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Dates to Remember

- Sept 16 ExploraTalk - Steens Mtns
- Sept 18 McManigal Anniversary
- Sept 24 Potluck - Obsidian History

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Membership Renewals Are Due

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Annual Meeting

Friday, October 8
 6:30pm, at the Lodge
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Across the Southern Tier

by Lynda Christianson



MY FRIEND JACKIE AND I so enjoyed our bike trip across the northern USA two years ago that it seemed natural we would ride the Southern Tier. We purchased the excellent set of maps from Adventure Cycling, which lay out the route using as many back roads as possible. They contain a wealth of information as to distances between towns, services found in the towns as well as between. Importantly, if a section has limited services, such as food and water, that is also specified. There is also information as to the terrain to expect.

In a rented van we drove ourselves and stuff to San Diego, the official start of the route. Our training was limited by the early spring departure, but avoiding heat was our motivation to start in March. During the winter, we planned a tentative schedule and we found we pretty much stuck to it. Decisions were made based on miles between towns and services, as some have motels, some have campgrounds, some have neither. And there are surprises such as Hatch, NM, chili capital of the USA, so they say, where there was no campground and the only motel was out of business. Happily we were permitted to camp on the lawn of a church, even had a lovely shower in the parish office. We ate at Sparky's, where the food is well flavored with chilies and it took two excellent chocolate milkshakes to cool Jackie's mouth following her chili burger.

Average miles per day varied from 40-90, depending on terrain. Our hardest day was riding in New Mexico, spectacularly beautiful through mountains, but the route profile seemed to suggest we would 'only' climb about 2,500 ft. so we planned a 90+ mile day, only to find we climbed 4,600 ft. It is rumored that the south is flat after the hill country of Texas, but it is my opinion that Adventure Cycling maps should be titled Hills-R-Us, 'cause they find them!

What was the best part of the trip? I have no answer for that question. Loved meeting people from east to west. Heard Patois French in a café in a small Louisiana town. Enjoyed fields of hay/rice/crawfish traps/trees/guessing what was being

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OBITUARIES

Jim Ritchie

1925-2010

JAMES 'JIM' RITCHIE OF EUGENE died August 1 of Parkinson's disease at age 85. No service is planned. He was born May 18, 1925, in Detroit to James and Ethel Cutler Ritchie. He married Louise Christensen in December 1945 in Berkeley, Calif. He later married Sharon Allen in May 1971 in Carmel, Calif. He served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of California at Berkeley and worked in the aerospace industry for more than 30 years.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John Ritchie of Twin Falls, Idaho; two stepsons, Michael Smith of Bay City and Jeffrey Clark of Beaverton; a stepdaughter, Sheri Melanson of Socorro, N.M.; and five grandchildren. A son, James Ritchie, died in 2004. Jim was a member of the Obsidians for several years and attended summer camp in the Tetons in 1992 when his wife, Sharon, was Obsidians President.

Editor's Note: Sharon Ritchie is in Riverbend Hospital due to head injuries suffered during a bicycle accident in mid-August. Only family and close friends are visiting at this time.

Larry Cash

1915-2010

A MEMORIAL SERVICE was held July 31, at the First United Methodist Church in Eugene for Marion Lawrence 'Larry' Cash of Eugene, who died July 25 of age-related causes. He was 94. He was born Oct. 11, 1915 in Bristol, VA., to John and Martha Head Cash. He married Zlotta 'Zotty' Risley on Sept. 15, 1942, in Oxnard, Calif. She died April 9, 2010.

He served in the Navy as an electrician from 1935 to 1939 and from 1942 to 1945 with the 16th Seabees in the South Pacific. He retired from Pacific Northwest Bell after 31 years. Three sons and two daughters survive him.

Larry was an Obsidian member from 1974 to about 1986, climbing three mountains and doing 14 hikes. He became involved with the Pacific Crest Trail Association in 1970 and was their president from 1986-1993. He was instrumental in ensuring that the PCT's end points were marked with monuments. He received the PCTA Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997. Larry donated one of his awards, a PCT sign, to the lodge where it is now displayed. Remembrances can be made to Pacific Crest Trail Association in Sacramento.

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2010 Obsidian Annual Meeting

Honorary Membership

By Janet Jacobsen

RAY JENSEN, BUS TRIP GURU, has been nominated for an Obsidian honorary membership. His name is synonymous with bus trips. He has promoted the objects of our club by exploring out of the way places and then sharing enthusiasm on his well organized bus trips. He has led and/or co-led trips to Newberg, Polk County, London, Florence & Paris (OR), Olympic Peninsula, Trinity Alps, John Day Fossil Beds & Eastern Oregon Back Roads, Idaho and Montana, Eagles & More, Applegate Homestead, Palouse Country and the Snake River, Western Montana: Lewis & Clark Trail, and Oregon Caves. It would be interesting to know how many people have gone on Ray's bus trips.

The nomination, made by Janet Jacobsen at the June board meeting, was signed by 17 members including ten Obsidian Presidents. Eligibility for honorary membership, according to the club constitution, is reserved for, "Persons who have rendered distinguished services to the club or are eminent for achievements in exploration, science or art."

Ray went on his first bus trip in 1990. He served on the Board of Directors, chaired the Trail Maintenance Committee in 1993 and chaired the Bus Committee for many years. He received his 200 trip patch that included not only bus trips but hikes, summer camps and trail maintenance. Last year he received his 100 leader patch.

Ray is a team player involving many people in Obsidian activities. Lenore McManigal said, "Ray does a very good job, scouting out all the trips he leads in advance. He is known for his passion for scouting for interesting details for his bus trips. Ray's most memorable bus trip was the overnight boat trip up the Snake River to a wilderness lodge."

Liz Reanier wrote, "During his ten-

THE OBSIDIAN ANNUAL MEETING will be held Friday, October 8, refreshments at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm, at the Lodge. The meeting will include state of the club reports, committee reports, voting for new board members, approval of Honorary Membership (see column left), vote on a constitutional change (see column right) and other business that may come before the membership. All Obsidians and guests are encouraged to attend.

Note: There will be no potluck prior to the annual meeting but light refreshments will be served.

Awards

Climb, trip and leader awards will be presented. To find your activity totals through 2009, check the trip and leader logs on our website in members only. If you think you have earned an award contact one of the following people.

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Larry Huff

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ure as Bus chair he has respected traditions, but has made major strides to modernize our schedule of trips, raised our ridership, been a great mentor of others wanting to lead trips, varied the activities we share and realized the need to market our trips because several other groups in the area also provide trips. I can assure you once one goes on ours, you know they are the best. I think Ray does the equivalent of three hikes to our one because he is always checking up on the least experienced hikers (even when he has a sweep)."

Ray is clearly qualified as a person who has "rendered distinguished services to the Club" as required for nom-

Constitutional Change

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL change has been submitted by the five active Obsidian members noted below that will provide guidelines for executing and signing of Obsidian contracts. The change is as follows:

Delete the following sentence from **Constitution** Article IV, Section 2. Officers:

The President and Secretary shall execute deeds and other instruments on behalf of the Club when authorized to do so by the Board.

Add new Article VI of the **Constitution** and bump remaining articles up:

ARTICLE VI - LEGAL CONTRACTS

All contracts, deeds, waivers and other instruments executed on behalf of the club with an outside entity shall be pre-approved by the Board of Directors and signed by an officer of the Board of Directors. However the Board of Directors may assign the execution and/or signing of the above instruments to appropriate Committees for ongoing and normal functions of those Committees as noted in the Bylaws. If a contract, deed, waiver and other instrument is executed that results in a financial obligation to the club, Article VII – Finances below, may apply to the debt.

Please consider voting to adopt these changes to the Constitution at the Obsidian Annual Meeting.

Submitted by: *Jim Duncan, Marshall Kandell, John McManigal, Janet Jacobsen and John Jacobsen*

ination as an Honorary Member in the Obsidians. Ray will be leading his 100th bus trip on Wednesday, October 20 to the Foothills of the Coast Range and Independence. Highlights of this trip include Fort Hoskins Interpretive Center, Ritner Creek Covered Bridge, and Heritage Museum in Independence. It's not too late to sign up.

Meet the Committee Chairs:

Larry Huff, Climbs Chair



HI, MY NAME IS LARRY HUFF and I'm the current chair of the Obsidians Climbs Committee and participate as well on the Obsidians Board of Directors. I became a member of the club in 1997 and first participated in club activities in 1995.

I am a lifelong resident of the Eugene/Springfield area and grew up near Mt. Pisgah off of Seavey Loop Road. I first became interested in backcountry pursuits during my formative teen years while attending Outdoor Adventure courses with the Opportunity Center High School located in South Eugene in the late 70's and early 80's.

My first outing with the Obsidians was a hike to Waldo Mountain Lookout with Marc Henson. It was such a perfect day, plenty of wildflowers in bloom, great views of the Three Sisters and Waldo Lake. I was easily taken in by the beauty, remoteness and good hiking companions. I remember thinking to myself, "What took me so long to discover the Obsidians, a club that has activities 52 weekends a year? Wow!" I proceeded to attend as many hikes as possible and finally signed up for my first climb.

That first climb was in late summer of 1996 with John Pegg, on the South Sister. I so thoroughly enjoyed myself that I talked my way on to a couple more climbs before I was strongly encouraged to take the Obsidians Spring Climb School. Except for a few years when I became distracted by life, I have been consistently involved with the Obsidians Climbs Committee and have chaired that position since 2006. I'm also a member of the Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol and Eugene Mountain Rescue.

I'm currently enrolled in a college occupational program at LCC and have been fortunate to have a supportive committee as well as other club members to pick up the slack while I retrain for a job with a public utility or government agency as a water efficiency technician.

Doug Nelson, Lodge Building Chair

ISETTLED IN EUGENE IN 1976. I was an avid hiker and backpacker, but did not get involved with the Obsidians until 1994. I contacted the club because I wanted to learn mountaineering; and my first Obsidians outing was a (successful) climb of the North Sister. I have been happily engaged with the club ever since.

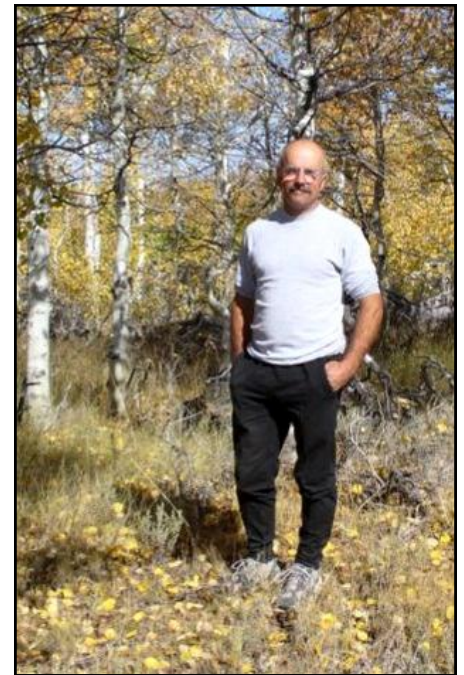
While I enjoy a variety of Obsidians activities, my primary interest is still climbing. I have attended two summer camps and served on several committees including Trails, Youth and Grounds and have served on/chaired Climbs, Safety and Lodge Building. I have assisted with the annual climb school in some fashion every year since 1996. I served on the Board from 1999-2004 and was President in 2003 and 2004.

