

November 28, 9:00-noon  
Spencer Butte main parking lot.  
Email [trails@obsidians.org](mailto:trails@obsidians.org)

to get on the notification email list.

## Dues Are Very Late!

### Don't miss out!

You don't want to miss out on great Obsidian Club benefits like the monthly *Bulletin*, potlucks, SciEd and great trips all year long. Winter Trips has recently published its 2009/2010 schedule.

### Please hurry!

Unearth the bright orange renewal form - buried somewhere on your desk. Fill in your name, address, phone, or email. Note: It is a really good idea to 'star' (\*) anything new. And send it ASAP, along with **\$35** (\$30 dues and \$5 late fee) to:

**Obsidians, Inc., Membership Chair**  
**PO Box 51424**  
**Eugene, OR 97405**

### This is your club!

Don't forget to volunteer - an important and rewarding part of being an Obsidian! And please consider adding a donation to your dues. We hope to hear from you soon.

*Thanks, Barb Revere and your Membership Committee*

## Classifieds

### For Sale

**WOOD** - Both seasoned and green fir at the Obsidian Lodge. Split, you haul. \$150/\$120 per cord. Some oak too. Contact John Jacobsen, Grounds Chair at 343-8030 or [johnwjacobsen@comcast.net](mailto:johnwjacobsen@comcast.net)

**BARRASTERS SKI RACK:** Fits on cars with gutters. Excellent condition. Bargain price: \$25.00.

**BIKE RACK:** \$20.00. Fits on car trunk. Sandra 687-2589 or [sglars@comcast.net](mailto:sglars@comcast.net).

*Note: There is no charge for placement Obsidian Bulletin Classified ads; however, only members can place ads and preference will be given to ads that relate to the club's mission and our members' outdoor activity interests.*

## Obsidian Calendar

### November

15 Sun - **N Fork Middle Fork, D**, Stockdale ..... 767-3668  
17 Tue - **GPS**—Schaper.....**SciEd**  
18 Wed - **Ribbon Tr**, Hike, **M**, B.Revere ..... 543-3514  
20 Fri - **What is Telemarking**—Berg .....**Potluck**  
28 Sat - **Spencer Bt**, Trail Maintenance, Green ... 510-1151  
29 Sun - **Larison Rock**, 10m 2400' **M**, C.Wagar (543-1489)

### December

2 Wed - **Three Fingred Jack**, S'Shoe, Hildreth. 345-7520  
5 Sat - **Ribbon Trail**—**Baldy, E**, J.Jacobsen ..... 343-8030  
6 Sun - **Belknap Rest/LTD**, 8m 300' **M**, Revere 543-3514  
8 Tue - **Christmas Lights**, Bus, B.Payne ..... 746-1964  
12 Sat - **Trapper Creek**, S'Shoe, Flashenberg ..... 461-1977  
15 Tue - **Saving Oregon's Wild Places**, LeGue, .....**SciEd**  
16 Wed - **Kentucky Falls**, Hike, **E**, Pierce ..... 344-1775  
18 Fri - **Baja Ha Ha**—Becker.....**Potluck**  
19 Sat - **Tahkenitch St Pk**, 7m 1200' **M**, Lipton . 736-7498  
19 Sat - **Midnight Lake**, X-Ski, **M**, S.Wolling.... 345-2110  
20 Sun - **Arrowhead Lake**, X-Ski, **D**, Shuraleff.. 726-8416  
20 Sun - **Odell Viewpoint**, S'Shoe, **M**, S.Hovis .. 345-7788

### January 2010

3 Sun - **Rosary Lakes**, X-Ski, **M**, B.Hamilton..... 343-6550  
9 Sat - **Midnight Lake**, S'Shoe, **M**, M.Bell...503-884-8829  
10 Sun - **Gold Lake**, S'Shoe, **M**, L.Funkhouser ... 206-2303  
12 Tue - **Gold Lake**, S'Shoe, **E**, J.Pierce ..... 344-1775  
16 Sat - **Dorris Ranch**, 3m **E**, B.Revere..... 543-3514  
17 Sun - **Arrowhead Lake**, X-Ski, **D**, D.McCarty342-6962  
23 Sat - **Bechtel Shelter**, S'Shoe, **M** Camp ..... 221-1866  
23 Sat - **Berley Lakes**, X-Ski, **M**, B.Hamilton..... 343-6550  
23 Sat - **Maiden Ski Shelter**, S'Shoe, **D**, Bell503-884-8829  
24 Sun - **Sand Mtn Plateau**, X-Ski, **D**, S.Miller.. 484-4586  
30 Sat - **Lava Lake**, S'Shoe 7m 300' **D**, S.Hovis . 345-7788  
31 Sun - **JoAnn/Lorin Lakes**, X-Ski, **D**, Jensen.. 344-1363

### February

4 Thu - **Maiden Peak**, X-Ski, **D**, J.Anselmo..... 782-2369  
6 Sat - **Arrowhead Lake**, X-Ski, **D**, J.Cooper ..... 344-8517  
6 Sat - **JoAnn Lake**, S'Shoe 9m 1200' **D**, S.Hovis345-7788  
6 Sat - **Maiden Peak**, S'Shoe, **D**, M.Bell.....503-884-8829  
7 Sun - **Maxwell Shelter**, S'Shoe, **M**, D.James.... 683-7488  
10 Wed - **Row River Trail**, Hike, **D**, S.Larsen .... 687-2589  
10 Wed - **Willamette Bike Path**, **M**, Romoser.... 726-8154  
13 Sat - **Rosary Lakes**, S'Shoe, **D**, Funkhouser... 206-2303  
13 Sat - **Rosary Lakes**, X-Ski, **M**, S.Wolling ..... 345-2110  
16 Tue - **Dmnd Creek Falls**, S'Shoe, **M**, Pierce.. 344-1775  
19 Fri - **W Eugene Wetlands**, **E**, Cunningham.... 344-0486  
20 Sat - **Gold Lake**, S'Shoe, **M**, C.Durham..... 687-0885  
21 Sun - **Maiden Peak**, X-Ski, **D**, D.McCarty ..... 342-6962  
25 Thu - **Tahkenitch Dunes**, Hike, **M**, S.Larsen . 687-2589  
27 Sat - **Maklaks**, X-Ski/S'Shoe **M**, Lindstrom... 683-1409

### March

7 Sun - **Fuji Shelter Loop**, X-Ski, **D**, Anderson .. 946-1732  
13 Sat - **Gold Lake**, X-Ski,**M**, L.Funkhouser ..... 206-2303  
13 Sat - **Walk, Wine & Dine**, Hike, **E**, J.Ledet ... 683-2603  
14 Sun - **Island Lakes Loop**, X-Ski, **D**, Jensen ... 344-1363  
15 Mon - **North Shasta Loop**,Hike **M**, Romoser. 726-8154  
16 Tue - **Butte Eagles Nest**, Hike **E**, Essenberg .. 343-1733



*Baker Beach (See trip report on page 11) - Photo by Darko Sojak*

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