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Hiking the Oregon Coast Trail

By Don Colgan

IN THE SPRING OF 2009 I set out to hike every inch of the Oregon coast. This would entail something like 380 miles of beaches, trails, and roads. After fourteen separate legs, I am pleased to announce that I have accomplished my goal. I crossed the California border in July, just days before my 60th birthday.



It was a phenomenal experience. I was accompanied by hiking companions for slightly less than half of the total mileage. The rest I did by myself, with my wife Dixie acting as shuttle driver and moral support.

What were the biggest challenges? In no particular order, these were the ones that made the experience more than just 'a walk in the sand':

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It's So Easy to Forget!

By Barb Revere, Membership Chair

EVER NOTICE HOW DESKS AND KITCHEN COUNTERS COLLECT PAPER? AARP insurance offers, sales scams, political pitchesOops! could that be your September *Bulletin* underneath it all?

All memberships expire on November 1st. We've tried to make it easier and included a membership form in every September *Bulletin*. This year look for the colored sheet inserted in your September *Bulletin* -- mailed September 14. And we've sent a September *Bulletin* to each and every one of you -- even our online members.

Please remember to renew your memberships by Nov.1. Don't let it get buried in an avalanche of recyclables.

Take the time right now to make out your check for \$30 to **Obsidians, Inc.** and mail it right away to:

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Donation

By Janet Jacobsen

GORDON GRIBBLE EMAILED THE CLUB (SECRETARY KATHY HOEG) WANTING TO KNOW IF OUR CLUB WAS STILL ACTIVE and that he would like to make a donation in memory of Mark McLaughlin and Jerry Clark, both of whom died on Mt. McKinley in 1967. The lodge memorial wall is in memory of Mark and Jerry. Gordon was a member of the club in the 1960's while in graduate school at the U of O. He climbed several times with Mark and a few times with Jerry.

Gordon shared these thoughts in several emails with Janet Jacobsen. "In addition to Gary Kirk, I recall climbing a bit with Ron Funke and the Baumann brothers, but mainly with Leonard Wojcik. Reading the bulletins brought back wonderful memories of climbs on 3-Fingered Jack, Shasta, Sisters, etc. My last climb with Mark was an early year (attempted) climb of Shasta. The wind was too strong even for Mark. I recall leading a climb of non-climbing grad students to Diamond Peak ...BIG mosquitos, but a great climb, especially the long snow ridge."

Dr. Gordon W. Gribble is a Professor of Chemistry at Dartmouth and lives in Vermont. He lived in Eugene from 1963-1967. His donation of \$300.00 to the Obsidians recognizes how one connects with friends and the environment while climbing. Our humble thanks.



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Board Nominees

Sharon Cutsforth



GROWING UP ON A SMALL DAIRY FARM IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN, I learned at an early age to love and appreciate the beauty of nature. The woods, fields and streams were my playground, where I learned to identify many plants, trees, birds and animals. This background developed into a desire to travel and learn about other parts of the country.

When I moved to Springfield in 1968, I was busy raising three children, volunteering with schools and youth groups and working. My thirty-year career included bookkeeping, secretarial and reception work for a variety of employers: heavy equipment dealers, a day care center, a landscape architect and the county health and human services department. During this time, I became aware of the Obsidians and their activities. When I retired in 2005, I was able to join.

I became involved with the Bus Trips Committee, serving on the hospitality committee, as committee secretary and as a trip leader. I find the bus trips a great way to meet new people and learn about historical, cultural and scenic Oregon...and beyond.

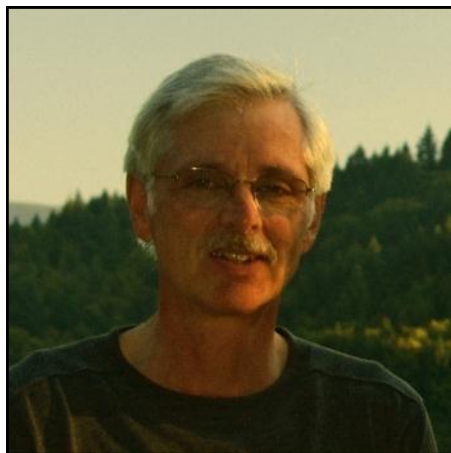
I have found Obsidians to be friendly and interesting. As a board member, I hope to maintain a close connection between the bus riders and the general Obsidian membership. I feel honored to be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors. My goal for the coming year will be to absorb all I can about the Obsidian organization. I will serve to the best of my ability.

Pat Esch



CANOEING WAS MY FIRST LOVE GROWING UP IN WISCONSIN. My father and I owned a white Old Town canoe together, on which I painted red stripes with a zebra head on the bow. Since I seemed to have artistic talent, I studied art in college, glassblowing in grad school, and moved to Colorado to set up a studio where I sold my glass work through shops, shows and craft fairs, and gave glassblowing demonstrations. I returned to Wisconsin in 1974 and began a new career, starting out as a dishwasher in a friend's restaurant and moving up the ranks to pastry chef, learning on the job. But something was missing, so I took classes at the local technical college in furniture making to satisfy my artistic bent, and have been having lots of fun making my own furniture. At last came retirement and my move away from constant mosquitoes to Eugene to be near family. In the land of hiking, biking and kayaking, I joined every outdoor club I could find and did my obligatory three Obsidian trips in two weeks. Alas, it turned out to be too many clubs and not enough time. Un-joining a few clubs left me with plenty of time for the Obsidians and leading social bike rides to interesting places.

Stewart Hoeg



I WENT ON MY FIRST OBSIDIAN HIKE ON MARCH 31ST OF 2002. As of August 14th, I have been on 125 Obsidian trips including hikes, bikes, snowshoes, extended trips, bus trips, trail maintenances, and summer camp. I have led 35 of these trips. I am serving my sixth year as the chair of the Finance Committee and my fifth year as club treasurer. In addition, since December of 2006, I have been one of two people responsible for the layout and desktop publishing aspect of the *Bulletin*. Finally, I am completing six consecutive years on the board. I appreciate being asked to continue as a board member for three more years, and am looking forward to helping the club to continue its long record of success. I am also interested in promoting term limits for board members---I will need a break after the next three years!

Geocache on Macduff Mountain

YEARS AGO THE OBSIDIANS honored my great grandfather by placing a plaque at the top of Macduff Mountain. Recently we ascended the peak again to scatter my grandmother's ashes (Nelson's daughter-in-law whom he never knew).

As part of the occasion I placed a geocache simply hidden under some piled rocks behind the plaque. The listing isn't officially published yet, but I wanted to let you know as you are all indeed a part of this with my family.

As you get out and about, if you do get to the peak, please look for the cache and leave me a note through Geocach-

Oregon Coast

(Continued from Page 1)

There were numerous stream crossings, most of which were routine; but some were daunting due to tides, currents, volume of water, or all three. I never felt at risk of being swept away, but needed to be very careful at times. Spring-time runoff turns some creeks into sizable rivers.

Some of the trails on the headlands and through the coastal forest are not of particularly high quality. I sometimes felt like a deer or a bushwhacker out there, and it was obvious that not many folks had been in some of these areas. This was especially true in parts of the Boardman Corridor on the south coast. The trail might be little more than a barely definable dent in the undergrowth. It is worth noting, however, that a majority of the trails along the coast are in very good condition.

TO COMPLETE THIS TREK one must walk at times on the shoulder of Highway 101. The shoulder can be quite narrow sometimes, so you feel a bit vulnerable. I wore a bright reflective vest whenever I needed to do roads, and I sometimes did a run/walk combination to get 'down the highway' more efficiently.

The salt and sand and moisture led to some occasional nasty blisters. For the most part I avoided them, but sometimes was unable to ward them off. I got one in 2010 that took over a month to heal! This comes with the territory, right?

I must admit there were times when the solo hiking got to be monotonous. I enjoyed the solitude maybe 75% of the time, but felt a little lonely out there on some of the longer isolated stretches. I developed ways of passing the time, such as focusing on some distant object and seeing how long it took to get there.

All of these challenges were more than rewarded by the breathtaking vistas, the soothing presence of the ocean, camaraderie with fellow hikers, and the accrued fitness of completing all those miles. It was totally worth the effort!

I would have to say that my favorite part of the coast was the aforementioned Boardman Corridor, a spectacular 15-20 mile stretch of trail just north of Brookings. This segment features lonely beaches, bluffs, meadows, forest, and spectacular views, and there are very few people on this trail. I had the privilege of being accompanied on this stretch by a close

ing.com. We don't get to central Oregon much, so I won't be maintaining the cache well, but hopefully it will remain for some time for others to enjoy!

Trevor Macduff

Editor's Note: This email was received from Trevor on August 17, 2011 and we thank Trevor for including The Obsidians with this information. Trevor's great grandfather was Nelson Macduff, a longtime Obsidian who for many years was Supervisor of the Cascade National Forest, as it was called at the time. The Obsidians placed the plaque in 1931. Over the years the Obsidians have taken several trips to Macduff Mountain, the last being in 2004.

friend of many years, so it was very special indeed.

I have a blog of this adventure, which you can access at <http://home.comcast.net/~dycolgan>. Feel free to read in more detail about this completed quest. If you have any questions about portions of the Oregon Coast Trail, contact me at dycolgan@comcast.net.

We are so blessed to have a coastline of such beauty and magnificence. I am honored to have experienced it so intimately, and also to have shared this accomplishment with you.