I have gotten many benefits from being an Obsidian. The experienced climbers I met taught me how to climb as safely as possible and opened up the high places to me. The club introduced me to many fine people and good friends who have enriched my life.

My proudest accomplishment with the club was the achievement of the '10 Peaks Leader' award.

Besides hiking, biking and climbing with the club, I enjoy vegetable gardening and working with the ornamental and fruit trees in the yard. My wife and I enjoy walking our dog on the beach or in the woods and trying to put names to the wildflowers that we see. We also enjoy riding our motorcycle together.

I have made my living as a truck driver and spend my days collecting recycling in Springfield. Retirement is still a few years off, but I am looking forward to the day.



Obsidian Board Nominees - 2010



Matt Bell

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE **OBSIDIANS** since 2007 and the Trail Maintenance chairperson for this year. I still remember my first hike with the Obsidians. It was to Battle Axe. Since that time I've participated in a variety of club activities. One of the most rewarding, though not an outdoor activity, has been attending and participating in the monthly board meetings.

I am honored to be nominated for a position on the Obsidians Board of Directors.



John Jacobsen

I STARTED CLIMBING WITH THE **OBSIDIANS** when I first arrived in Eugene in 1982. Soon I joined the Climbs Committee and the Summer Camp Committee, and in the fall of 1985 I was elected to the Obsidian Board of Directors. Over the ensuing years I have been involved in many committees, chairing a number of them. Currently I am on the Online, Lodge Building, Publications and Publicity Committees; and I chair the Grounds Committee. I previously served 12 years (4 terms) on the Obsidians Board and was elected to the board presidency three times.

As an Obsidians member, I have participated in all the activities the club has to offer and continue to do so both as a participant and as a trip leader. As always, I would consider it an honor to serve on the Board of Directors



Nancy Whitfield

I GREW UP IN A SMALL Oregon town. I have always felt grateful for roots in this beautiful state where there are so many outdoor opportunities. Coming together with the Obsidians has been a natural, because the common denominator of the group is a shared love of the outdoors. The Obsidians is a great group with a rich history.

I have been on the Summer Camp Committee for a couple of years. The intricacy and amount of energy it takes to put on a camp has been an amazing process to participate in and observe. The quality and dedication of the Obsidians volunteers is awesome.

Always one to be led by curiosity, I am intrigued by what makes a group successfully exist for so many years. I view serving on the board as an opportunity to participate in this process.

Across the Southern Tier

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planted. Wildflowers were spectacular as many states had had more than average rainfall this winter -- hillsides ablaze with California poppies, the Interstate Highways (yes, we had several stretches of Interstate to ride, not that bad once you get used to the traffic noise) lined with brilliant chrome yellow brittle bush, Texas hill country bluebonnets (actually lupines) and paintbrush. Enjoyed historic towns with well loved homes and gardens. Fit in a brief car tour of New Orleans along with a couple from the Netherlands we had met.

May 15th we arrived in the historic city of St. Augustine,

Florida, a bittersweet ending to a fabulous trip. Happy to have arrived, sorry to have arrived. Amazed at the beauty of St. Augustine under a warm, blue sky against the old fort and the bay. Sad saying goodbye to Jackie as she headed for Jacksonville airport and home, and me to stay a few days in Florida with my brother.

I would recommend these rides to anyone who enjoys being on a bike. I'm 66, and a good percentage of riders we met were about my age, as we have both the time and the money for a venture which took us 57 days, about average for the 3,100 miles of the southern route. It took us 12 weeks to ride the 4,400 miles of the northern route. Our country is interesting, beautiful, big and worth the time to bicycle it.

BOARD NOTES

September 2010

By Kathy Hoeg, Secretary

President Jim Pierce called the meeting to order. Board members present: Lana Lindstrom, Wayne Deeter, Stewart Hoeg, Verna Kocken, Larry Huff, Elle Weaver, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, and Kathy Hoeg. Also present: Matt Bell, Pat Bitner, Jim Duncan, Laurie Funkhouser, Brian Hamilton, Scott Hovis, Jan Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Doug Nelson, Barb Revere.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed finances. The Board approved bills:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Scott Hovis and Brian Hamilton): 36 trips reported. 185 members: \$160.00; 132 nonmembers: \$233.

Brian presented the Summer Trips committee's, positions, responsibilities, procedures, and annual schedule.

Winter Trips (Tom Musselwhite): The Winter Trips Committee is being formed. Outreach to Trip Leaders will begin by mid-September with a preliminary schedule prepared by the third week of October.

Climbs (Larry Huff): Members 24; Nonmembers 11; Member \$90.00; Non-member \$163.00; Total fees \$253.00.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one Trail Maintenance outing each month. Total Participants: 16 total; 8 members; 8 non-members.

By-Ways-By-Bus (Liz Reanier): The August bus trip was a 5-day trek to Harrison Hot Springs. 18 people participated.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Committee met on August 30 to discuss possible sites for the 2011 Camp. We narrowed down the options and have a bit more scouting to do before we're ready to announce the location.

Extended Trips (Jim Duncan): Lana led a very successful camping trip to the Olympic Peninsula in July.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Pat Bitner & Joella Ewing): September is a busy month for this committee's activities with 3 events planned.

Publication (Joanne Ledet): The entire membership will receive a September *Bulletin* so that all will receive a mem-

bership renewal form.

Membership (Barb Revere): Currently 493 members: 440 Active, 25 Associate, 2 Honorary, 8 Junior, 18 Life. Barb presented 11 new membership applications.

Publicity (Elle Weaver): The committee would like to thank Janet Jacobsen for all the publicity she has done through the Get Acquainted Hikes. Our booth at the Eugene Celebration was a success. The Board approved printing 2,500 more brochures. The Board also approved reimbursing Elle for the \$40 expense of a new banner for the booth.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): It's been a quiet couple of months for the Concessions Committee. We had three backorders come in from ID by Sew On. Sharon took a few items on the Sequim extended trip but sold only a few items for approximately \$30. We plan on setting up our table at the next pot luck. Hopefully, our sales will pick up then.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Online Member Directory now includes both phone numbers and email addresses. Online Signup -- Online signup has made substantial progress over late summer. The Online Committee hopes to bring the online trips registration system online in November.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the trip reports - hikes, climbs, bus reports, and trail maintenance - which I found by Monday night, Aug. 30, have been recorded.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Fir Removal/Oak Restoration Project - several more firs down, bucked and split.

Safety (Jim Pierce): Mulling over draft three of the revised Safety Manual. The First Aid Class is set for November 1, 8, and 15.

OLD BUSINESS

Matthew Bell reported EWEB will put gravel on the level section of the path and allow volunteers to construct and gravel the trail-bed and switchbacks.

Jim Duncan reported that the mason, Scott Wylie, will construct a backing to allow installation of the plaque on the wall near the Dallas Cole mural. This will happen soon, and Scott's services will not be expensive.

NEW BUSINESS

At the Annual Meeting, a Constitutional amendment will be presented. Committee chairs will present their committees' activities year-to-date.

Jim Pierce reported that the Safety Committee has considered how to handle Incident Reports. They expect most incidents to only be discussed within the committee. Discussions of censures are to be discussed by the Board, but not in an open meeting. The only public notice will be the Restricted List. The committee believes that the people involved in an incident should always be informed at the time of the incident. Jim clarified that an incident is behavior that affects the safety of the group and which is not self-regulated by the person involved.

Honorary Membership was discussed. It was noted that only one such membership is allowed each year. Jan Jacobsen and Jim Pierce will look at the Constitution and consider the nomination process and the qualifications needed to receive Honorary Membership.

Jan Jacobsen proposed that an additional qualification for the Compleat Obsidian award. The Board will discuss these proposals at a future meeting.

Jim Pierce reported that a small group of people from Dallas Cole's retirement center will visit Eugene on October 28 to see Dallas' murals.

Jan Jacobsen asked for volunteers to join the two Get Acquainted Hikes this Friday (5:30) and Saturday (9:00) so that there will be enough members to answer the hike participants' questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewart Hoeg said that he will soon be sending to each committee chair the information needed to prepare budget numbers for 2011.

Lyn Gilman-Garrick told the group of the status of Sharon Ritchie since her bicycle accident.

Jim Duncan told the group that Beth Kodama died on August 27.

Lenore and John McManigal would like to receive RSVPs for their anniversary celebration at 2:00 on September 18.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

Opal Creek

June 19, 2010

Leader: Jennifer Barnes

7.2 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

TEN EAGER HIKERS LEFT EUGENE UNDER cloudy skies. The 207-mile round trip drive was long but well worth it. At the trailhead, over 30 cars were parked and we all wondered how many people were actually hiking. Come to find out, the Opal Creek Research Center was having an educational overnighter at Jawbone Flats. As we started out, shuttle vans were bringing out all the participants. The weather cleared up somewhat, and the hike was pleasant. Opal Creek was quite full and the waterfalls were stunning to see. We ate lunch overlooking Opal Pool and enjoyed the sound of the falls. After exploring Jawbone Flats, we headed back down to the parking lot, in anticipation of pie and ice cream! The three vehicles and ten hungry hikers stopped at The Chalet Cafe for homemade milkshakes, pie, ice cream, hot chocolate and coffee. A good time was had by all. Members: Jennifer Barnes, Daniele Delaby, Pat Esch, Karla Rusow, and Suzanne Steussy, Nonmembers: Leslie Grayner, Chuck Harpham, Richie Haslag, Jim Whitfield, and Joanne Whitfield.

Mt. Pisgah Sunrise/Moonset

June 26, 2010

Leader: Royal Murdock

3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Easy)

SUNRISE ON PISGAH COMES VERY EARLY in late June. You have to get up about 4 am to be on top to see it. However, when I met Sarah Praskievicz at Amazon and we saw the shadow of our Earth covering about a third of the visible full moon, I thought this is worth the alarm setting. Then for the rest of the morning, we had total cloud cover and the waking songs of the early morning birds. It was still worth the alarm. Members: Royal Murdock and Sarah Praskievicz.

