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Dates to Remember

September 17	ExploraTalk
September 27	Potluck
October 5	Bulletin deadline
October 11	Annual Meeting
October 16	Board Meeting

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**Awards... and Free Food
 Come to the 2013 Annual Meeting!**

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING on Friday, Oct. 11. We will have light refreshments at 6:30 followed by the meeting at 7 PM at the Lodge. Committees will give brief summaries of their activities and new board members for 2014 will be elected. Read about our new Board nominees on page 3.

Awards for trips, leaders, and climbs will be presented. This year, John Jacobsen has been nominated for Honorary Membership. He has been and continues to be enthusiastically involved in all aspects of the Obsidians. We are so fortunate to have him share his dedication. It will be an honor to recognize his contributions and support of the club.

Members are encouraged to come to cast their votes for the new board members and this year's special nominee for Honorary Membership.

Dues Renewal Time!

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED RENEWAL FORM completely and return it with your \$30 check as soon as possible. We had a great early response last year. Thanks for renewing your membership!

**You're Invited! But, What's a Summer Trips Roundup?
 Tuesday, September 24 at the Lodge.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SIGN UP ONLINE.

This season, the Summer Trips committee has sponsored three Summer Trips Leader Workshops, plus one New Leader Orientation before the summer season formally started. And, we have picked up three new leaders.

It's time for a committee meeting! But what's a committee meeting without a little fun? Hence, a Summer Trips Roundup.

Among other hot ticket items: a legendary backcountry hiker, backpacker, and active Obsidian will greet summer trip leaders, committee members, and wannabe summer trip leaders near the front of the Lodge with her incredible ultra-light backcountry kit. Other acts are sure to follow.

If you are an Obsidian leader, if you are interested in becoming an Obsidian summer trips leader, or if you are just plain interested, it's a must do! Book your reservation soon! Show up for the Summer Trips Roundup! Please use online signup to register. Light snacks provided—or lead the way by being self-sufficient and bring your own favorite trail food for information sharing.

Beginning at 6:00 PM we'll have refreshments and run an information open house. Our experts can answer most any question one might have about leading Obsidian summer trips, or volunteering to work on the Summer Trips committee. And yep, there's a Summer Trips committee meeting following at 7:00 PM.

Obituaries

Betty Hack 1920—2013

BETTY HACK, WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 17, was an Obsidian member for 60 years. She first joined in 1953 and her last activity with the club was the 2012 Bus Christmas party at the Lodge. In those 60 years Betty was an active member, serving as club secretary in 1957, going on 170 bus trips, 68 hikes and leading 66 trips. She participated in several summer camps, the first in 1953 when the campers and all their gear traveled by bus to Glacier National Park. A celebration of life was held at the Lodge on Sept. 7th.

Betty is survived by two nieces, Kathryn Madden and Bonnie Ward, both members, and by Roy Madden, a former member.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the September 5th issue of The Register-Guard.

Cleora Mersdorf 1919—2013

CLEORA BECAME AN OBSIDIAN MEMBER IN OCTOBER OF 1986 and maintained her membership until 2008 when health reasons prevented active participation. During her years of membership she participated mainly in the bus trips, going on a total of 79 outings. Most of the outings were day trips, but she participated in 29 multi-day trips to places like Sun Valley, Montana and Eastern Oregon. Her last trip was to Steamboat Inn in 2008. Cleora is survived by three daughters and their families.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the July 21st issue of The Register-Guard.

Robert Northrup 1925—2013

BOB WAS BORN IN CORVALLIS, living his entire life in Oregon except for his years of service during WWII. He first joined the club in 1950 and maintained his membership until his passing on August 23. The first of the six summer camps he attended was to the Wallowas in 1952 and there he acquired his desire to climb mountains when he scaled Matterhorn Mountain. He went on to make 15 climbs, leading seven, and he earned his 10 peak award. In 1955 Bob became the 125th Chief. The last camp he attended was in 1983 at Bonanza, Idaho, and his last trip was an Alaskan cruise in 1986.

Bob is survived by his wife, three sons and their families.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the Aug. 29th issue of The Register-Guard.

Douglas Spencer 1923—2013

DOUGLAS SPENCER WAS A NATIVE BORN OREGONIAN who spent his entire life in the Eugene area. Getting his education after WWII service, he eventually became a Lane County Circuit Judge. Douglas and his entire family joined the Obsidians in 1960 and attended four summer camps, the last in 1994. Doug did a total of nine climbs, leading one, and became a Chief in 1966. He also led five hikes. When jogging became popular he was among the first in the area to run the streets and trails of Eugene.

He is survived by three children and their families.

Editors Note: A complete obituary can be found in the Aug. 11th issue of The Register-Guard.

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Board meetings are held at 6 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting, and no meeting in August.

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2014 Board Nominees

Matt Bell



I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE OBSIDIANS SINCE 2007. In addition to currently being on the Board, I am also the Trail Maintenance chairperson for this year. With the birth of my son, Oliver, two years ago my participation in activities has slowed and is primarily focused on trail maintenance activities. Although not that slow, as he became a junior member this year after accompanying me and ‘helping’ on several outings.