2011 Annual Meeting

Honoring Lenore

THE OBSIDIAN ANNUAL MEETING will be held Friday, October 14, 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 (see Page 3 for nominees), approval of Honorary Membership (see column to the right) and other business that may come before the membership. All Obsidian members are encouraged to attend.

Note: There will be no potluck prior to the annual meeting but a surprise dessert will be served.

Awards

Climb, trip and leader awards will be presented. To find your 2010 activity totals, check the trip and leader logs posted on our website in members' only. If you think you have earned an award and have not been contacted, contact one of the following people.

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Honorary member nominee Lenore McManigal

LENORE MCMANIGAL has been nominated for Honorary Membership by Rick Ahrens, Jim Duncan, John Jacobsen, Janet Jacobsen, and Doug Nelson. Other past presidents, Russ Carpenter, Jane Hackett, Brian Hamilton, Ben Jeffries, Ed Lichtenstein, Bill Montgomery, John Pegg, and Jim Pierce have also sent in their support. Since 1992, Lenore has served as historian for 15 presidents and attended around 200 board meetings. For 19 years, Lenore has kept an Obsidian room filled with log books and notebooks that are needed to keep the records of trips and active, inactive and deceased members.

Lenore and her husband John have been members since 1962, both receiving three and ten peak awards. Lenore became a Princess in 1969 and was given the name Twin Flower. She climbed her 10th peak, Mt. Jefferson, September 2, 1984. She received her 200 Trip Award in 2006. She has served on the board and was vice-president in 2002. Lenore is on the Bus Committee and is a faithful member of the *Bulletin* mailing crew. Just to mention a few of her volunteer projects: she has served on nominating committees, volunteered on lodge clean up projects, made pancakes at Fathers Day breakfasts, and even assisted with the Hand Lake Shelter restoration in August of 1993. It was Lenore who made sure that we kept the water fountain when the Lodge was remodeled. She and John continue to attend potlucks and Explora-Talks and participate in bus trips.

Summer Camp has been a regular part of John and Lenore's summers since 1964 when they and their three boys hiked in 8 ½ miles to Camp Dark at Table Lake. The youngest, their twins, were 5 years old. John and Lenore have attended over 30 summer camps, having chaired a two-week pack-in camp in the Wallowa Mountains in 1966 where they rode into camp on horseback. For the record, Lenore said, "My name wasn't even listed as co-chair but I was just in charge of the food. I opened the first Summer Camp Checking account and we made a \$500 profit." For many years, they helped with Camp setup where Lenore helped and prepared food for the setup crew. The 2002 Summer Camp was named Camp McManigal in honor of John and Lenore's commitment to Summer Camp.

Lenore is clearly qualified as a person who has "rendered distinguished services to the Club" as required for nomination as an Honorary Member in the Obsidians. You are urged to attend the October 14th Annual Meeting to vote on this nomination.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Jacobsen, Janet Jacobsen, Rick Ahrens
, Jim Duncan and Doug Nelson*

BOARD NOTES

September 7, 2011

By Lyn Gilman-Garrick

President John Jacobsen called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Stewart Hoeg, Larry Huff, and Elle Weaver. Also present were: Sharon Cutsforth, Brian Hamilton, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Tom Musselwhite, Jim Pierce, Barb Revere

The Board accepted the minutes of the July 2011 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet and the monthly bills. The Board approved payment of the bills:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Brian Hamilton): Since the last Board meeting, 37 trips were completed, 2 were rescheduled for later dates, and 9 were cancelled due primarily to leader schedule conflicts and too much snow on the trails.

Winter Trips (Tom Musselwhite): The Winter Trips Committee is preparing to ramp up for the upcoming season. Please contact Tom Musselwhite, Winter Trips Chair, if you have suggestions and would like to work with the Winter Trips Committee on schedule development or community outreach.

Climbs (Larry Huff): The Climbs Committee approved nine climb related activities during the months of July and August 2011. A total of 39 members and 13 nonmembers participated in the nine approved climbing activities.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): Over the past 2 months there have been 2 trail maintenance outings held on the main Spencer Butte Trail.

Monthly Trail Maintenance Participation: Outings on Spencer Butte: 2, Participants: 13 total; 10 members; 3 non-members, Estimated Volunteer Hours: 32.5

Highways and Byways By Bus (Verna Kocken for Liz Reanier): Completed two bus trips since the last board meeting. Next trip is Celebrating Astoria's Bicentennial 1811-2011, Scheduled for Sept. 14-17.

Extended Trips (Jim Duncan): Two extended trips were completed in August: Kayaking on the Rogue River with Valerie Metcalf, leader; and Camping & Hiking near Mt St Helens with Jim Duncan leading.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Rick Ahrens will do the Oct. 18 ExploraTalk on the Science of Spiders. There are no Sept., Nov. or Dec. ExploraTalks. Pat Bitner will write a conservation article for the October *Bulletin*.

Publication (Joanne Ledet): The Sept. *Bulletin* will be mailed to all members so that

everyone receives a membership form.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Hussain Mirza the speaker who was scheduled for last Feb but had to cancel due to weather will be speaking about his trek to the K2 basecamp at the potluck on Sept 23rd.

Membership (Barb Revere): Membership Status: We have a total of 500 members: Active 448, Assoc. 23, Honor. 3, Junior 8, Life 18. Seven new applications for membership presented.

Publicity (Elle Weaver): Many thanks to all our members who helped make Eugene Celebration, Aug. 28 - 29, a success. We had a great location and the sunny days brought many interested people by our booth.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): At Janet Jacobsen's request, we put together a bus box full of merchandise to take on bus trips. Janet took the box on a July trip to Fort Vancouver and sold \$35 worth of goods. Thanks Janet!

Online (Wayne Deeter): We now have over 450 guests registered with the Online Signup system, nearly as many as we have members. There have been some unexplained outages with the Signup system in the last week. John is investigating.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): I have recorded all of the activities reported in the Bulletin, plus the summer bus trips taken this summer.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): The Lodge was rented once; August 31, by Looking Glass Youth and Family Services. A future rental to the U of O Dept. of Environmental Studies is scheduled for Sept. 20. Sue Sullivan has added some shelving in the closet where the climbing gear is stored. It is a nice improvement. Thanks, Sue.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Fir Removal/Oak Restoration Project: Cleanup continued with a work party March 22 -- thanks to Pat Adams, Dick Hildreth, Gary Kirk, Chris Shuraleff, and Sam Tracer for their help. General Grounds Activity: A general cleanup held before the March 14th ExploraTalk -- thanks to Max Brown and Ken Kodama for helping out. I did the first mowing of the season before the potluck on March 24th.

NEW BUSINESS

Joanne Ledet notified the board that she would like to delay the publication of future July bulletins by 1 to 2 weeks because there is no August bulletin and very few, if any, club events to publicize. There were no objections. Joanne will take the issue back to Publications Committee for possible action.

Matt Bell announced that area mountain bikers are hoping to build a new Mt. Baldy Amazon connector trail. This trail will parallel the already existing power line connector trail.

The City of Eugene Parks and Recreation Department will start scheduling public meetings concerning the trail in the next few weeks.

Matt Bell reported that he would like the Trails Committee to award a patch to members at future annual meetings who have participated in 15 trails outings. He acknowledged that it would require a by-laws change to do this. After much discussion, the board agreed that it was a very good idea as it would encourage members and nonmembers alike to become more involved in trail maintenance projects. However, John Jacobsen asked that Matt's proposal be tabled until the October board meeting so that the board could give it more consideration and Matt could develop a design for the patch.

Janet Jacobsen informed the board that Lenore McManigal will be nominated as a honorary member at the annual meeting.

John Jacobsen discussed his plans for the annual meeting which is scheduled for Friday, October 14th, at 7:00 PM with a dessert social preceding and following the meeting. John reminded all committee chairs that they need to submit reports for the meeting and he asked that the reports include not just statistics but interesting events and significant changes if any. Stewart also reminded everyone that there must be at least 25 members present to vote. To entice members to attend, Lyn Gilman-Garrick offered to have a drawing for one or more concession items. She also offered to take responsibility for arranging. Janet Jacobsen thanked everyone for helping this summer with the Get Acquainted Hikes and Elle Weaver thanked everyone for staffing our booth at the Eugene Celebration. John Jacobsen said that because of these outreach activities, there's been lots of new interest in the Obsidians as evidenced by the increased online registrations for activities.

Matt Bell announced that on Tuesday, October 20th, the Oregon Association of Parks Departments is holding an annual conference in Bend. There will be a panel on Urban Trails. The organizers are hoping someone from the Obsidians would like to participate. If so, s/he will receive free admission to the conference.