Lawler Trail

June 27, 2010

Leader: Rob Castleberry

14 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)

AN INITIAL CLIMB THROUGH THE WOODS brought us up to the ridgetop with views to the left past Oakridge to those familiar snowy peaks. Soon, to the right, a distant Mt. Pisgah emerged from the valley haze. Ma Nature was doing her florid Spring Fling in the rocky meadows with pinks, blues, and whites. We came nowhere near scratching all the cat's ears. Lots of big trees along the trail escaped past logging binges. Our three energizer

bunnies charged up the mountain, politely stopping for Grey Beard and Silver Mane who huffed and puffed to catch up. After lunch at Lone Wolf shelter, the compulsively energetic cajoled us into continuing to the top of Patterson Mountain. That extra jaunt, well worth the effort, brought the total hike mileage to 14 miles. (A note regarding trail etiquette: suggesting a fellow hiker resembles a sasquatch may be misunderstood!) It was downhill from there, another 1,500 feet, and a short drive back to town for members Mari Baldwin, Sean Breslin, Daphne James, Rob Castleberry (leader) and nonmember Karen Rayle.

Clear Lake

June 27, 2010

Leader: Daniele Delaby

7.5 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

SIX HIKERS MET AT CAMPBELL CENTER avoiding South Eugene High School for obvious reasons. We left in two cars and enjoyed a quiet drive to the Old Santiam Wagon Road parking area, about one mile east of the Clear Lake access road. We had a very relaxing hike taking the time to enjoy the perfect weather conditions. It was sunny and warm but comfortable even in the open areas. On that Sunday morning everything looked fresh and clean and the lake was sparkling with a background of snowy mountains. The area around the lodge was too busy for our taste and we did not linger. We even saw among the tourists a group of scuba divers (brr...). Participants were all members: Jane Allen, Daniele Delaby, Yuan Hopkins, Barbara Schomaker, Suzanne Steussy and Michelle Tambellini.

Iron Mountain

June 30, 2010

Leader: Marianne Camp

8 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

IRON MOUNTAIN IS A REAL TREAT TO HIKE during this time of the year. The weather was pleasant, sunny with a cool temperature, allowing for a comfortable outdoor experience. We were treated to fields of wildflowers as well as a spectacular view of the surrounding snow-covered mountains. This was my first time up to enjoy the new deck that was built last year. What a perfect lunch spot to rest up and enjoy the views. I felt so fortunate to share a wonderful day with such a great group of hikers. Members: Dan Bates, Bill Buskirk, Marianne Camp and Lamonte Smith. Nonmembers: Kay Cosby and Love Opincar.

Horsepasture Mountain

July 1, 2010

Leader: Lynn Gilman-Garrick

2.8 miles, 910 ft. (Easy)

ON THURSDAY, JULY 1ST, six of us hiked up Horsepasture Mountain just outside of Oakridge. It was a lovely day for a hike, not too hot or cold and partly sunny. The trail switchbacks up through meadows with beautiful views of the rolling hills of the McKenzie River drainage and Ollalie Ridge. Unfortunately, we were a couple of weeks too early for the meadow wildflowers. However, we enjoyed oohing and aahing over the intricate whorls of the hellebore and listening to the sounds of our steps

as we swooshed through the blades of the bear grass that draped over the trail. At the top of the mountain, we were richly rewarded with the vibrant reds of Indian paintbrush and lots of other wildflowers and amazing views of the Cascade Range. Just like countless hikers before us, we spent a lot of time trying to name the peaks, no one really caring if we got them right. It was just fun to guess. Members: Barbara Bruns, Walt Dolliver, Joella Ewing, Lynn Gilman-Garrick and John Moser; nonmembers: Not Rathaketten.

Bunchgrass Ridge

July 10, 2010

Leader & Photo Chris Stockdale

10.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)



Jim and Sarah on Bunchgrass

EXTENSIVE VIEWS OF THE CASCADE PEAKS along with myriad wildflowers of many varieties were the reward for the four Obsidians who ventured along Bunchgrass Ridge on a hot July day. A few pesky mosquitoes greeted us as we began our hike but disappeared in the heat of the day, with the aid of a pleasant breeze. This trail, part of the Eugene to PCT, is little used but the Forest Service had been ahead of us out there and, thankfully, had cleared the numerous trees that had fallen over the trail. Quite an extensive part of the hike treks through the old Warner Creek burn area, so many of the dead trees come down during the winter storms. To gain the anticipated lunch spot, the hikers had to climb a steep series of switchbacks but were treated to a grassy, shady area with close-up views of Diamond Peak and Mt. Bailey in the distance. Group consensus was that we had hiked far enough and it was time to head back. We then treated ourselves to well-earned root beer floats at the A&W in Oakridge. Members Jim Clarkson, Dan Christensen and Sarah Praskievicz joined leader Chris Stockdale on this trip.

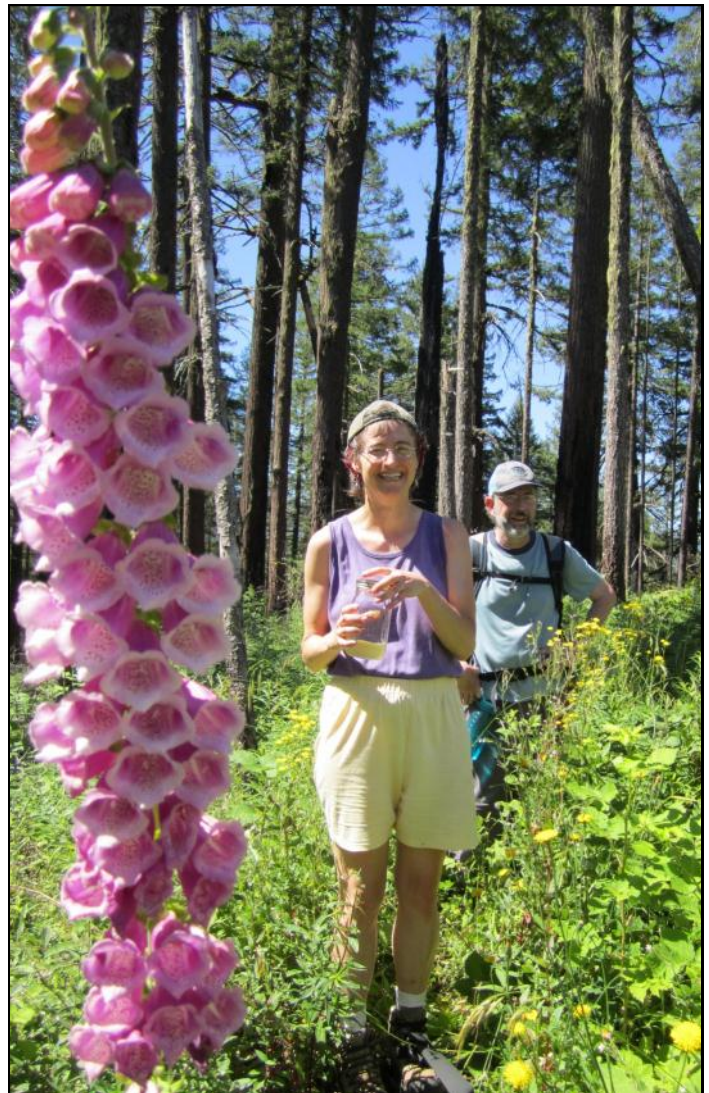
Jones Trail

July 11, 2010

Leader: Larry Dunlap Photo: Darko Sojak

8 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

THE JONES TRAIL IS RARELY HIKEED but was cleared earlier this year by Willamette Forest volunteers who removed multiple downed trees and introduced this hearty climb to the trip leader. The initial challenge is finding the trailhead which involves taking the Fall Creek Trail from the east end of Bedrock



Flowers, Cynthia and Paul along the Jones Trail

Campground up about a quarter-mile of switchbacks to the hillside start of Jones Trail. The climbing continues, steeply at first, for a total vertical climb of 2,000 feet while gaining about six miles horizontally. Three Obsidians and one guest had been promised only half this vertical gain according to the sign-up sheet. They also added two miles along Fall Creek before the hike actually began to bring their total sweaty mileage on this 85+ degree day to eight big ones. Still the views were great and the flowers persistent. Bear scat was found but not the depositor. Enthusiastic and well exercised hikers included members Peter Graham, Darko Sojak, Paul Flashenberg, Larry Dunlap and potential member Cynthia Kuest.

Lookout Creek

July 11, 2010

Leaders: Anne Hollander and Sandra Larson

6 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS THE PERFECT OREGON SUMMER DAY, warm with shimmering sunshine and bright blue skies with occasional high-flying white clouds. Above Blue River is the Andrews Experimental Forest, a large, very beautiful intact old-growth forest thanks to the protection of its 'experimental' designation. Our group of four started off at the lower trailhead, where the trail begins by descending to a crossing of Lookout Creek. On the path on the way down,



Rest stop along the PCT on the way to Cowhorn Mountain

we saw several nurse logs, fallen Douglas fir giants whose trunks have provided soil and nourishment for many seedlings of new Doug firs and other forest denizens. These new trees are growing up into healthy youngsters. After crossing the creek, the trail climbs by switchback through giant Doug firs and western red cedars, as well as many yew trees, a species of tree which was heavily logged out of most unprotected northwest forests for medical uses a couple of decades ago. It is good to see them growing here. The trail reaches a ridge where, in spite of being still surrounded by enormous trees, we often had views of the ridges across the valley and the sky beyond, so there was a feeling of openness - a nice quality in a forest hike. At this point of the hike, the forest was filled with rhododendrons, some still blooming, red huckleberry bushes, and a groundcover called bunchberry dogwood, which has a flower resembling the tree dogwood. We proceeded at a leisurely pace, enjoying the surroundings and the company. At our lunch break, we each shared a poem or prose passage which related to the forest or nature. We heard a classic by Robert Frost, a passage by Annie Dillard, and two more modern and unknown poets. After lunch, the trail came to many creek crossings, and we found ourselves carefully avoiding the claws of the prolific devil's club plant, an impressive dweller of wet places. Some of the creeks had rocks to balance on, some had rocks to hop, and one had a lovely little bridge over a possible dipping spot where we sat for a break, and got our heads wet to cool down. The trail comes out on the road again, and we had the option of going back through the forest, or walking down the road to our cars, and we all agreed to take the easy way down the road. This route also had its pleasant surprises. As our co-leader Sandra Larson said, "This is a lovely hike in an old-growth forest, and was surprisingly cool for such a warm day." The four thoroughly enjoying hikers, all members, were co-leaders Anne Hollander and Sandra Larson, and LaRee Beckley and Chuck Eyers.