Matt Bell also asked if the ad hoc committee addressing by-law changes has made any progress. Stewart Hoeg said that no recent progress has been made because members have been on vacations and because the process has turned out to be much more complicated and difficult than originally anticipated. The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19th, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned for food at Taste of India Restaurant.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

Chi Gong & Meditation Hike

June 18, 2011

Leader & photographer: Becky Lipton

Hike: 6.7 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)



FOURTEEN HIKERS INTERESTED IN A NEW ADVENTURE joined this first ever Obsidian Chi Gong & Meditation hike. This hike was along the gorgeous and energizing Brice Creek east of Cottage Grove and included hiking up to and behind Trestle Creek Falls. This unique experience involved learning and practicing various walking and standing meditation and Chi Gong (energizing) techniques to bring greater consciousness and awareness to one's personal relaxation and inner rejuvenation process while hiking and enjoying nature. All participants were willing to hike in silence for periods of time to practice their meditation and Chi Gong lessons. The group participated in several group sharings and further lessons at several points along the route. Chi Gong techniques were taught by Don Cross, Chi Gong and martial arts instructor for over 40 years. Meditation was taught by Becky Lipton who has studied meditation and healing arts for over 25 years. As one participant said, "What a different energy it brings to an Obsidian hike when everyone starts out in silence, instead of the usual chatter!" Members: Don Cross, Paul Flashenberg, Becky Lipton, Helen Martz, Nola Nelson, Jeanne Schmidt, and Martha Welches. Nonmembers: Shan Ambika, Colleen Chrisinger, Sebastian Urioste, Jeremy Jones, Meda Afazi-Jones, Andres Kanpert, and Lana Kanpert.

McKenzie River/Clear Lake Loop

June 25, 2011

Leader: Joe Sanders

Hike: 9.2 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

ALL SEVEN PARTICIPANTS PLUS LEADER JOE SANDERS showed up and completed the trip without incident. New member applications were given to the three nonmembers with myself as a sponsor and this hike credited to their application process. This trip was held in conjunction with an annual hike already scheduled by Trails Club Oregon (Portland). Trails Club hike Leader was Vicki Wood with 14 members from TCO also participating for a total of 22 participants from both hike groups. Members: Ed Lichtenstein, Laurie Marshall, John Moser, Sarah Praskievicz, and Joe Sanders. Nonmembers: Matt Cossette, Kate Lunger, and Beth Dowell.

Eula Ridge

July 9, 2011

Leader: Danneille Harris

Hike: 9 miles, 3,300 ft. (Difficult)

PERFECT WEATHER WELCOMED 10 HIKERS for our trip up the Eula Ridge Trail to Hardesty Mountain. Along the way up we saw an unusually large garter snake and an interesting bright orange flower one participant identified as a Sultan's Lily (thanks Elle). There was a lot of sweating and a couple of blisters on the steeper sections of trail but the summit was reached in the very fast time of 2 hours and 35 min. Hikers enjoyed snacks and views of the Three Sisters on the top. On the way down the group stopped to look for the rock arches formation some of us had heard of but never seen. It was easily found and hikers explored the rock and took pictures. A lovely day and good workout was had by all. Members: Danneille Harris, Rick Harris, Art Kearney, Richard Lemon, Elle Weaver, and Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: Diamond Cartwright, Julane Anderson, April Ackerson, and Taylor Anderson.

Cone Peak/Iron Mountain

July 9, 2011

Leader: Sue Wolling

Hike: 8 miles, 1,900 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY FOR A HIKE ON IRON MOUNTAIN! This was not an experience of solitude, as we found the parking lot nearly full, and took off hiking behind an enormous group of people. Fortunately, the large group was the Native Plant Society, and they move at a pace of about three feet per hour as they take out hand lenses and field guides to examine each plant—so we passed them quickly and set off on our hike. After ascending some rather steep switchbacks through the forest, we reached flower-strewn meadows, arrayed in trillium, larkspur, paintbrush, phlox, wallflower, Solomon's Seal, monkeyflower, and... well, some others that I'm sure the Native Plant people identified. The peak of the Iron Mountain wildflower season won't arrive until around July 20, but we still saw a nice display. Walking on, we discovered the patches of snow that the Ranger Station had mentioned—though we all agreed that this was more like batches than patches of snow, and the footing was a bit treacherous. Walking carefully, we made it over the snow without incident, and were rewarded with a dazzling view of the Cascade peaks: Diamond, the Three Sisters, Washington, Jefferson, Hood and Adams. We enjoyed lunch on the Forest Service's newly refurbished platform, complete with benches, while bask-

ing in wonderful sunshine. For our descent, we opted to skip the snow by heading down Iron Mountain Trail to the Santiam Wagon Road and back to our cars. We probably hiked a shorter distance than scheduled this way, but no one felt shorted. This was one beautiful day in Oregon! Members: Barbara Norregaard, Brian Popowsky, Lamonte Smith, Chris Stockdale, Barry Taub, and Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Tonya Cronkright, Mary Christensen, and Ellen King.

Lowder Mountain

July 12, 2011

Leader: Sharon Duncan

Hike: 5.6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, it does rain after July 4th in Eugene. Nevertheless, eight hardy folks braved a light mist for our annual hike to Lowder Mountain. Ordinarily, this hike features abundant wildflowers with waist-high foliage as you make your way through the meadows and great views of the Central Cascades at the top. This time, we settled for ankle-high foliage and clear trails, some early wildflowers, including paintbrush, trillium, yellow monkeyflowers, spreading phlox, larkspur and blooming bear-grass. Once at the top, the snow completely obscured the trail so we didn't make it to the obligatory viewpoint and lunch spot. There were no mountain views on this foggy, misty day anyway. Despite the unusual weather, everyone proved to be good sports and we enjoyed the walk, seeing Lowder Mountain in a new light. Members: Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Helen Martz, Susan Sanazaro, and Ernst Schwintzer. Nonmembers: Norma Bengiat and Mary Christensen.

Get Acquainted Hike AM - Ribbon Trail

July 15, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

TWO MEMBERS AND 11 GUESTS HIKE THE RIBBON TRAIL to the Lodge. The guests were particularly interested in lodge history. When did the club purchase the land and build the Lodge? When did they change their name from Eugene Outdoor Club to Obsidians. Why? Why isn't there a summer camp? The *Register-Guard* appears to be the way most of our guests found out about the Get Acquainted Hike. Members: Janet Jacobsen and Suzanne Steussy. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Barbara Dumesnil, Charles Burkland, Karen Fenton, Deborah Sinnott, Nancy Balding, Robert Crook, Mike Darrah, Michael Miller, Washburn Nelson, and Anne Selby.

Get Acquainted Hike PM - Ribbon Trail

July 15, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

FOUR MEMBERS, TWO FORMER MEMBERS AND EIGHT GUESTS enjoyed a pleasant late-afternoon hike to the Lodge. Most folks heard about the hike through the *Register-Guard*, *Eugene Weekly* or from Obsidian friends. Some issues to consider for future hikes: there always seems to be at least one person who has difficulty finding the meeting spot. Shoes with tread are really needed on the loose gravel in a few of the steep sections. A few thought that my posting of a 300-foot elevation gain was not high enough. Glenn Gordon, with the voice of authority, said it was about right although he would have preferred 50 feet. The

highlight was a fawn sighting at the Lodge. Members: Roberta Chord, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, and Joanne Ledet. Nonmembers: Chris Gordon, Glenn Gordon, Leigh Avery, Michael Quigley, Christy Ozbun, Carolyn DeMarco, Melody Carr, Jay Clifton, Pam Clifton, Karen Januszewski.

Get Acquainted Hike AM - Ribbon Trail

July 16, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

RAIN DID NOT PREVENT ONE MEMBER AND FOUR GUESTS from joining me for the third and last Get Acquainted Hike of the weekend. Recent arrivals to Eugene, Christa Munro from Colorado and Cleaves Carpenter from Georgia commented that rain was much, much better than humidity, ticks, and fleas. However, they were very interested in our poison oak tales. For future Get Acquainted hikes: it really helps to have Obsidian members participate and answer questions. Members: Marianne Camp and Janet Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Crista Munro, Cleaves Carpenter, and James Brown.

Tire Mountain

July 16, 2011

Leader: Lynda Christiansen

Hike: 7.6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

UNDETERED BY STEADY DRIZZLE, eleven hikers joined me for the trek to Tire Mountain. Mist obscured potential views of Diamond Peak, two of the Sisters and Mt. Bachelor, but the late spring gave us a profusion of wildflowers - yellow balsamorhiza, monkeyflower and Oregon sunshine, pink rhodies and bleeding hearts, candyflowers and delphiniums, to name just a few. Hardy hikers all, lunch was enjoyed in the continuing drizzle at the summit, surrounded by a few remains of an old lookout tower. As we were returning to the parking area, we met 60+ mountain bikers, participants in the Oregon Mountain Bike Ride event, and what a muddy bunch they were. Grinning broadly, all agreed they were having a wonderful day, and one young lady compared the mud bath to a spa treatment. This annual event rides on the Alpine Trail, which is part of the Tire Mountain trail. Members: Frank Chemotti, Lynda Christiansen, Steve Gunn, Art Kearney, Joe Sanders, and Ernst Schwintzer. Nonmembers: Barbara Boylan, Charles Fisher, Tonya Cronkright, Chris Zilka, and Ellen King.

Threemile Lake

July 17, 2011

Leader: Scott Hovis

Hike: 8 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

WE LEFT EUGENE WITH IT RAINING but lucked out at the coast. It was warm, not raining, and still. No wind was problematic in that it would have been nice to have a breeze because of the mosquitoes. But they were mostly in pockets, and on the beach it was bug-free. There was very little plastic litter; so nice to have the beach volunteers do their thing. I haven't found a good map of the southern part of the Threemile Lake area. It's easy to get turned around in the dune area. Of course one can see and hear the ocean, so that is always helpful for orientation. I was very pleased to see so many sandpipers, hundreds of them; they seem to be thriving. There were some cars on the beach, which is one of the few areas where it is allowed with a permit. The vehicles were parked and people were fishing. The lake is starting to get

low and is about to do its annual 'split in half' thing. Members: Barbara Aten, Patricia Esch, Chuck Harpham, Scott Hovis, Nola Nelson, and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Planet Glassberg.

Lillian Falls/Goddard Nature Trail

July 23, 2011

Leader: Guy Strahon

Photographer: Joanne Ledet

Hike: 2.4 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

EIGHT ENTHUSIASTIC HIKERS HEADED FOR OAKRIDGE to see Lillian Falls. We encountered some wildlife during our drive to the trailhead (deer, grouse, quail) and on arrival we found mosquitoes! Once on the trail we saw lots of old growth trees and numerous wildflowers, including some late blooming rhododendrons. There was plenty of water coming down from the Waldo Lake watershed so the falls were very nice. It was a perfect day, low 80s, and after hiking back to our cars we drove to the Joe Goddard nature trail. There we admired the *really old growth*. It is wonderful that people had the foresight to leave some of these 600-year-old trees for us to witness. Then it was on to the root beer stand for lunch and a special treat: old cars! They were having an old car rally and they too were well preserved and beautiful. Members: Jacque Davis, Joanne Ledet, Karla Rusow, Suzanne Steussy, Guy Strahon, and Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Cleaves Carpenter and Deborah Baumgold.



Crescent Mountain

July 24, 2011

Leader: David Adkins

Photographer: Ernest Schwintzer

Hike: 8.6 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

THIS HIKE FINALLY WAS A GO after a two-week postponement

due to the lingering snowpack in the Cascades. We only had one snow bank to negotiate. The weather was perfect with temperatures in the 70's and just a few cumulus clouds in the afternoon. The meadow flowers were abundant and the wildflower show is likely to continue for another week. On the summit, Kate, Ernst and I shared a rewarding view of the Cascade Peaks from Mt. St. Helens south to Diamond Peak. It truly was a memorable day. Members: David Adkins, Kate Parrish, and Ernst Schwintzer. Nonmembers: Benjamin Delgado and Scott Hargrove.



Ridgeline Trail

July 30, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

AMAZON COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT had no parking spaces because of a swim meet. Luckily a city employee let us park temporarily in slots that he was saving for a class later in the morning. The car shuttle was a bit confusing until we were sure that there were definitely two no-shows. Seven of us piled into two cars with two other drivers moving their cars to Albertson's parking lot. After we picked those drivers up, our next obstacle was the Crest Drive detour. The early start and forest canopy made for a pleasant morning hike. The most amazing sight on the hike was a banana slug stretched out across the trail. Fortunately for us, one of our hikers could tell us how they reproduced (a Google search is recommended). Congratulations were given to Sarah for passing her comps and now formally admitted in the Ph.D. program. Trip with driving time took around 3 1/2 hours. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Lisa Marcus, Mary Morrison, Diane Pergamit, Sarah Praskievicz, Suzanne Steussy, and Joanne Whitfield. Nonmembers: Michael Quigley and Steve Adey.

Silver Creek Falls

July 31, 2011

Leader: Jim Pierce

Hike: 7 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

A LUCKY THIRTEEN GROUP OF HIKERS ESCAPED THE VALLEY

HEAT for the cool waterfalls and canyons of Silver Falls Park. The group was composed of 1/3 old timers, 1/3 new members, and 1/3 nonmembers: a nice mix. We saw 7.5 (?) waterfalls and walked behind three of them. The forest and ferns were phenomenal. We did the 7-mile loop (600 feet of gain) at a leisurely pace, taking 3.5 hours. We tried to drive to the north falls, but the parking lot was full; it was a very busy park that weekend. But the hike was great!! Members: Chuck Harpham, Barbara Norregaard, Charlene Pierce, Jim Pierce, Susan Sanazaro, Cora Turner, George Turner, and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Ellen King, Leslie Pyeatt, Levi Shaulis, Cleaves Carpenter, and Deborah Baumgold.

Get Acquainted Hike AM - Ribbon Trail

August 5, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

THE GET ACQUAINTED HIKES WERE FEATURED in the 'Buzzworthy' column in the Tuesday Outdoor Section of the *Register-Guard*. I had lots of phone calls but how many would show up for the hike? Meeting at Hendricks Park, one person after another walked over to our group and asked, "Are you the Obsidians?" I give a special thanks to the three Obsidians who helped me greet the 16 guests that included a mix of native Oregonians and recent arrivals from Arizona and South Carolina. There were two children on the hike who were fascinated with the Lodge and just had to know what was upstairs. Andrew Greif, *Register-Guard* copy editor, joined us. Andrew is the person we contact to schedule our activities in the Outdoor Section and he also writes the 'Buzzworthy' section. I hope that everyone thought it was indeed a *Buzzworthy* experience even though

I didn't think to wait at the first intersection for the whole group. Fortunately, the sweeps, Dan and Joella, had it covered. Members: Dan Christensen, Joella Ewing, Janet Jacobsen, and Suzanne Steussy. Nonmembers: Kassia Dellabough, Barbara Wheatley, Fred Kluessendorf, Sharon Bruns, Lance Miller, Brenda Russell, Zachery Russell, Elle Russell, Shelly Winter, John Morgan, Twyla Morgan, Ken Parramore, David Henderon, Ted Calcaterra, Stew Meyers, and Andrew Greif.

Get Acquainted Hike PM - Ribbon Trail

August 5, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

TWO FAMILY GROUPS THAT INCLUDED THE PARENTS, THEIR CHILDREN, AND A COUSIN joined us for the late afternoon Get Acquainted Hike. At the Lodge, the children asked questions about the alpenstock and the photograph of a climber jumping over a crevasse. "What's the dude doing? Why?" Thanks to members John Jacobsen, Rick Ahrens, and Roberta Chord for assisting and answering questions. Members: Rick Ahrens, Roberta Chord, Janet Jacobsen, and John Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Edward Alderette, Diana Alderette, Alyssa Alderette, Jessica Stolt, Amy Donaghey, Chad Donaghey, Jozie Donaghey, and Garret Donaghey.

Sawtooth Mountain

August 6, 2011

Leader: Brian Hoyland

Hike: 10 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

OUR GROUP OF 15 HIKERS encountered snowdrifts and hungry mosquitoes at the Indigo Lake trailhead, where we started our 10



Group photo from Sawtooth Mountain Hike—Photo by Brian Hoyland

-mile loop hike around Sawtooth Mountain. Sawtooth Mountain rises to 7,301 feet about 10 miles to the south of Diamond Peak, and is one of the highest summits in the Calapooya Mountains. Snowdrifts obscured the trail in many places as we climbed. Tree blazes made the route relatively easy to follow, and we only lost the trail for a few switchbacks as we crossed the first southwest ridge. We did encounter one point of confusion at the crest of the southeast ridge where we found an abandoned trail that was complete with blazes, old sawed logs and numerous colored ribbons. The abandoned trail runs southeast out the ridge from near the summit to an unknown destination, while the desired trail is a U-turn around the ridge crest, where it continues to the east. All fifteen hikers made the exciting scramble to the summit and were rewarded with fantastic views of the Willamette Pass area and the headwaters of the Willamette River. We had lunch on the summit and lounged in the bright sun with no breezes at all. We continued with our loop around the mountain only to find the trail completely obscured by deep snow, leaving us with no choice but to hike cross-country across snow-covered talus fields and steep slopes. We soon located the trail and crossed over a high pass into the Indigo Lake basin. A quick descent through several switchbacks brought us to the shore of crystal clear Indigo Lake, where we all cooled our jets in the inviting but chilly water. Only Frank dared to go for a full swim. The short hike back to the trailhead followed the lake's rushing outlet creek down to the shore of Timpanogas Lake and the cars, where we shared a reward of sliced watermelon and ice-cold bottles of water. Members: Keiko Bryan, Rob Castleberry, Frank Chemotti, Dan Christensen, Chuck Harpham, Brian Hoyland, Art Kearney, Ellen King, Kate Parrish, Ernst Schwintzer, and Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Lisa Berenschot, Mary

Christensen, Martin Baskett, and Matthew King.

Goodman Creek

August 6, 2011

Leader: Kathy Hoeg

Hike: 7 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

GOODMAN CREEK IS A BEAUTIFUL, FORESTED HIKE not too far from Eugene. Our group left SEHS at 8:30 and needed only about 40 minutes of driving time to get to the trailhead. There's a roomy graveled parking lot right next to Highway 58 across from Lookout Point Reservoir, with no requirement for a parking pass. Lucky us -- there was a port-a-potty there that day! The first opportunity for a stop on the trail is a rock bank next to a series of little waterfalls, a pleasant place for a snack. After that, we had a bit of an adventure. We walked right past the turnout for the little log bridge across the creek. Instead, we wound up about two minutes upstream at another log bridge, and the dim-witted hike leader (me!) didn't recognize that it was the wrong one. The crucial difference was that the second bridge didn't have handrails. The group gamely started walking across, all of us paying close attention to our balance -- when about half the group had crossed, someone spotted the bridge we had missed. Aargh! We retraced our steps and all thoroughly enjoyed having a nice sturdy handrail to hold onto while walking across the correct bridge. The trail continues gradually upward through the trees and eventually crosses a forest service road. We walked back to the highway on the road, making a loop. It was a pretty, mostly shady hike to do on an August day. Members: Julie Dorland, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Brenda Kameenui, Joanne Ledet, and Brian Popowsky. Nonmembers: Norma Bengiat, Leslie Pyeatt, and Jan Halvorson .