Road End

July 12, 2010

Leader: Paul & Barbara Beard

2.5 miles, 40 ft. (Easy)

NINETEEN EARLY HIKERS left the Road End State Park at 6:15 Monday morning to hike the 1.5-mile beach to the rocky point of the Cascade Head area for the lowest tide of the year, minus 2.6 feet. The morning was overcast and a little windy with a calm

ocean that made for excellent weather conditions for hiking. After a few rocks and soft sand entering the beach area, we were all off heading north on the very good hard, moist sand to examine the uncovered sea life and rocky points of the area. The starfish, sea anemone, sea slugs, and piles of fresh seaweed were a beautiful splendor of color. Many cameras got a very good work out. Some areas of the rocky point were a little difficult to maneuver since the winter and the late spring storms had a great amount of sand removal, leaving tide pools still full of water about a foot deep. Some folks decided to wade and have wet shoes rather than to climb a few feet using hands and knees to stay dry. All in all, we made it around the point for some spectacular views of caves, tunnels, high rocky points and a beautiful

natural area. We returned to the State Park after an approximately three miles round trip to enjoy a brunch at the picnic tables beachside, prepared by the Beard family and served by the Inn at Spanish Head wait staff. This was a great walk meeting new friends, some as far away as Auburn, California. Member hikers were Barbara and Paul Beard, Barbara and Dennis Flanders, and nonmembers Lynne Herndon, Mark Irving, Leslie Oakes, Parker Oakes, David Rose, Kathleen Rose, Sophia Johnson, Carlos, Alma and Tanya Lopez, Soledad and Kevin Cortes, Santos and Karla Nicdas, and Pam Young.

Crescent Mountain

July 15, 2010

Leader: Bob Smythe

9 miles, 2,200 ft. (Moderate)

WEATHER FOR THE TRIP WAS PLEASANTLY WARM. We were fortunate to see a profusion of wildflowers as we passed through the extensive meadow below the summit ridge: beargrass was near its peak, and columbine, lupine, phlox, cat's ear, paintbrush, and scarlet gilia were all in abundant bloom. Views from the top were unusually clear, with all the Cascades visible south to Diamond Peak. Hikers enjoying a lovely day were members Bob Smythe, Stephen Brander, Dick Hildreth, and Sam Miller; nonmembers included Cindy Rust, Caroline Forell, and Emily Hildreth.

Cowhorn Mountain

July 17, 2010

Leader: John Jacobsen Photo: Chuck Harpham

9.5 miles, 1,850 ft. (Difficult)

WHAT A GORGEOUS DAY – crystal clear skies, pleasant temperatures and a great group of hikers (so what if there were a few mosquitoes buzzing around – a nice breeze kept them at bay much of the time). We left Eugene at 7:00 am to get a jump on the long drive and were heading up the PCT from Windigo Pass by about 9:30. Within a couple of hours on the trail we arrived at the base of Cowhorn and left the PCT to head up Cowhorn's steep, exposed western ridge, through scree, over the volcanic dike, and on to the rock scramble to the top, reaching the summit about 12:30. The 360° view of mountains from Diamond Peak,

to Jefferson, to the Three Sisters, to Thielsen, to the rim of Crater Lake, to Mt. Bailey, was incredible with the so much snow still on them. After a leisurely lunch while clinging to the small summit for about an hour, we headed back, gingerly down-scrambling through the rocks and sliding down the scree. We encountered considerably more snow along the trail this year than usual, particularly along the north slope of the ridge as the PCT approaches the base of Cowhorn. The snow was easily traversed and keeping track of the trail's location was aided by following the horse tracks of the volunteer trail clearing crew that had just passed through. Even without the horse tracks, the patches of snow were not so extensive as to cause significant route-finding difficulties. We all arrived back at the trailhead about 4:30 and headed home. The leader, Janet and Erin stopped at Crescent Lake for a cool, refreshing dip in the lake to get rid of the layers of trail dust, bug spray and sun screen, before the long haul down Highway 58. Members: Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Daphne James and Sam Miller. Nonmembers: Chuck Harpham, John Hartman and Erin Hewett.



Trolls(?) on Chucksney Mountain

Patterson Mountain

July 18, 2010

Leader: Larry Dunlap
5 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

A BEAUTIFUL DAY DAWNED FOR OUR HIKE to the cliff-top viewpoint at Mt. Patterson and its wonderful views north and east. Many flowers persisted along the route thanks to our rainy, cool spring. Six Obsidians made the trip along with aspiring member Juliana Cichy who completed her second Obsidian hike. She seems to have what it takes for this club as she virtually stood on her head to photograph a reluctant tiger lily. Others enjoying this fine Sunday were Ernst Schwintzer, Dick Hildreth, Daniele Delaby, John Moser and Yuan Hopkins. I couldn't have asked for better company. This hike is a favorite of mine as the trailhead is only an hour away so you can visit awesome trees, a gorgeous meadow, and lunch at an inspiring mountain-top vista yet still be home in Eugene before 2 pm.

Chucksney Mountain

July 20, 2010

Leader: Rob Castleberry Photo: Brad Bennett
10.3, 2000 ft. (Moderate)

NOT THE BEST BEGINNING: WE HAD WALKED less than ten minutes before losing one of our group members due to mistaken directions from the trip leader. Blowing whistles proved ineffective. Soon we were reunited and in a counterclockwise loop climbed on up the mountain under pleasant conditions. Wildflower blooming seemed delayed in the meadows below the summit. After lunch at the highest knoll with views of many of our favorite peaks, we proceeded along the ridge where we found one patch of bear grass in particularly beautiful full bloom. Under the influence of the trolls we were sure must live there, we lolled, crawled, and played around among the blooms for awhile before continuing around the loop. Descending to the

trailhead through the cool forest along Box Canyon Creek were hikers Brad Bennett, Rob Castleberry Ernst Schwintzer, Dick Hildreth, Janet Jacobsen, Mari Baldwin, and Chris Stockdale.

Rosary Lakes/Maiden Peak Saddle

July 24, 2010

Leader: Daniele Delaby
9 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

ON A DAY PROMISING TO BE HOT, six hikers left the trailhead for Rosary Lakes slathered in mosquito repellent from head to toe. We hiked to the first lake at a good pace but made more stops to enjoy the views, the cool breeze and take pictures along the three lovely lakes. The sun was starting to feel pretty hot when we got to the Maiden Peak Saddle and we were very happy to find a cooler spot to have our lunch and later refresh our feet in the lake before returning to the parking area. The mosquitoes were around but not as thick as we had feared. Participating were Juliana Cichy (nonmember), and members Daniele Delaby (leader), Heather Home, Lamonte Smith, Pat Soussan and Michelle Tambellini.

Lowder Mountain

July 24, 2010

Leader: Jim & Sharon Duncan
5.6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

LOWDER MOUNTAIN IS A FAVORITE HIKE because it provides a great view of the Cascades for the least amount of work, while providing amazing meadows of wildflowers if the timing is right. Saturday, July 24 proved to be perfect for both as our group of eleven made its way through meadows of columbine, thimbleberry, tiger lillies, lupine, larkspur, cow parsnip, paintbrush, and many other flowers. As we came around the mountain to the south side, we had nice views of Diamond Peak. We climbed to the top and made our way east through a field of cat's ears to the overlook where every peak from Mt. Hood to Mt. Bachelor was in full view. It was a spectacular sight with every

mountain out in all its glory. We had a leisurely lunch as we enjoyed the views, then made our way back through the same fields of wildflowers to the trailhead. It was a great way to spend a beautiful summer day, enjoyed by members Pat Esch, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Dick Hildreth, Yuan Hopkins, Joanne Ledet, John Moser, Sarah Praskievicz, Noy Rathakette, and soon-to-be members Cora Payne and George Turner.

Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise

July 26, 2010

Leader: Janet Jacobsen Photo: John Jacobsen

4.4 miles, 1,000 ft. (Easy)



In the alpenglow at sunset on Mt. Pisgah

NINE OF US HIKE FROM THE EAST RIDGEWAY TRAILHEAD to view the sunset and moonrise from the top of Mt. Pisgah. The shady east side with the forested trail is a comfortable way to hike when the starting temperature is 89 degrees. By the time we reached the summit for the 8:43 pm sunset, there was a cool breeze. With clouds to the east preventing us from viewing the moonrise, we headed down the south ridge while it was still light. We had a smudgy view of the moon as we neared our cars. We were back in town around 10:20 pm. The loop hike was a cool way to end a hot day. Lane County Passes are needed for this trailhead but the fee box had been vandalized. When I called Lane County Parks earlier in the day, I was told that I would need to get a day pass from the fee box on the west side. No sympathy was offered! Fortunately, John Jacobsen had a county pass and Royal Murdock loaned us his. Members: John Agnew, LaRee Beckley, Myron Cook, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, John Moser, Noy Rathakette and Bonnie Richman.

Fuji Mountain

July 31, 2010

Leader: Judith Terry

11.2 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

WHEN WE MET AT LCC it was overcast and misty. Fortunately, when we arrived at Fuji Mountain it was a perfect bluebird-sky day; a great day to hike. Eight of us took off on the steep trail, occasionally swatting at mosquitoes. We walked past two nice lakes and then continued to climb through an old forest. Where the sun broke through areas in the forest, there were a lot of lupine in bloom and big bunches of bleeding heart. At the top we were pleased to find a 360 degree view of the mountains. We were unable to see Mt. Hood because of a haze on the horizon.

Enjoying the day were nonmembers Frank Chemotti, Dalen Willhite, and Jeffrey Kornfeld; and members Marianne Camp, Juliana Cichy, Guy Strahon, Judith Terry (leader), and Mel Zavodsky.

Ollalie Mountain

August 1, 2010

Leader: Doug Nelson

7 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

THOUGH A FAVORITE OF MINE, it had been several years since I made the hike from the Pat Saddle trailhead to the old fire lookout atop Olallie Mountain. It was every bit as nice as I remembered it. A pleasant walk along a good trail through upper elevation old growth and meadows brings you to a truly fine view of the central Oregon Cascades and the large stretch of unlogged forest that is the heart of the Three Sisters Wilderness. Eight Obsidians enjoyed a fine summer day and good company as we hiked at an unhurried pace under the big trees and through the flower-filled meadows. At the summit we found the lookout building is still standing but gradually falling into decay. After a relaxed lunch and basking in the sun for a bit we made our way back to the cars with time for folks to drive back to town for the activities they had planned for the evening. As usual, ours was a congenial group of strong hikers. I always enjoy the chance to get to know new people and reconnect with old friends. Thanks to everyone for joining me and making this a very fine outing. Members: Dan Bates, Sue Carey, Dick Hildreth, Mary Holbert, Doug Nelson, Judy Ness, Suzanne Steussy and Martha Welches.

Belknap Crater

August 8, 2010

Leader: John Jacobsen Photo: Chuck Harpham

8.5 miles, 1,672 ft. (Difficult)



Across the lava beds, Mt. Washington beyond.