Small waterfall on Goodman Creek hike—Photo by Jim Duncan

Lowder Mountain

August 7, 2011

Leader: Judy Terry

Hike: 5.6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKE PROVIDED ALL THE HIGHLIGHTS one could have hoped for. We had perfect weather, a blue sky, comfortable temperatures and no mosquitoes to speak of. The flowers were abundant, including tiger lily, columbine, lupine, paintbrush, bear grass, vanilla leaf, wild rose, and skyrocket gilia. There were still large patches of snow off the trail as we approached the top. We made our way across the summit plateau to the view point. The hike was capped off by one of the clearest views of the Cascade Range I've ever seen. Mt. Hood was very clear and prominent in the distance. Members: Joe Sanders, Suzanne Steussy, Guy Strahon, and Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Charlene Belliveau.

Get Acquainted Hike PM - Ribbon Trail

August 7, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

EIGHTEEN GUESTS APPARENTLY AGREED WITH ME that the weather was perfect for an afternoon hike on the Ribbon Trail. During introductions, we learned how long each participant has lived in Eugene. Recent arrivals were from Ohio and Boston. One couple was leaving on their sea kayak honeymoon the next day. John encouraged people to register online and find out more about our activities. I encouraged them to join me on my next Ridgeline Trail hike and to come to the September potluck. Members: Roberta Chord, Janet Jacobsen, and John Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Michael Perkins II, Lyn Ericson, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Autumn Edwards, Taslev Houston, Monica Osborne, Sarah Hood, James Roberts, Tom Wilson, Chris Melton, Cindi Gould, Brent Sasser, Lindsey Sasser, Ann Rollins, Leah Firth, and Marlitt Dellabough.

Black Crater

August 13, 2011

Leader: Doug Nelson

Hike: 7.2 miles, 2,500 ft. (Moderate)

SIMPLY DRIVING TO THE TRAILHEAD FOR THIS HIKE is a treat to be savored. I never tire of the scenic McKenzie Pass Highway. And it turned out to be a wonderful day for a high country hike. Nine members and three guests got together to enjoy the hike up Black Crater. I was a bit concerned that there might still be significant amounts of snow on the trail leading to the 7,200-foot summit. But conferring with the group indicated that they were ready to give it a try, and I'm glad we did. The remnant patches of snow were just enough to help cool the hike, wildflowers were blooming nicely and the summit gave us clear skies, cool breezes and a stunning vista of the Central Cascades from Hood to Broken Top. Thanks to everyone who joined me for this most enjoyable hike! Members: Jennifer Baer, Paul Flashenberg, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Hall, Art Kearney, Doug Nelson, Rich Romm, Joe Sanders, and Ernst Schwintzer. Nonmembers: Norma Bengiat, Lisa Berenschot, and Cat Nelson.

Jefferson Park

August 20, 2011

Leader: Randall Sinnott

Hike: 10.2 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

AN EARLY 7:00 AM START FROM EUGENE put us on the trailhead before 10:00. The Whitewater Road trailhead was near capacity with the cars of hikers and campers ahead of us. We were underway shortly after 10:00 and saw surprisingly few people until just before Jeff Park opened into meadows. A mile and a half of easy switchbacks brought us views of Jefferson that continued for several miles as we followed Sentinel Hill. Wildflowers were in bloom along the trail and the variety was remarkable. They increased in numbers at the meadows. The sky was cloudless and a light breeze from the east kept the mosquitoes down. Only a few short sections of well-consolidated snow covered the trail on the upper sections of trail. It never presented an obstacle to the progress of the many hikers coming and going. We encountered one through hiker on the Pacific Crest Trail who had set out from Tuolumne Meadows and was en route to Cascade Locks who had nothing but accolades to describe our Oregon portion of the trail. We arrived at Russell Lake at 1:15 pm after briefly losing our track amid the many 'local traffic' trails that intersect the PCT in Jeff Park. We lunched and relaxed an hour before beginning the hike out. Members: Paul Flashenberg, Chuck Harpham, and Randall Sinnott. Nonmembers: Charles Fisher and Erin Noble.

Iron Mountain

August 20, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.6 miles, 1,900 ft. (Moderate)

A 7:30 AM DEPARTURE HELPED US GET A COOL START on the loop trail from Deer Creek parking lot to the Cone Peak Trail. By 12:30 we were at the Lookout platform ready for lunch. The shady sections of the trail and at times a cool breeze balanced the sunny stretches. Although it wasn't the peak for most flowers, there was plenty of color with the Cascade lilies the most spectacular. It turned out to be a pleasant hike. The only mishap was when I told everyone to watch for holes in the trail and then a few minutes later, stepped in one and fell gracefully on the trail. From then on, we voiced alerts about these deep holes. It was 91 degrees when we got back to Eugene around 3:30 pm. Members: Janet Hall, Janet Jacobsen, Susan Sanazaro, and Suzanne Steussy. Nonmembers: Jeanne Palzinski.



Backpacks

Hunts Cove

August 12, 2011

Leader: Bill Sullivan

Backpack: 15 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)

THE DETROIT RANGER STATION ISSUES ONLY ONE PERMIT A DAY for a group of 12 to Hunts Cove, a scenic lake basin on the south shoulder of Mt. Jefferson. (Starting next year, permits will cost \$6, and can be purchased from www.recreation.gov beginning May 1.) Our group of 12 set up camp at Hanks Lake for two nights and used the intervening day for an adventurous 10-mile bushwhack around Goat Peak and

the Cathedral Rocks, crossing The Table, which contains some of the most scenic and remote terrain in the state. Snow, talus, mosquitoes, wildflowers, and stunning close-up views of Mt. Jefferson were everywhere. Because this was a joint trip for the Eugene Obsidians and the Salem Chemeketans, we invented theme songs for both clubs, with the latter to the tune of the UO fight song, "Mighty Oregon."

Chemeketans, Chemeketans,
If you can pronounce it, you're one of us.
Chemeketans, Chemeketans,
Our hikes are free.
If you can't afford it, that's OK with me.

If you call yourself Obsidian,
Perambulations are quotidian.
We accept any individual
Near the 122nd meridian.
We'll backpack with Chemeketans
And Mazama llamas too,
But the stalwart and the dauntless
Are Obsidians, it's true.

Members: Paul Brown, Bob Harrison, Scott Hovis, Chris Stockdale, Bill Sullivan, and Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Renee Klein, Dave Reuter, Marissa Catlin, Linda Parker, Julie Reed, and Martha Reilly.



Bicycle Trips

Lorane to Drain

June 19, 2011

Leader: John Hegg

Bike: 52 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

THE RIDE BEGAN UNDER CLEAR SKIES AT THE LORANE POST OFFICE and followed the Siuslaw River out through the Coast Range to the small town of Drain. The approximately 52-mile loop wound through forested coastal mountain roads involving three significant climbs and subsequent downhill runs. Climbing over the hilly Coastal Range toward Drain was mostly in the shade of the forest canopy on paved roads with very little traffic. After 35 miles we arrived at Drain for a rest/lunch stop at the local cafe. Following lunch the final 15-mile return via Highway 99 and Territorial Highway went through the farm country of the Lorane Valley where we were greeted at one point by a couple of llamas alongside the road. Members: John Hegg and Lyndell Wilken.

Orchard Point

July 8, 2011

Leader: Patricia Esch

Bike: 26 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

WE STARTED THIS SOCIAL RIDE WITH NINE RIDERS; someone reproduced on the way and we became ten. It was a beautiful, sunny July day with a cool wind, so it was a little extra work to get to the Fern Ridge Reservoir, but fine sailing on the way back. Lunch at lake side was on the cool side too, because the

wind came right at us off the water. There was not much traffic on the back roads we took, but it was good to see lots of users on the Fern Ridge Bike Path. Members: Barbara Bruns, Patricia Esch, Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Cathy Irwin, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Pierce, Joe Sanders, and Peggy Windle. Nonmembers: Robin Forster.

Row River

August 6, 2011

Leader: Guy Strahon

Bike: 36 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

SIX BIKE RIDERS VENTURED OUT ON THE ROW TRAIL on a perfect day for a ride. Some of our group saw a bald eagle and then later a donkey nursing its young. We ate lunch at Wildwood Falls and relaxed in the sunshine and watched young people jumping off the 15-foot cliffs into the deep, blue pool. Then it was a leisurely ride downhill to our starting point, Mosby Creek picnic area, for some cold watermelon. A very nice ride! Members: Patricia Esch, Virginia Rice, Joe Sanders, Guy Strahon, and Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Doug Deaton.

North Fork of the Siuslaw

August 21, 2011

Leader: Stewart Hoeg

Bike: 37 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS COOL AND OVERCAST as eight riders prepared to leave the Old Town Florence parking lot to ride up the North Fork of the Siuslaw. The road was busier than usual---which still means relatively car-free. After about 10 miles we got out of the marine layer and basked in cool sunshine up to our lunch at the Pawn Trailhead. The trailhead has a unique picnic table located about 30 feet from the parking area. It is an X-shaped table with room for two on each of the four benches---perfect for our group of eight. We were located just a few feet from a small creek that feeds the Upper North Fork of the Siuslaw. After a leisurely lunch, we headed back towards Florence. Although the gradual grade was in our favor, we were slowed by a strong headwind. When we neared Florence we rode back into the marine layer. It was still cool and overcast---but far preferable to the 90+ back in Eugene. Members: Barbara Bruns, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Richard Hughes, George Jobanek, Lana Lindstrom, Guy Strahon, and Judy Terry.



Climbs

Mt. Thielsen

July 17, 2011

Leader: Danneille Harris

Climb: 10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Moderate)

RAIN GREETED 3 CLIMBERS as we met very early Sunday morning for the drive to Mt. Thielsen. The weather let up as we crossed over the pass but the mosquitoes were waiting at the trailhead. Still lots of snow below and just above the junction with the PCT. Thankfully the West ridge was snow free all the

way to *Chicken Ledge*. We passed another climber and his very friendly Basset hound on their way back down. Another solo climber on his first climb of Thielsen joined us for info on the route as we neared the ledge. Although clouds blocked much of the view, Crater Lake rim looked lovely with all its peaks still draped in snow. We set a fixed rope and enjoyed pictures on the summit before the rain finally caught up to us. Wet rock on the descent from the pinnacle was a little slick but all made it down safely. Rest of the hike back to the car was drizzly but warm enough to ditch the raingear. We opted to replenish the days burnt calories with a stop at the Oakridge DQ on the way home. All around a good day with great people despite the less than perfect weather. Members: Danneille Harris, Rick Harris. Non-members: Julie Polhemus.

Mt. Jefferson

July 23, 2011

Leader and photographer: Wayne Deeter

Climb: 12 miles, 7,000 ft.

MY ORIGINAL PLAN was to climb via the Whitewater Glacier. As the summit was still rimed up and Jeff Park was mostly snow covered I decided that we would climb the West Rib route instead. We hiked in via the Woodpecker Trail and the PCT on snow-bound Milk Creek. Weird. Milk Creek was filled with snow about 20" deep, covered in places by a thin layer of mud. Two tenths of a mile up the creek we followed a faint climbers



trail up to snow covered slopes and our camp at 6,700'. The next morning we started our climb in the dark. The rib was still in fairly good condition snow-wisely. There were only a couple places where we had to scramble over rock. A rope was used to protect the traverse to the north side of the pinnacle. From there we scrambled up steep snow to a notch north of the usual ramp, then on the east side on easy but exposed rock to the summit. After a short stay on top, admiring the views of distant peaks, valleys and lakes, and exchanging mutual congratulations, we reversed the route and hiked back down the rib to our camp. We were astonished by the amount of snow that had melted during our climb. The second night was not quite as warm as the first, a bit breezy and slightly damp. In the morning we packed up and hiked back out to the cars. Members: Sean Breslin, Wayne Deeter, Danneille Harris, Dave Jensen, Steve Kuhn, Juli McGlinsky.

Mt. St. Helens

July 25, 2011

Leader and photographer: Jim Pierce

Climb: 9 miles, 4,600 ft. (Difficult)

OUR GROUP OF SEVEN STARTED AT 6:15 AM from the Climber Bivouac. In late July there was still a couple feet of snow under the trees and large snow fields about timberline. Our route



stayed on the rocky ridges where practical. The route is steeper than I remember from before. Most of the scree and talus was secure from wet scree/sand. There were even glissade troughs in the snow fields that we tried on the way down. We reached the summit by 11:00 so the ascent took 4:40. There was a huge cornice all along the crater rim, so we could not see the dome in the crater. The views of Spirit Lake, Mount Rainier, Mount Adams and Mount Hood were spectacular. What a marvelous day to be on top of the world. The descent took just over three hours. Members: Marianne Camp, Kenneth Frazer, Mary Frazer, Jim Pierce, Chris Stockdale, Elle Weaver. Nonmembers: Dallas Hemphill.

Mt. Adams

July 29, 2011

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Climb: 11.4 miles, 6,700 ft. (Moderate)

WE LEFT EUGENE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, arrived at the Cold Spring trailhead and started hiking up to base camp early afternoon. The weather was sunny and pleasant. Due to the lateness of snowmelt, the nice weather and whatever other reasons for mass migration there were, 400 other climbers joined us on the mountain that day. After we adjusted our perception of 'wilderness experience' we had a fine time. We camped just below the *Lunch Counter*. The evening sun set like a fireball, casting blue purple mountain shadows. During the night the wind picked up and was blowing fiercely for most of night and morning. I made the call to delay our departure in hopes that it would die down; it did not. We got ready an hour later and departed camp around 7 am. We joined the conga line of climbers and summited in the wind and white out. There was no lounging on the summit due to cold and there was no visibility so after pictures we took off like bandits and headed down. We had the most amazing glissade down a trough worthy of an Olympic luge course. We got back to camp mid-afternoon and packed up. While we were packing up, a man carrying a Doberman came hiking down the rocks. He set the dog on the snow, stepped into his snowboard, scooped up the dog and whooshed down the mountain. We made it back safely to Eugene late Sunday evening. Members: Wayne Deeter, Sue Zeni. Nonmembers: Maryanne Reiter, Kirk Hendrickson, Laurie Monico.

North Sister

August 13, 2011

Leader and photographer: Brian Hamilton

Climb: 16 miles, 4,800 ft. (Difficult)

WE HIKED IN ON SATURDAY to a base camp below the Southeast Spur. Sleep was hard to come by because of fierce wind gusts that threatened to blow us off the ridge. Our climb began at 4:45 am. The winds were gone and with the light of a full moon, we could almost go without headlamps. We spent the next three hours trudging up over loose, volcanic rock, while weaving around numerous gendarmes before connecting with the South Ridge. A wrong turn on the ridge took us around the east side of the Camel's Hump, requiring extra care in our footing because of the steep slopes below. Back on track, we reached the gully where we put on harnesses and crampons and prepared for setting a fixed line across the *Dinner Plate*. We anchored to a sling wrapped around a secure rock and our second anchor was slung to a piton wedged in the wall. We tied



two ropes together and two of us belayed each other across the traverse, setting pickets as we went. With a total of 130 meters of rope, we had about 15 meters to spare after anchoring the north end to a couple of wired nuts placed in cracks. Another fixed line got us through the 'Bowling Alley' and we reached the summit after 7 hours of climbing. The weather was mild and sunny, but within minutes after getting back across the *Dinner Plate* and packing up the ropes and pickets, the weather changed. Winds picked up and the summits of all Three Sisters were encased in clouds. We made it back to base camp by 5:45, packed up our tents, and were back at Pole Creek Trailhead 15 hours after our climb began. Members: Brian Hamilton, Danneille Harris, Rick Harris, Steve Kuhn. Nonmembers: Brian Watson, Scott Chase



Byways By Bus

Fort Vancouver/Hudson's Bay Company

July 12, 2011

Leader: MaryEllen West

Photographer: Teena Seckler

Review by Lenore McManigal

THIRTY OBSIDIANS AND GUESTS visited the Fort Vancouver historic site on July 12. The reconstructed Hudson's Bay Company is built on the original site of the British fur trading post established in 1825. More than two million objects have been reclaimed and the archeological research is ongoing in this National Park Service facility. Several digs were in progress during our visit.

Across the street from the Park Visitor Center is Officer's Row, 22 restored homes built for the Army officers who served at Vancouver Barracks. This army facility was created in 1849



to insure the orderly settlement of the Oregon Territory. The George C. Marshall house, built in 1886, was open for us to visit. It is an elegant Queen Anne Victorian, where George Marshall lived while serving as Commander of Vancouver Barracks in 1936-38. We were also able to visit the Hudson's Bay Company Village, home to workers and families who worked at the Fort. There are two reconstructed houses open for viewing.

The Fort is constructed and stocked with artifacts to present a picture of life in a busy trading post, including a blacksmith shop, bake house, fur warehouse, counting house and more. It gives a glimpse into the lives of Indians, settlers, fur traders, and Chief Factor John McLoughlin and his family. Fort Vancouver was a wonderful picture of the very early northwest and modern life exhibited by the nearby railroad, highway, and jets taking off from the Portland airport.

Members on the trip were: Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Alice Anderson, Bill Arthur, Ron Bauer, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Jack Ewing, Joella Ewing, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Marjorie Jackson, Janet Jacobsen, Ray Jensen, Verna Kocken, Joanne Ledet, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal. Natalie Newlove, Margaret Prentice, Liz Reanier, Julia Snell, Janet Speelman, and MaryEllen West, Leader. Nonmembers included: Judy Adamcyk, Lee Altschuler, Pat McCormick, Susan Reinoehl and Teena Seckler.

Southern Oregon Coast Bus

August 11, 2011

Leaders: MaryEllen West & Verna Kocken

Review by Lenore McManigal

MARY ELLEN WEST AND VERA KOCKEN were the leaders of this trip. August 11 was a warm, sunny day for the Obsidian bus trip to the South Coast. Twenty seven members and guests visited the South Slough Reserve, Shore Acres, and the overview at Simpson Reef. The South Slough was substituted for the marine biology facility. The UO Charleston Marine Life Center will be open in the summer of 2012, so the trip will be rescheduled.

The South Slough Reserve was established in 1974, the first member of the National Estuarine Research Reserve system, now 28 reserves nationally. They were established to improve understanding of estuaries and coastal wetlands. The South Slough is a narrow branch of Coos Bay south of Charleston. The reserve covers 5,000 acres of mudflats, salt and fresh water marshes and upland along the slough. It has trails, viewing platforms and a wonderful interpretive center/staff to educate the public about the value of preserving wetlands. Research is ongoing. The Reserve staff was informative, the video was excellent, and the bus/walk to the wetlands added to understanding the value of preserving wetlands.