WHAT A NICE HIKE – nice folks, nice weather and great views (what happened to all the smoke overnight?). We left the trailhead at McKenzie Pass and started north up the PCT about 10:00 am. The first half-mile of trail is in trees, but it soon enters the Little Belknap lava field. After another 2.5 miles through the open lava we pass by Little Belknap and shortly thereafter we leave the PCT and cross-country to the base of Belknap Crater's cinder cone, where the steep ascent through scree toward the crater rim begins. Before long we arrived for lunch on top about 12:30. Almost the entire trip provided great views of the Sisters, Mt. Washington and surrounding area, with the view from the

top being the most spectacular. After a long, leisurely lunch we did a quick slip and slide down the scree and hiked to Little Belknap where we explored the lava tubes. A 3-mile hike back to the trailhead finished a great day about 4:00 for this congenial group of hikers. Members: Marianne Camp, Linda Christensen, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Ernst Schwintzer, Lamonte Smith and Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Frank Chemotti, Juliana Cichy, Jane Engert, Chuck Harpham and Art Kearney.

Larison Creek

August 11, 2010

Leader: Don Colgan

10.4 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

ON A PERFECT AUGUST MORNING, four of us met at South Eugene High School. We piled into my Honda Accord and headed for Oakridge. At the DQ in town we met up with our fifth hiker, and drove two cars to the trailhead. We started along a shore of Hills Creek Reservoir and contoured along the eerily empty Larison Cove. We hiked through a cool mossy forest along the creek, climbed for a bit, then returned to the somewhat subdued creek at a log crossing. After a brief lunch we hiked out the way we came. In places the trail was rough, thus we had two or three minor falls and an even more minor ankle tweak. One of the hikers chose to wait along the trail rather than go the whole distance. Everyone emerged unscathed, though, except for a couple of scraped knees. We saw slugs, butterflies, lizards, wildflowers, and awesome stands of timber. We

were startled by a couple of fighter jets streaking overhead for some unknown purpose. We celebrated our success by stopping once again at the Oakridge DQ, this time for cool treats on a warm summer afternoon. Participants on this hike were members Don Colgan, Dick Hildreth, and Rod Wood; and nonmembers Norma Bengint and Tori Lentfer.

Washburne/China Creek Loops

August 14, 2010

Leader: Marshall Kandell

5 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

AS THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY OVEN WAS HEATING UP, we were strolling along the surf at low tide, dodging whiffs of drifting mist in delightfully cool weather. Although several reefs were exposed, the tide pools had apparently vacated for the summer. We went all the way south to Heceta Head, then backtracked a bit to the Hobbit Trail entrance. Actually, it is now called the Beach Trail and the beach is called Hobbit Beach. There were no hobbits noticed in either locale and the previously known Hobbit Trail is only a few yards long now, with what was once the upper entrance totally blocked off. After a short snack break at the beaver pond, we proceeded along the forest trail to the meadow, where we had a relaxing lunch in the sun, kept cool by a steady ocean breeze. Then, once everyone reluctantly resumed their hiking mission, we did the China Creek Loop, paused at the remains of the old cabin that burned down a

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Successful Get Acquainted Hikes

GET ACQUAINTED HIKES are a great way for nonmembers to find out about the Obsidians. We advertised these hikes with flyers, a notice in the Register Guard and a highlighted link on the website. No prior sign up or trip fees were required. Participants met at Hendricks Park and hiked the Ribbon Trail to 30th Avenue with a visit to the Obsidian Lodge. Visitors were amazed with their first glimpse of the lodge. The hike took around 1½ hours depending on how long we spent at the lodge. On several trips, deer strolled through the lodge grounds providing a 'wilderness' experience. Spotting a pileated woodpecker was a treat for one group. I quickly learned that I needed members on the hikes to encourage more conversations about club activities.

In June there were two hikes with eight nonmembers. There were two hikes in July and three hikes in August for a grand total of 70 nonmembers. Two more are planned for September 3rd and 4th. There were some recent newcomers from far away places: Alaska, Vermont, California, Utah, and Dayton, OR.

Most of the people had been interested in the club for many years but for one reason or another just hadn't signed up for a trip. Thanks to Rick Ahrens and other members who joined the hikes making it easier for visitors to ask questions and find out more about the club. Husband John was recruited to wear his Obsidian T-shirt and lead the three August trips while I was the sweep. He made a loop around the lodge using the new EWEB trail.

Friday July 16

10:00 am: Eight nonmembers: Bev and Bob Delean, Dave Green, Brian Popowsky, Laurie Smar, Marie Stringer, Csa and George Turner.

5:30 pm: Eleven nonmembers: Gayle Boyd, Rob Buckland, Rich and Marianne DeLuna, Doug Horlund, Todd Larson, Barbara Love, Marian Perry, Michael Ray, Deb Sherman, Laura Stevenson along with member Rick Ahrens.

Friday, August 6

5:30 pm: Sixteen nonmembers: Elena Chandler, Roberta Chord, Bret Gragy, Jeff and Liz Jones, Maria Elena Munoz,

Marilyn Nersesian, Hal Powers, Jerry Pergamit, Adeena Sarah, Andurs Sharinwilby, Brian and Linda Stent, Eric Swegles, Marilyn Wilding, Darlene York along with members Myron Cook and John Jacobsen.

Saturday, August 7

9:00 am: Seventeen nonmembers: John Altshuler, Talicia Brown, Jane Carpenter, James Coors, Debra Ehrman, Charles Fisher, Tom Heusel, Hazel and Jerry Jones, Jeannie Miller, Jon Miller, May Nuwer, Pachele Raia, Dianne Wheat with daughter, Ioliana, Susan and Jack Willis. Members: John Jacobsen, Joella Ewing, Norma Lockyear, Margaret Prentice, Sarah Praskievicz, and Joyce Saunders.

2:00 pm: Thirteen nonmembers: Jeed Chaiboonruang, Karen Kase, Sue Laks, Steve Langston, Tori Lentfer, Barbara and Fred Loopstra, Holly Mills, Steve Modee, Ray Petersen, Dean and Kumiko Vanderbush, Karen Yoerge along with members John Jacobsen and Janet Jacobsen, Leader.

century ago (supposedly taking a life, but leaving no remains...the mystery component of our day's journey). Through the campground and onto the surf again for our final short stretch back to the cars. Some of us stopped for ice cream on the way home, preparing ourselves for the 100-degree heat awaiting us. The leader was continuously thanked for arranging the fine weather and he accepted all praise with due modesty. Special thanks to Brad Bennett and Penny McAvoy for generously offering to drive. Other members on the trip were: Myron Cook, Marshall Kandell, John Moser, Noy Rathakette and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers included Shirley Shiffman and Penny McAvoy, and former members Mary Morrison and Sherwood Jefferies, who met us at the trailhead.



Bicycle Trips

Cottage Grove/Cedar Creek

July 24, 2010

Leader: Stewart Hoeg

50 miles, 600 ft. (Difficult)

THE FORECAST WAS FOR SUNNY SKIES and a high in the mid-90s. Only two riders were prepared to ride in the heat. We car-pooled to the Wal-Mart in Cottage Grove and headed on to the rails-to-trails path at 9:30. The weather was sunny and warm as promised, but not uncomfortable. As we rode up the path by the Dorena Reservoir, we chatted companionably and were undisturbed by the temperature. We rode mostly in the shade with a moderate breeze and arrived at our lunch destination next to Brice Creek relatively unscathed. After a relaxing lunch break, we headed back down the road. Still mostly shaded and with an almost continual downhill return, the ride back to Wal-Mart was a breeze. However, we did feel the need to stop at the ice cream parlor in Creswell to replenish our reserves for the future. Both riders were members: Paul Garrick and Stewart Hoeg.

Our Daily Bread/3 Hills to Veneta Loop

August 7, 2010

Leader: Lynn Gilman-Garrick

38 miles, 750 ft. (Moderate)

SUNDAY WAS A GREAT DAY TO GO CLIMB a few hills...sunny but not too hot. Seven Obsidians met at the parking lot at Twin Oaks Elementary Schools, all of us familiar faces. As we were about to start the ride we met two other bikers who were off on their own ride. We convinced them to join us, so our group grew to nine. The difference between our fastest rider (George) and our slowest rider (me!) was about ten minutes, so George generously agreed (armed with detailed directions) to lead the faster group. After getting the three big hills behind us, we all met for lunch at Our Daily Bread, then slowly pedaled our way back to our cars, with not a hill in sight. Thanks George for helping out. Members: Barb Bruns, Paul Garrick, Lynn Gilman-Garrick, George Jobanek, Sharon Ritchie, Guy Strahon and Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Bob McGrath and Sue McGrath.



Backpacks

Irish Mountain Backpack

August 13-15, 2010

Leader: Bill Sullivan

17 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)

IRISH MOUNTAIN MAY BE THE LARGEST CASCADE PEAK that nobody knows. Although it is just six miles by trail from the popular Erma Bell Lakes trailhead in the southern end of the Three Sisters Wilderness, our group of six appears to have been the first to hike there this year. We camped beside two small but lovely swimmable lakes at the 5.5-mile mark, with heather meadows, tadpoles, and an American marten. The next day four of us scrambled 30 minutes up to the mountain's craggy little summit (views from Mt. Thielsen to Mt. Hood), and then bush-whacked six miles around the mountain, visiting a total of 17 lakes and 19 ponds amidst open woods and small meadows. We decided that lakes, unlike ponds, are big enough to swim in, and tested this theory by swimming in a charming V-shaped lake directly on the Cascade crest with an island and a fine view of South Sister. The next day we packed up camp and hiked out, agreeing that Irish Mountain deserves more recognition. We only wish we could have done this trip in September, when there would have been more huckleberries and fewer mosquitoes. Obsidians attending were Bill Sullivan (leader) and Chris Stockdale. Chemeketans on the trip included Sullivan, Rick Jorgensen, and Mona Knapp. Other guests were Niccole Shipley and Janell Sorensen.



Climbs

South Sister

July 3, 2010

Leader: Brian Hamilton

10 miles, 4,880 ft. (I-1)

OUR GROUP OF SEVEN CLIMBERS met at the Devils Lake trailhead. Three had spent the night at the trailhead and the rest of us drove up from Eugene on the morning of the climb. We started on the trail at 8:30, relatively late for a climb. Almost from the beginning, we were crossing small patches of snow and by the time we reached 6,200 feet, we were hiking in continuous snow. The weather was perfect: clear and a little on the cool side. There were almost no mosquitoes! As we neared the Lewis Glacier, we split into two groups. Lubos lead the faster group and I stayed back with those who weren't quite as fast. We had a self-imposed turnaround time of 2:30 pm. By that time, three had reached the summit and two were within a half-

hour of reaching the rim, while two more rested at the 8,000-foot level. Climbing in the snow was a new experience for many of us. Even though not everyone summited, all agreed it was a fun trip. Making it to the summit were Obsidians Lubos Hubata-Vacek (Assistant Leader) and Chrissy Anderson, and nonmember Shellie Robertson. The rest of our group included nonmembers Dana Gardner and Beth Machamer, and Obsidians Sue Carey and Brian Hamilton (Leader.)

Three Fingered Jack

August 14, 2010

Leader & Photo: Wayne Deeter

11 miles, 3,000 ft. (I-3)

THIS WAS THE FIRST DAY of a 'Jobanek Memorial Two-fer.'

The night was rather breezy, and that condition continued during our climb. After passing three young climbers camped at the pond shortly before the climbers trail, we decided to pick up our pace a bit so as to ensure that we were the first to 'The Crawl.'



Doug on top.

A mountain goat was sighted high on the mountain--one of the 47 that had been released on the Warm Springs Reservation less than three weeks earlier. It had traveled at least 15 miles in that time! We were to the base of the chimney by 8:30. Though all summited, only two braved standing up on the true summit--it was still rather breezy. We were back down off the ridge by noon, and back to the cars at 2:35. Several of us cooled off at Suttle Lake, then had pizza at Papandreas in Sisters to fuel up for the Washington climb on Sunday. Thanks to Doug, my assistant on this climb, for ensuring a smooth trip. Members: Wayne Deeter, Danneille Harris, Dave Jensen and Doug Nelson. Nonmembers: Marci Hansen.

Mt. Washington

August 15, 2010

Leader & Photo: Wayne Deeter

10.5 miles, 3,000 ft. (I-3)

THIS WAS THE SECOND DAY of a 'Jobanek Memorial Two-fer.' This day wasn't quite so breezy as the previous. There have been two recent trail projects completed along the PCT: the trail from the Youth Camp has been rerouted a bit so that it now tees with the PCT, and a short stretch of the PCT has been rerouted west a bit to abandon a rutted part. Both are nice improvements. We arrived at the saddle at 9:00, and all on the summit by 11:00. We spent about an hour on top enjoying the mild temperatures, gentle breeze and fantastic views. Surprisingly, there were no other climbers on the mountain that day! Then came the crux of the climb--getting safely onto the scree trail. We met half of the Blumm group on their way from McKenzie Pass to the Big Lake-PCT trailhead, and were back to the cars at 5:00. Thanks to my assistant, Mark, for ensuring a smooth climb. Members: Marianne Camp, Wayne Deeter, Dave Jensen and Mark Slipp. Nonmembers: Marci Hansen.



Dave on rappel on Mt. Washington.



Byways
By Bus

Salem Riverfront Park

June 22, 2010

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

MOTHER NATURE SMILED ON US as we headed up I-5 towards Salem. Stopping first at a favorite Santiam River rest area for a coffee break, we then headed off on back roads to tour around the Stayton area. We arrived at the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Center near Riverfront Park promptly at opening time. A.C. Gilbert was born in Salem and is considered one of the most multi-talented inventors of all time. He is most famous for inventing the Erector Set. Following our playtime at the Discovery Center, we drove on over to Riverfront Park for our picnic lunch, and a short walk along the river. Next on the agenda, was a ride on Salem's lovely carousel. All riders were able to get aboard their mounts without aid of the stepstool! As we left Riverfront Park, we got a quick glimpse of the Eco Earth Globe. This former Boise Cascade storage tank is now covered with 86,000 colorful tiles and is a huge world globe. A short road trip south took us to the Albany Carousel Museum where we viewed the world's largest private collection of Dentzel car-

ousel pieces. We were also treated to a tour of the facility where we saw several carousel animals in various stages of creation and had the opportunity to talk with some of the volunteers doing the work. Our last stop was Hazelnut Hill for ice cream and shopping, another favorite for bus riders. A good time was had by all! Members: Tom Adamcyk, Alice Anderson, Bill Arthur, Marylee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Ray Jensen, Don Payne, Liz Reanier and Janet Speelman. Nonmembers: Judy Adamcyk, Virginia Cheadle, Connie McIndoo, Geri Nelson, Susan Reinoehl and Ima Simpson.

Butterfly Pavilion and King Winery Estate

July 13, 2010

Leader: Ray Jensen

THE BUS COMMITTEE ALWAYS PLANS TO VISIT UNUSUAL PLACES, and on this day, we accomplished such diversity. The bus left Shopko at 8 am with 42 riders, and arrived at the Butterfly Pavilion in Elkton at 9 am, for our usual coffee and goodies. Our hosts, Carol, Kris and Sue and others at the ECEC (Elkton Community Education Center) had picnic tables set up for us. We were very impressed with the improvements at their facility - functional cage rooms for the butterfly life cycle, nice gardens and trails, a library, gift shop, a small cafe, an amphitheater - all well organized. Unfortunately, the cool summer, with temperatures under 80 degrees, has delayed the butterflies' normal development, so only a few Monarchs and Painted Ladies were active. Everything is by volunteers, with no public financing. Nearby is a replica of Fort Umpqua, which is under construction. The stockade and buildings will feature the presence of the Hudson Bay Company in the early 1800's. This project is also handled by volunteers. The community has really come together on these programs. We then traveled to the King Estate Winery for an absolutely elegant lunch. The food, the atmosphere, presentation, the view, service, were all the very best. We honored Bette Hack who is celebrating the BIG 90 - a gala going on for several days. Ron Madden, a professional singer from New York City, performed the Happy Birthday song in Italian - what a treat! Everything was perfect for Bette; a nice tribute for her long Obsidian service - having become a member in the early 1950's! The last stop was at the Travis Tyrell Seed Orchard, located three miles west of Lorane. It is operated by the BLM to produce superior conifer seeds - mostly Douglas fir, for sale to nurseries all over the nation. Manager Larry Johnson explained the basic operation, and then led us about two miles to the far end of the property to the Borchert Overlook which has stunning views. Here Larry demonstrated the art of grafting. There is a three quarter-mile Interpretive Nature Trail along a creek - perhaps we can do that in the future. We returned via Hamm Road to Creswell and to Shopko by 5:15. Leaders were Sharon Cutsforth and Ray Jensen. Members: Ethel Allen, Alice Anderson, Bill Arthur, Don Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Louise Behnke, Pat Bitner, MaryLee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Dark, Rosemary Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Jeannette Forsman, Bette Hack, Dora Harris, MaryAnn Holser, Ben Jeffries, Pat Jeffries, Ray Jensen, Vi Johnson, Verna Kocken, Kathryn Madden, Ron Madden, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Natalie Newlove, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Liz Reanier, Julie Snell, Dick Speelman, Janet Speelman, Bonnie Ward and Cristy White. Nonmembers: Donna Bruyere, Jean Forsman, Jackie Giustina, Mark Irving, Judith Phelps and Meriam Schafler.



Trail Maintenance

National Trails Day Bucket Brigade

June 5, 2010

Leader: Matthew Bell

1 mile, 500 ft. (Moderate)



FOR NATIONAL TRAILS DAY an impressive turnout of 20 volunteers joined two city staffers to form a 'Bucket Brigade' to move gravel up the West Spencer Butte Trail. We brought gravel up to the lowest section of fencing, the farthest a powered-wheelbarrow can go up the trail. From there the buckets were filled and passed up the trail. Each volunteer took a short section of trail and walked the partially filled buckets to the next person. Though each bucket of gravel was only partially full, our efforts led to 32 feet of the trail graveled in about three hours. This was the first time since maybe the mid-90s that any work has been done on the upper stretch of the west trail. In celebration of the day's achievement most of the group summited the butte before heading back to the parking lot for snacks. Participants included members Matthew Bell, Tom Boyd, Dan Christensen, Laurie Funkhouser, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Bill McWhorter, Chris Molly, John Moser, Tom O'Brien, Pat Soussan and Dalen Willhite; and nonmembers Anne Blakely, Bob Cherney, Connie Morehouse, Karma Tshering, Rinzin Wangchuk and John Willard.

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance

June 30, 2010

Leader: Matthew Bell

2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS OUR FIRST TRAIL MAINTENANCE OUTING on the summer schedule for Wednesday evenings. Five participants met Christer LaBrecque of EPOS to brush-out illicit trails along the main trail. The evening's participants braved poison oak and other trail hazards to use brush to block and deter people from continuing to use illicit side trails. Many of the unofficial trails are steep and contribute to erosion within the park. Participants: members Matthew Bell, Joanne Ledet, John Moser and Chuck Wagar; nonmembers: Robert Beal.

Extended Trips:

Sequim and Olympic Peninsula

July 13-18, 2010 - Leader Lana Lindstrom

THIRTY-TWO FOLKS participated in the Sequim/Olympic Peninsula Extended Trip. What a fabulous five days! Everything was perfect -- the food, weather, accommodations, hiking, boating, and biking. And we all appreciated the amenities of Ramblewood at Sequim Bay State Park – flush toilets, hot showers, and catered dinners.

Hiking on Hurricane Ridge - The wildflowers were at their peak: glacier, avalanche, and chocolate lilies, phlox, columbines, delphiniums, paintbrush and many others. On the Mt. Angeles/Klahane Ridge hike led by Jim Duncan, we had to traverse a rather extensive patch of snow (using various techniques), so the wildflowers were particularly varied. On that same hike, we saw a herd of seven mountain goats, including several kids. Fat marmots entertained us during lunch on some hikes. Victoria, BC, Mt. Baker and Mt. Rainier were visible from the Hurricane Ridge area trips led by Dan Christensen, Jim Duncan, Joella Ewing, Norma Lockyear, and Susan Stewart.



More than one way to get down a snow field - Jim & Richard

Dungeness Spit –The Dungeness National Wildlife area is one of the world’s narrowest spits; it forms a natural barrier to create a harbor, tidal flats, and beaches. At the end of 5 ½ miles is a lighthouse and a picnic area. About two-thirds of us went at least part of the way to the lighthouse. Scott Hovis, George Jobanek, and I led three separate trips on the spit.

Mt. Townsend, Big Quilcene River, Royal Lake – these three hikes originate on the east side of the Olympics, providing us with excellent views of the Olympic Range to the north, plus Mt. Baker, Glacier Peak, Mt. Rainier and other Cascades mountains to the east. The feast of wildflowers was profuse. Hike leaders were Don Colgan, Ron Swisher, and myself.

Elwa River - Dan Christensen and Valerie Metcalfe co-led this hike along the Elwa River.

Hoh Rainforest - It was a very dry, beautiful day in the rainforest. But hiking amongst moss draped big leaf maples, Sitka spruces, cedar nurse logs, and ferns was magical. Thanks Joella Ewing for making this trip happen.

Boating - Thirteen of us kayaked in Sequim Bay for a couple of hours. Paddling out to the edge of the bay with the tide was easy and fun. But paddling back against an out-going tide was a workout, particularly for the solo kayakers.

Biking - Three women brought their own bikes and explored parts of the Discovery Trail which starts about a mile east of camp and goes to Port Angeles.