The Shore Acres State Park gardens were magnificent. Ros-

es and dahlias were the features of the well maintained garden, once part of the estate of lumberman Louis Simpson.

The last stop was at the Simpson Reef overlook, where sea lions, harbor seals and a few young whales were visible. This area is part of Cape Arago State Park. The offshore island, rocks and reef are part of the Oregon Island National Wildlife Refuge. Rick Ahrens, Obsidian bus naturalist, set up his scope for viewing the offshore animals. His commentary during the day added much to the trip.

Don Baldwin shared stories of Ewart Baldwin's life in the Coos Bay area. The family stories were a nice remembrance for a long time Obsidian.

Enjoying the trip were members: Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Alice Anderson, Bill Arthur, Don Baldwin, Louise Behnke, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Jeanett Forsman, Donna Halker, Verna Kocken, Natalie Newlove, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Liz Reanier, Julia Snell, Dick Speelman, Janet Speelman, Mary Ellen West and Christy White. Nonmembers were: Judy Adamcyk, Tina Behnke, Linn Crooks, Patricia McCormick and Jean Reimer



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte

June 29, 2011

Leader: Matthew Bell

Trl Mnt: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A LARGE TURNOUT FOR THIS OUTINGS PLANNED WORK near the Junction Meadow. We loaded up power-wheel barrows with a small front-end loader. It was much easier than shoveling. Once at the Junction Meadow we broke into 3 groups. One group continuing on up the trail to block illicit trails and shortcuts, another would stay at the junction to spread gravel, and the third would continue to ferry gravel up the trail. As it can take a long time to make a round trip Christer fired up his chainsaw and started in on a project that he's been considering for some time. Fir trees are sprouting around the edges of the Junction Meadow and eventually they will take it over. To preserve the meadow and its rare habitat and plants the small firs must go. He cut down and cut up trees

so that we could scatter them into the woods. We capped the section of trail leading to the junction where we'd removed peeler cores from previous outings. We filled in the divots we created when we removed the peeler cores. We also used a gas-powered compactor to pack the gravel to make the section more durable. On the way back down one of the power-wheelbarrows threw a track. After some running and working later than normal we got the track back on and called it a day. Members: Matthew Bell, Peter Green, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Todd Larsen, Mark Moran.

Spencer Butte

July 27, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Trl Mnt: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

ARMED WITH LOPPERS, 'CUTE SAWS', AND PRUNERS, our group hiked from the Willamette main parking lot to the Ridge-line Trail to prune and help remove the tree blocking the trail. Josh Shrader, Parks and Open Space staff, gave us pruning tips and manned the chain saw. The next project was to hike up to the last switch back before the summit tree line and fill in several cuts with branches and brush. We were back at the parking lot at 8:00 p.m. for lemonade and homemade raspberry brownies. Todd Larsen who has participated in many trail maintenance projects this past year, had two of us sign his membership form. Members: Rick Ahrens, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Todd Larsen.

EXTENDED TRIPS



Rogue River Kayaking

August 12-14, 2011

Leader: Valerie Metcalfe

Photo: Diane Pergamit

TWO DAYS OF SUN-DRENCHED, RAPID RUNNING was had by seven white water enthusiasts August 12-14 on a popular stretch of the Rogue River in southern Oregon. The group met at Almeda campground Friday afternoon and set up camp. That evening the group was entertained while coordinator, Valerie Metcalfe, prepared Dutch oven chicken and dumplings over a bed of coals. Participants played cards and enjoyed the campfire, awaiting our big day on the river. Saturday after breakfast, we shuttled our inflatable kayaks upriver to the Hog Creek put in. We jockeyed for position on the boat ramp amongst the many boaters to inflate our kayaks, apply sunscreen and strap down our coolers in the backs of our boats. We floated from Hog Creek, through Hellgate Canyon and continued our 10 mile float through class 1 and 2+ rapids including Galice Chute, Chair, and Widow Maker. The river was uniquely high for this time of year and we encountered many rolling wave trains that gave us a fun ride. At times we had to wait our turn to get through the big rapids due to the flotillas of people out enjoying the water or the arrival of a jetboat carrying 50+ tourists upriver. We were successful at spotting some wildlife while eating our packed lunches along the shore; four otters were spotted swimming across the river. The same day a bald eagle was seen perched high above the river. Sunday the group repeated the same float of the day

before, but this time we had a better idea of what to expect. The group looks forward to more river trips in the future.

Members: Wayne Cleall, Julie Dorland, Valerie Metcalfe, Diane Pergamit, Beth Roy. Nonmembers: Devin Gates, Sana Krusoe.

Mt. St. Helens & Mt. Rainier

August 14-19, 2011

Leader and photographer: Jim Duncan

CONCERNS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RAIN proved completely unfounded, as 20 Obsidians enjoyed a week of glorious weather for our extended camping and hiking trip to the Mt. St Helens - Mt. Rainier area. Our camp was in the North Fork Group campground, near Randle, WA. It's a beautiful site, flat and shaded, and right next to the rushing waters of the North Fork of the Cispus River, which lulled us to sleep each night.

The best hiking proved to be on the NE side of Mt. St. Helens, and hikes to Loowit Falls, Norway Pass, Mt. Margaret, the Plains of Abraham, and Spirit Lake provided magnificent vistas of St. Helens, Rainier, Adams, and Hood on most days. The variety and abundance of wildflowers in bloom on all these hikes was incredible. Most of us had never seen so much Indian paintbrush as well as broadleaf and dwarf lupines in bloom. The dwarf lupines dominate the sandy, ashy soil on the mostly barren shoulders of Mt. St. Helens, providing fields of purple to a desolate landscape. Flower identification was the order of the day, on the trails and back in camp.

We also planned to take several hikes leaving from the Paradise area on Mt. Rainier, but even in the third week of August, there was simply too much snow on the trails for good (safe) hiking there. Mt. Rainier received over 900 inches of snow this year (several hundred inches above average, but not a record), and a lot of it remains. So, several hikes went at lower elevations on the mountain, including Snow Lake (where several of us ate lunch, and in turn, were eaten for lunch by the abundant mosquitoes), Grove of the Patriarchs, and Indian Falls. One hike into the Goat Rocks Wilderness area also ran into snow without reaching its ultimate destination. Several individuals took advantage of hikes leaving from, or close to, our campsite. As an added bonus, Effie Neth, who was not part of the extended trip, but who was camping on her own in the adjacent campground, joined us for three of our hikes.

As usual when Obsidians go camping, the food was delicious and abundant, thanks to the efforts of the crew chiefs who organized our five evening meals: Bea, Lana, Peter, Helen, and Nancy. They helped make the camp a success, and certainly no one went hungry. Sharon provided snacks for the happy hour that

preceded dinner each night. Special thanks to Jim Whitfield for loading and hauling the propane, stove, and other kitchen essentials to camp in his truck – we truly couldn't have done it without him. Thanks also to Judy Terry, Guy, Bea, Sharon, Lana and Richard for helping Jim Whitfield load and unload the truck at the lodge. Many people stepped up to lead hikes including Lana, Chris, Peter, Guy, Jim Whitfield, Joanne, and Jim Duncan; a total of 11 organized hikes took place over the four hiking days, and several people went exploring on their own as well. Thanks also to the drivers who navigated interesting roads to get to the trailheads. Finally the success of any Obsidian trip depends on the personality of the group, and this was an amazingly congenial group. Everyone pitched in and helped around camp, and we all seemed to enjoy each other's company, had lots of laughs, good food, great hikes, and loads of fun.

Members: Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Bea Fontana, Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Richard Hughes, Daphne James, Joanne Ledet, Lana Lindstrom, Helen Martz, Lynn Meacham, Nola Nelson, Judy Ness, Chris Stockdale, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Martha Welches, Marian West, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Byways By Bus

Fall Colors - Spirit Mountain and More

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Leader: Ray Jensen

Cost: \$35 members, \$37 nonmembers

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle, 689-1085

WE WILL DEPART FROM SHOPKO PARKING LOT at 8 am with a rest stop at the Santiam River. Then on to Salem and on Highway 22 to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation, where we will see the many improvements in this vast facility. We will have a picture stop here at their memorial, which hon-

ors all the local Veterans from WW II to the present.

About 11:30 am we will go to Spirit Mountain Casino for lunch (your cost). *NOTE: Before the trip, we must provide them with the name, address and date of birth of each rider.* On Tuesdays and Fridays, the Casino requires this data before handing out the voucher packets, which will include a \$3.00 lunch coupon. Also bring I.D. – your driver’s license is fine.

Most of us will eat at the Cedar Plank Buffet. There are other delis and restaurants available. (Casino action - your choice).

We will depart promptly (on the bus) at 2:10 pm for a 30 minute drive to the Briggittine Monastery for their 3 pm prayers (10 minutes). Chocolate goodies will be for sale.

We will return on back roads through Perrydale - Corvallis - Highway 34 to I-5 and home by 5:30-6 pm. Weather and fall color may change some plans.

OTHER ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Nearby Nature

Restoration Celebration: Alton Baker Park Riverside Clean-Up (Saturday, September 17, 9 am-noon)

Join Nearby Nature for a group clean-up along the trails and waterways of Alton Baker Park in partnership with SOLV! Volunteers will pick up litter and recyclables in the park and trim blackberries along the trails. Nearby Nature will provide tools and gloves. Wear work clothes and bring a refillable water bottle. This project is part of SOLV’s annual fall clean-up program. To register see: www.solv.org/programs/forms/form_VolRegistration.asp?EventID=19278.