Lavender Festival - Sequim is the lavender capital of the world and their annual celebration was July 16-18. Several folks went on lavender farms tours; others enjoyed the craft and food market and the music.



Lots of lavender - Margaret, Norma, & Sharon

Victoria - Five folks got up very early one morning and took the ferry over to Victoria and explored this beautiful ‘English’ city.

Thanks to everyone for sharing a fun adventure. I’m particularly grateful for the following individuals who were in charge of the chores: Pam and Ron Swisher, Patty Macaffee, Helen Martz, and Richard Hughes.

The Sequimers: Bea Fontana, Charlie Thomas, Clara Emlen, Dan Christensen, Daphne Mantis, Darlene Mancuso, Don Colgan, Effie Neth, George Jobanek, Helen Martz, Jim Duncan, Joella Ewing, Judy Ness, Lana Lindstrom, Lyn Meacham, Margaret Bayless, Margaret Hadaway, Marlene Drescher, Mary Livingston, Nola Nelson, Norma Lockyear, Pam Swisher, Pat Esch, Pat Soussan, Patty Macaffee, Richard Hughes, Ron Swisher, Scott Hovis, Sharon Duncan, Susan Stewart, Tom Musselwhite, and Valerie Metcalfe.

UPCOMING



Upcoming Bus Trips

Last Day of Summer BBQ at Waldo Lake

Date: Tuesday, September 21

Leaders: Barbara and Paul Beard

Cost: \$55 members, \$57 nonmembers

Reservations & checks: Barbara Payne 746-1964

LEAVE SHOPKO PARKING LOT AT 8 AM for our beautiful destination Waldo Lake, where we will have a summer barbecue with all the trimmings prepared by our leaders, Paul and Barbara and daughter Paula. Everything from hot dogs to corn on the cob, watermelon, potato salad and of course dessert, included in your trip fee. Fall colors will be on to show their marvelous hues, and a few side roads will be on the agenda for viewing along with the Willamette Fish Hatchery at the northeast side of Oakridge. An afternoon snack on the way home will include root beer floats at the almost one and only drive-up A & W Root Beer Restaurant left in business.

Foothills of the Coast Range and Independence

Date: Wednesday, October 20

Leader: Ray Jensen

Cost: \$49 members, \$51 nonmembers

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

WE WILL TRAVEL THROUGH PHILOMATH to King's Valley, where the color should be at its peak. Our coffee break will be at Bezell Memorial Forest, which is run by the Benton County Parks Department. Then on to the nearby Fort Hoskins Interpretive Center, a historic military site located above the Luckiamute River. There will be time here to walk the grounds and explore. We will continue on back roads to the Ritner Creek Covered Bridge and go through Monmouth to quaint Independence for a group lunch (included) at J. Bella Restaurant in the old Sperling Building. At 1 pm, we will visit the Heritage Museum located in the First Baptist Church (1888). We will have time to check out historic buildings on Main Street. Everything is located in a two square block area across from the new amphitheater along the Willamette River. In mid-afternoon, we will go to Buena Vista to the Wings of Wonder Conservatory where exotic butterflies are flying and more. We will have a conducted tour of the exhibits. We will complete the day at Hazelnut Hill for coffee, ice cream and nut confections. Return by 6 pm.

An Oregon Tradition:

FALL BEACH CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Winchester Bay

PLASTIC IS FOREVER. Scientists estimate that more than 5 million square miles of the Pacific Ocean is covered with trash, most of it made up of remnants of plastic debris from our shorelines. Fish, birds and turtles mistake bits of trash for food, resulting in entanglements, strangulation and starvation. Probably all of us have seen photos of marine animals with plastic bottle rings dangling from their mouths, doomed to starvation. What goes into the storm drains on land eventually lands up in streams leading to the sea. Small pieces of plastic, cigarette butts with their poisonous chemicals are a larger threat to marine animals than the more spectacular finds - the discarded tires, lengths of rope and cable, etc. found on our beaches.

Please reserve Saturday, Sept. 25 for a day at Oregon Dunes National Recreation area's beaches. We will be working with SOLV, the organization which has for 26 years sponsored beach clean-ups on our Coast. The drive down the beautiful Umpqua River is alone worth the trip – enjoy a waterfront lunch at a local restaurant or picnic along scenic Hwy 38 and stop to view the resident Dean Creek elk herd; tiny Elkton boasts a winery or two and Drain has a café worth a stop. We will meet 8:00 am at the South Eugene High School lot for carpooling. Bring gloves, a sturdy knife for cutting rope, warm clothing, boots, water and a bag lunch if desired.

Sign-up sheet will be posted at the YMCA. This is a sponsored event by the Conservation, Science & Education Committee. Joella Ewing leads - 344-9197.

Pat Bitner, Conservation/SciEd Co-chair

Wanted: More Summer Trips

HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING OUT MUCH? This summer started out kind of slow. In fact, the weather really hit our trips calendar hard! Many hikes were cancelled or postponed because of rain or sodden trails. Others were cancelled because there was too much snow on the trails! If you feel like you really didn't get out as much as you would have wanted, there is a lot of good weather left.

Have you looked at the Summer Trips schedule lately? There is plenty of room for more trips. We hope that both new and seasoned leaders will consider leading a trip in October: the weather will be great and both the crowds and the bugs will be gone. Even in November, the odds of hitting a dry day are better than fifty percent. Even if it does rain a little, the trails won't be swampy like they were in the spring.

Maybe you're waiting for the snow trips to start before getting back into the woods. You may be in for a long wait! The snow won't hit the Cascades until late December, and even then, we may not get much. If recent history is any indication, the best snow may not be here until late March. So, now is the time to get your trips on the schedule. Grab your map, find a favorite place or one you've always wanted to see, and email summertrips@obsidians.org with your plans. No email? No problem! You can call Brian Hamilton (343-6550) or Scott Hovis (345-7788) and we'll make sure your trip is on the schedule

Brian Hamilton, Summer Trips Co-chair

Wanted: Missing Paintings

TWO PAINTINGS, a Dave Faville painting and a Cy Fulton painting of Mt. Jefferson climbers are missing from the lodge. They were not discovered during the remodeling project a few years ago. The below article in the 1969 Bulletin validates that they were in the lodge at that time. For more information about Cy Fulton and his attendance at the 1946 summer camp at Jefferson Park, see the May 2008 Bulletin.

If you know the whereabouts or have any information about these missing paintings, please contact a board member or Doug Nelson, Lodge Committee Chair, 736-6076.

From Obsidian Bulletin, January 1969:

WE OBSIDIANS ARE PLEASED to receive the gift from Dave Faville, of one of his paintings—a picture of the South Sister bathed in alpine glow, with Chieftain Lake in the foreground. Professor Davie is now retired and finding much pleasure in painting.

We have greatly appreciated and enjoyed our other two paintings, presented by the late Cyrus J. Fulton -- (wife, Florence). The first, shows the back of the old Lewis Cabine above Lost Creek, the Obsidians' first mountain retreat. Cy painted this about 1927-28 when members celebrated the New Year snowed in at the old cabin. His painting of climbers on Mt. Jefferson, about 1946, expresses uniquely the spirit that flows through all Obsidian activities, enjoyment of and being part of this beautiful world.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



Eugene Natural History Society

(All talks are free, at 7:30 pm, Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO)

BILL SULLIVAN will narrate an incredible photographic journey describing the state's most beautiful wilderness areas detailed in his recent book, an *Atlas of Oregon Wilderness*. **Friday, September 17.**

FOREST FUNGI, like truffles, aren't just there for us to eat, but play a role in the health of our forests and critters of the forests. Come hear James Trappe, forest scientist, give a delicious, illustrated talk on *Trees, Truffles, and Beasts: How Forests Function*, also the title of a recent book he co-authored. **Friday, October 15.**



Nearby Nature

Nearby Nature Quest: Hooting in the Hollows
Saturday, September 25, 10 am-noon

Learn all about owls on this family-paced walk through the woods. FREE for members, \$2/person or \$5/family for non-members. Pre-registration suggested: 687-9699.

14th Annual HAUNTED HIKE!

Friday, October 22, 5:30-9 pm – Pre-Registration Required!

Join us for an evening of night creature fun and discovery. Go on a pumpkin-lit hike through Alton Baker Park and meet our costumed night critters. Members FREE, nonmembers \$5.



Mt. Pisgah Arboretum

(Call (541)747-1504 to sign up or for more information)

Finding and Identifying Mushrooms

Saturday September 18, 10 am-4pm.

Saturday October 16, 10 am-4pm.

Join mushroom enthusiast Josiah Legler for a short lecture and a hike to observe mushrooms in their native habitat. \$25 (MPA members/\$20).

Back to Basics-Enhancing your Nature Sketchbook

Workshop 1: Saturday September 25, 9 am-4pm

Workshop 2: Saturday November 6, 9 am-4pm

Join us for one or both workshops with natural science illustrators Kris Kirkeby and Katura Reynolds.\$30 (MPA members/\$25).

Autumn Herbal Walk

Saturday October 2, 10 am-Noon

Autumn is a busy time for the herbal harvester. Join Certified Herbalist Sue Sierralupe, on our scenic trails to identify medicinal wonders and tasty wild edibles \$5.

Trail Maps, Trail Maintenance, Trail Building, Etc...

BRAND NEW RIDGELINE TRAIL System Maps are available from the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division. If you would like a copy please email your name and address to cepos@ci.eugene.or.us. In addition to an updated view of the Ridgeline's hiking and biking trails, the map features trail descriptions and elevation. You can also download and print the map from this site:

http://www.eugene-or.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_359713_0_0_18/RidgelineMapBrochureWEB.pdf

IN JUNE, A CONTRACTOR BEGAN work to reroute the steepest Ridgeline Trail segment on the southwest side of Mount Baldy. Now completed, the accessibility is improved, erosion reduced and there is a short loop for a view of the city. It is interesting to see how the old trail is obliterated and will later be seeded with native plants. Park at the paved Baldy Parking on Dillard Road to see the new trail.

THE NEW REROUTE FROM 52ND AVENUE AND WILLAMETTE takes hikers through the Mariposa Woodland area where crews also worked through August to restore oak-pine habitat. The Parks and Open Space Division (POS) was recently awarded two grants totaling \$62,000 from the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps' Oregon Youth Employment Initiative (OYCC-OYEI).

THIS SUMMER, THE OBSIDIANS TRAIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE continued to work with the Parks and Open Space on the West Trail on Spencer Butte. In July, volunteers cleaned debris from a section of well-constructed cob-

bled trail that had largely disappeared from years of neglect. See Trail Maintenance trip reports in Bulletin.

EWEB HAS COMPLETED the water line installation and the associated gravel pedestrian/bike trail west of the lodge. They left gravel for the mountain bike and Obsidians volunteers to build switchbacks on a short but steep part near 29th Avenue this fall.

FORMER PRESIDENT of the Obsidians (1998), Russ Carpenter was featured along with his wife, Blyth, in The Register Guard for their fascination with Bhutan and Buddhism. The July 25th RG article, *Himalayan Dreams* by Randi Bjornstad tells about their first trip to Bhutan in 1996, and how they became involved in volunteer projects and also helped bring several Bhutanese students to this country to study and travel.

Editor's note: Two of these students joined the Obsidians. Russ and Blyth have led several trips to Bhutan that included a number of Obsidians members. They will return to Bhutan this fall to continue their study and volunteer work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EUGENE WEAVER and Obsidian Judy Ness, who won a blue ribbon last month for her wall hanging entitled *Sunrise, Sunset* at the National Exhibition of Folk Art in the Norwegian Tradition. The exhibition was held at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Iowa. Founded in 1877, Vesterheim considers itself the oldest and most comprehensive museum in the United States dedicated to a single immigrant group.

Coyote Creek Paddle - Sept 24th

ANOTHER ADVENTURE from the newly combined Sci-Ed and Conservation Committees will be a canoe/kayak trip along Coyote Creek south of Fern Ridge Reservoir on Friday, September 24th. Boaters will meet at Target on West 11th at 9:00 am and proceed to the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area Headquarters on Cantrell Road where wildlife biologists will discuss the wildlife area, their job duties, and answer questions. Also available at the headquarters are a variety of mounted specimens to view and a checklist of local birds.

The Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, comprised of over 5,000 acres, is only five miles from town. The diverse and unique habitats attract a wide variety of wildlife including birds like wood ducks, geese, egrets, osprey, kingfishers and more.

As most boaters probably know by now, an Oregon Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit is required this year for canoes and kayaks. Binoculars are recommended. Also recommended are sunscreen, bug spray, and ample hydration. Bring your lunch. We'll paddle from the put in on Cantrell Rd., along Coyote Creek, under West 11th and out into the reservoir to see ospreys, great white egrets, cattails, and the old snags that are still standing. Round trip on the water is about seven miles. Lifejackets are required for all participants. Contact Tom Musselwhite 461-3296.

MORE Life Saving Prints



AUGUST 24TH – 27TH was yet another successful Obsidian blood drive. Congratulations to this month's winner of the REI gift certificate, Joyce Thomas.

A unit of blood makes a great holiday gift! The next Obsidians blood drive is scheduled for *November 16th, 4:30pm – 6:30pm*. Pizza will be served. Any member donating between 11/16 through 11/19 will be entered into the REI drawing. Just let the LMBB registrar know you are with the Obsidians group #140. Units donated after 11/16 will be available for blood usage through 1/11/2011.

Please call the blood bank at 484-9111 for an appointment or if you have questions about your eligibility to donate. You can also contact Kathleen Floyd, the Obsidian blood drive coordinator at 654-0087 or jmkmfloyd@comcast.net. Lane Memorial Blood Bank extends their thanks and appreciation for the Obsidian support!



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Explorataalk: Thursday, September 16:

The Kiger Mustangs & Steens Mountain

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER **BOB PETIT** has long been fascinated with the famous Kiger mustangs of the Steens Mountain area. Come see his photos and hear about his adventures photographing the wild and remote beauty of the Steens -- and his special passion for the Kiger mustangs.



This month's talk will be on Thursday September 16 at 7 pm at the Lodge.

Pat Bitner, SciEd Co-chair



POTLUCK

Friday, September 24th:

Obsidian History

IT WAS A WONDERFUL SUMMER! Come join us at the Potluck on September 24th to share your adventures with friends. Rick Ahrens, longtime Obsidian member, will introduce us to the history of the club as well as bring us up to date. What a great time to have a new friend come and say "hello."

Laurie Funkhouser, Entertainment Chair



September Potluck

**Friday, September 24th, 2010 - Potluck, 6:30 pm Program, 7:30 pm
Obsidian Lodge**

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



September Means Renew Your Membership!

OBSIDIAN MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS ARE DUE. That's right! It is that time of year. Carefully tucked into this Bulletin is your bright goldenrod Renewal Form. To insure that you don't forget and recycle it, pull it out now and head directly to your checkbook, address your envelope, affix a stamp and put it in the mailbox right away.

While you're at it, please take the time to bring us up to date on your address, phone, email, or anything else that may have changed in the last year. Also consider receiving your Obsidian Bulletin online, rather than by mail, or donating to the Contingency Fund or the Endowment Fund. Every bit helps. Don't forget to volunteer for committees and you may add your suggestions or comments on the back of the form.

Don't take any chances on missing out on any of the great benefits of membership by forgetting to renew. We're talking great hiking, climbing, snowshoeing, skiing, sight-seeing, biking, birding and boating, to name just a few.

Barb Revere, Membership Chair

First Aid Course

A FIRST AID CLASS IS PLANNED to be offered at the Obsidian Lodge on three successive Monday evenings in November. There will be three-hour class sessions offered on the evenings of November 1, 8, and 15. Attendance at all three sessions is required to obtain first aid certification.

The classes in standard first aid normally taught through the American Red Cross are designed to help a person deal with illnesses and injuries in an urban setting, where more advanced help is usually available within minutes of a 911 call. For those of us who enjoy outdoor activities in wilderness environments, this class is a better match.

The class is entitled *Outdoor First*, with first aid certification provided by the National Ski Patrol. The course is designed for those involved in outdoor activities so that they are able to treat basic illnesses and injuries, and stabilize a person with more serious injuries until someone with advanced training can reach the scene. Topics to be covered include basic assessment, care of musculoskeletal injuries, dealing with cold and heat problems, and an introduction to the first steps in care and stabilization of a critical patient.

The class is being taught by Laurie Monico. Assistance will be provided by members of the Ski Patrol and Eugene Mountain Rescue.



Laurie is no stranger to the outdoors. I caught up with her at the Crux rock gym to talk about the course content. She was relaxed and tanned, having just returned from a week of backpacking and climbing in the Sierras. Laurie is a topnotch Telemark skier, and has been a ski patroller at Willamette Pass for more than fifteen years.

Laurie's first aid credentials are also impressive. She has worked as a paramedic for Springfield Fire and Live Safety for the past 20 years. Laurie is also a member of Eugene Mountain Rescue.

The cost of the course is a super deal: \$5 per participant, to cover the cost of materials used for the course. There is a limit of 20 people for the course. To sign up, contact Sue Sullivan suesulliwat@gmail.com or 913-3684.

Sue Sullivan, Safety Chair

Correction

In the July/August Bulletin, the photo credit for the group picture of the North Umpqua River Raft Trip participants was omitted. It was taken by Jack O'Donnell.

Obsidian Calendar

September

- 16 Mon – Steens Mountain, ExploraTalk
- 17-18 Fri-Sat – Women's Waldo Float, Esch..... 338-8280
- 19 Sun – Maiden Peak, 11m 3000' D, D.McCarty 342-6962
- 21 Tue – Clear Lake, 5.5m E, M.Kandell 345-8095
- 21 Tue – Waldo Lake, Bus, B.Payne..... 746-1964
- 23 Thu – Mt. Pisgah, 3m 1000' E, R.Murdock..... 345-8305
- 24 Fri – Coyote Creek, Canoe/Kayak, M, Musselwhite.. 461-3296
- 24-25 Fri-Sat – Diamond Peak, Climb, D.Nelson 736-6076
- 24-26 Fri-Sun – Hidden Lake, Backpack, M, S.Hovis ... 345-7788
- 24 Fri – History of Obsidians—Ahrens..... Potluck
- 24 Fri – Opal Creek History, E, C.Cunningham..... 344-0486
- 25 Sat – Fuji Mtn/Island Lake Loop, D,Wilken 343-3080
- 26 Sun – Fall Creek, Bike 38m M, S.Hoeg 384-6196
- 26 Sun – Carl Lake, 13.4m 2200' D, B.Lipton..... 736-7498
- 27-30 Mon-Thu – Malheur/Steens, Gilman-Garrick 345-5236
- 29 Wed – Opie Dilldock, 15m 2400' D, S.Miller..... 484-4586
- 29 Wed – Spencer Butte, Trail Maint, Bell..... 503-884-8829

October

- 1 Fri – Clear Lake, 3.2m 400' E, C.Cunningham 344-0486
- 2 Sat – Grizzly Peak, 10m 2700' D, E.Weaver 485-0817
- 2 Sat – Waldo—Betty Lake Loop, M, Wagar 543-1489
- 3 Sun – King Estate Loop, Bike, D, L.Gilman-Garrick.. 345-5236
- 9 Sat – Detering Orchard, Bike 20m E, P.Esch..... 338-8280
- 10 Sun – Eagles Rest, 13.4m 2100' D, D.Colgan..... 485-2787
- 10 Sun – North Matthieu Lake, 6m 800' M, J.Hackett.. 953-7046
- 20 Wed – Coast Range, Bus, M.Cheadle..... 689-1085
- 21 Thu – Clear Lake, 7.5m 200' M, J.Ewing 344-9197
- 22 Fri – Backpacker Behaviors—Lau,..... Potluck
- 23 Sat – Fall Creek, 9.3m 800' M, E.Lichtenstein..... 683-0688
- 24 Sun – McKenzie View, Bike 25m M, G.Strahan 505-9084
- 26 Tue – Raptor Migration—Ahrens..... ExploraTalk
- 29 Fri – Kelly Butte, 3.5m 180' E, C.Cunningham 344-0486

It's a Party Mark Your Calendar!



JOHAN AND LENORE MCMANIGAL celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 18, 2-5 pm at the lodge. Call 345-2036 to RSVP if you are able to attend.

Eugene Celebration - Thank You

MANY THANKS TO ALL The volunteers who helped out at this year's Eugene Celebration: Mary and Brian Hamilton, Judy Ness, Margaret Prentice, Sue Wolling, Lamonte Smith, Sharon and Jim Duncan, Don Doerr, Wendy Dame, Valerie Metcalfe, Jean Coberly, Rick Ahrens, Chris Stockdale, Daphne James, Joanne Ledet, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Laurie Funkhouser, Chris Molly, and Janet and John Jacobsen!

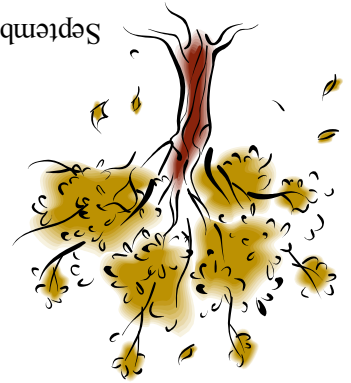
Need a Few Good Recruits

THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE is looking for recruits either from the Portland or the Eugene areas. If interested, contact Nathan at nathan-lave@fastmail.fm



It's that time of year already: rime ice clinging to trees on Mt. Scott, overlooking Crater Lake. Photo by John Jacobsen

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