Waterwise Garden Grand Opening and BRING Home and Garden Tour (Sunday, September 18)

Join us for garden tours, activities, and information-sharing at the Water Wise Garden Grand Opening outside the Alton Baker Park Host Residence. This event is happening in conjunction with the BRING Home and Garden Tour! Fun for all ages...details coming soon! For more on the BRING event, see <http://www.bringrecycling.org/>.

Restoration Celebration: Alton Baker Park Clean-Up (Wednesday, September 21, 9 am-noon, 1-4 pm)

Join Nearby Nature in partnership with the United Way’s Day of Caring for a group clean-up along the trails and waterways of Alton Baker Park! Volunteers will pick up litter and recyclables in the park and trim blackberries along the trails. Nearby Nature will provide tools and gloves. Wear

work clothes and bring a refillable water bottle. To register to participate, see <http://211lane.org/mainframe.cfm?linkto=https://volunteer.truist.com/uwlane/volunteer/>.

Eugene Natural History Society

All events are free at 7:30 pm in Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus

Friday, September 16: Discover the youthful haunts of David Wagner in a program titled “A Naturalist Returns to India.” David is known to many in the community for the numerous walks he has led at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. He always intrigues his audiences with spectacular photography and elegant insights into nature.

Friday, October 24: Get ready for youthful enthusiasm involved in some pretty fascinating research, both in Ecuador and on the UO campus, when Tobias Policha describes how the Dracula orchid, and perhaps other orchids, have adapted to their environment by mimicking small native mushrooms in order to better attract some pollinators. His PowerPoint presentation offers beautiful photography as well.

Friday, November 18: Spider venom, what do you really know about it? Come hear Greta Binford, Assistant Professor of biology at Lewis and Clark University, talk about its evolution, the role it plays in immobilizing prey, and why some spiders have more lethal venom than others. You will love her photography!

AT THE LODGE



K2, KNOWN AS THE SAVAGE MOUNTAIN, is a name that inspires awe in anyone familiar with its reputation and grandeur. In 2004 our September potluck speaker, Hussain Mirza, an architect from Portland, traveled to Pakistan with a friend for a trek that would see them go up the Baltoro glacier and attempt to make it to K2 base camp. Come hear about their adventure and learn about the second highest mountain in the world.

Susan Wanser, Entertainment Chair

**Friday
September 23rd**



**September Potluck
Friday, September 23, 2011
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.*



DEAR MT. PISGAH-LOVER,

There's so much more to Mt. Pisgah than most people know. Come explore some new sights and sounds with the Friends this summer and learn how we're helping people and nature thrive together!

We're offering guided tours of the South Meadow where you can see how the Friends are bringing a floodplain back to life. We'll walk the first new trail in the park in 9 years, visiting the site of a future wildlife blind and stopping at a memorial bench built by Eagle Scout Ed Vinis. The many birds now making

their home in the floodplain will provide the soundtrack.

We're also leading **tours of Swing Hill and Trail 3**. If you don't know this part of the park, you don't know what you're missing. It's a great alternative to a summit hike, offering views and variety in a nice loop route. And there really is a swing! The Friends maintain this loop on the north end of the park for hikers and horse riders. Come see how we're improving conditions and learn about our proposal to re-route a section of trail 3 to solve a *very sticky* mud problem.

These tours are perfect ways to explore the park and introduce folks to the Friends, but they fill up fast.

Upcoming Tours

Sunday, September 18: South Meadow Tour 1 - 3 pm

Friday, September 23: Swing Hill Tour 5 - 7 pm

Saturday, October 8: Swing Hill Tour 10 am - 12 pm

Sunday, October 9: Willamette Confluence Project 1 - 4 pm

Saturday, October 15: South Meadow Tour 9 - 11 am

Eugene Celebration 2011: Two Views

MANY THANKS to Pat Esch, Sue Wolling, Susan Wanser, Darko Sojak, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Lana Lindstrom, Laurie Funkhouser, Kathy Hoeg, Becky Lipton, Chris Stockdale, Janet and John Jacobsen, and Elle Weaver for another successful event! We're hoping to see many of the people who stopped by our booth on a future hike soon.

Elle Weaver



Photos by Darko Sojak

VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE EUGENE CELEBRATION WAS FUN. The weather was ideal. A lot of people approached the Obsidians booth. Many of them already knew about our club. Within two hours, Saturday noon to two, I spoke with 22 enthusiastic people of all ages. Several showed interest for our Get Acquainted Hikes and hikes recommended for newbies. Overall I thought that the day was very successful.

Darko Sojak



Obsidian Calendar

September

- 14 Wed Astoria's Bicentennial 1811-2011, Bus, Beard..994-2337
- 17 Sat **Obsidian Trail/Arrowhead Lk**, Hike, Harrison ..556-3654
- 17 Sat **So. Slough Estuary Guided**, Water, E, Ewing.....344-9197
- 17 Sat **Enchantment Lakes**, BkPk, 25m, D, Frazer915-3883
- 17 Sat **Broken Top**, Breslin607-339-1816
- 18 Sun **Erma Bell Lakes**, Hike, M, Musselwhite.....461-3296
- 18 Sun **Lorane/Doane Hill**, Bike, D, Gilman-Garrick.....345-5236
- 18 Sun **Sweet Creek Falls**, Hike, 2.5m, E, Pierce344-1775
- 21 Wed **Mt. Pisgah Equinox**, Hike, E, Sojak525-1124
- 23 Fri **South Waldo**, BkPk, 11m, 1,000', M, Hovis521-3663
- 23 Fri **K2**.....**Potluck**
- 24 Sat **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt Bell.....503-884-8829
- 24 Sat **Mt. Thielsen**, Climb, 10m, 3,800', Anderson607-5896
- 24 Sat **Vivian Lake**, BkPk, 4m, 1,600', D, Lipton.....736-7498
- 24 Sat **N Fork Tr./Buffalo Rock**, Hike, M, Flashenberg.461-1977
- 24 Sat **Tam McArthur Rim**, Hike, M, Terry345-0720
- 25 Sun **Horsepasture Mountain**, Hike, E, Jacobsen.....343-8030
- 27 Tue **Fuji Mountain/Upper Island**, Hike, D, Wilken..343-3080
- 30 Fri **Mt. Hubris/Cosmic Wall**, Climb, Deeter954-0924

October

- 01 Sat **Lakeview Mountain**, Hike, D, Chemotti608-852-5566
- 01 Sat **Gander Lake/Winchester**, Hike, D, Anselmo782-2369
- 02 Sun **Indigo Lake**, Hike, E, Musselwhite461-3296
- 04 Tue **Fall Colors**, Bus, Jensen.....345-5366
- 04 Tue **Opie Dilldock Pass**, Hike, D, Stockdale767-3668
- 08 Sat **Detering Orchard**, Bike, M, Esch.....338-8280
- 09 Sun **Maiden Peak**, Hike, D, Hubata-Vacek.....345-3060
- 14 Fri **Annual Meeting**
- 15 Sat **Grizzly Peak**, Hike, 10m, 2,700', D, Weaver.....852-6128
- 18 Tue **Spiders**, Ahrens,**ExploraTalk**
- 22 Sat **McKenzie View/Bottom Loop**, Bike, Strahon689-0753
- 22 Sat **Tamolitch Pool to Clear Lake**, Hike, M, Lipton.736-7498
- 23 Sun **Silver Falls**, Hike, 7m, 600', M, Hackett.....953-7046
- 28 Fri **Potluck**
- 29 Sat **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt, Bell.....503-884-8829
- 29 Sat **Smith Rocks**, Hike, 10m,80', E, Hamilton.....343-6550

November

- 05 Sat **Eel Creek**, Hike, 6m, 100', M, Hackett.....953-7046
- 06 Sun **Kentucky Falls**, Hike, 4.4m, 800', E, Ledet.....683-2603
- 26 Sat **Spencer Butte**, Trl Mnt, Bell.....503-884-8829

December

- 06 Tue **Christmas Bus Trip - TBA**, Bus, Reanier687-1925
- 18 Sun **Three Mile Lake/Tahkenitch**, Hike, M, Lipton.736-7498

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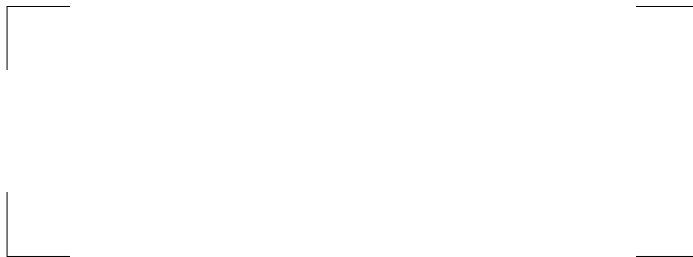
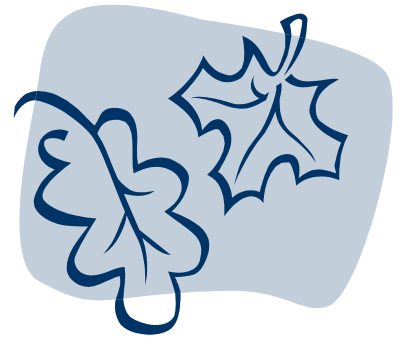
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Photo by Jim Duncan of Mt. St. Helens and Spirit Lake: see trip report on page 17-18

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