In the time since my first appointment to the Board I’ve continued to promote the Club through our trail maintenance efforts. I was able to accept a *Community Hero* award from the Eugene Parks Foundation that recognized the work done by all of the Obsidian volunteers to help keep the Ridgeline trail system in good condition.

I am honored to be nominated for a second term on the Obsidian Board.

Don Colgan



I AM HONORED TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE BOARD. I have not hiked as often as many of you have, but I have enough experience as a hiker and trip leader to be qualified for this position. I have also assisted with summer trips, sat in on the board a few times, and been a presenter at several trip leader trainings.

In addition to these experiences, I have been on boards and committees before (Oregon Education Association, Habitat for Humanity, Lane County Association of PERS Retirees) so I have some understanding of how organizations work.

I have been retired from the Springfield schools since 2008. I enjoy (obviously) hiking, family and friends, lifelong learning, fitness, and am an avid Duck. I hope to bring to the board a degree of enthusiasm and some good ideas for moving the Obsidians into the future.

Shellie Robertson



I T WAS THROUGH MY MEMBERSHIP WITH EUGENE MOUNTAIN RESCUE that I learned the Obsidians organization wasn’t just for hikers, but for climbers as well. With that knowledge in hand I couldn’t join the Obsidians fast enough. My membership was approved in September 2010 and my activities within the Obsidians has continued to increase year after year. Not only have I been a participant on many climbs, but I have also become a climb leader. Since becoming a member I have spent many hours assisting with our Climb School and with various wilderness first aid classes. Last year, I petitioned the board to allow me to create and administer an Obsidian Facebook page as another avenue for promoting our organization and activities, creating a social connection for outdoor enthusiasts in the local area, and potentially driving additional membership. I thoroughly enjoy being an Obsidian and I look forward to becoming even more involved in the organization through board membership.

Board Notes

By Susan Wanser

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Susan Wanser and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were: Joella Ewing, Brian Hamilton, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Lou Maenz and Jorry Rolfe.

The Board approved the minutes of the July 2013 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-versus-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet. The Board approved payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Tom Musselwhite): For the season, 48 leaders have scheduled 162 activities including: 6 backpack trips, 12 bike outings, 121 hikes, 2 canoe/kayak trips, 18 trail runs, and 4 leader orientation classes. As of August 31, 111 summer trips have been completed and trip reports approved.

Climbs (Brian Hamilton): Since the last Board meeting, eight climbs were completed and one was cancelled. Four climbs remain scheduled for the month of September.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There were three outings over the past two months. We worked independently to improve the West Trail in August and the Main Trail in September. Additionally, one outing was conducted in cooperation with the Forest Service in the Obsidians Limited Entry Area. Special recognition goes to Todd Larsen for coordinating the outing with the Forest Service.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): July and August bus trips were completed as scheduled. Registrations for both September trips look good. There is space available on the October 15 Fall Color trip.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): The 2013 Summer Camp in the Trinity Alps was very successful. A debrief and thank you dinner was held with the *responsible persons*. They recommended a specific starting time for registration as well as members' preference. The Camp Committee met and formally approved the Strawberry Wilderness Area for the 2014 Camp.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): The Leavenworth camping/hiking trip led by Dan Christensen, with able assistance from Jim Duncan, was a great success. Lana Lindstrom is leading an overnight trip to the Oregon Gardens, with hiking in Silver Falls state park, October 17-18. At this time the trip is filled. Jim Whitfield has constructed a 2-stall shower setup for Extended Trips similar to the summer camp's shower stalls in which participants use their personal solar showers.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): The remaining ExploraTalk programs for the year include a Swift Watch at Condon School parking lot Tuesday, Sept. 17 with Rick as resource person. Beach Cleanup is Saturday, Sept. 28. October 22 Science writer Val Rapp will show slides of her kayak expedition to SE Alaska's Tebenkof Bay Wilderness.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Bob Welch will be the speaker at the potluck on September 27th.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Membership Renewal Dues notices will be mailed in the Sept. bulletin to all members.

Publicity (Jorry Rolfe): At this year's Eugene Celebration 123 people stopped by the Obsidian booth. Many thanks to these members who volunteered: Janet Jacobsen and Darko Sojak with setup, takedown and tabling; Rick Ahrens, Anne Bonine, Charles Durham, Joella Ewing, Jane Hackett, Ed Lichtenstein, Lana Lindstrom, Mary Livingston, Susan Sanazaro, Diane Schecter and Randy Sinnott for staffing the table. We are planning to be at the Rocktoberfest event at Willamalane on Oct. 6 from 3-6 PM.

Concessions (Patty MacAfee): Former Concessions Chair, Laurie Funkhouser, stepped in as the *responsible person* for sales at Summer Camp. Thank you, Laurie.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 1,384 photos in 114 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery. There are now 215 *likes* of our Facebook page.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): The Finance Committee completed successful audits of the general fund for 2012 and Summer Camp for 2013.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): I have submitted several obituaries during the summer, and have completed the recording of all the trips printed in the July *Bulletin*.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): The building gutter has developed leaks and will likely need replaced soon as the rainy season is approaching.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): We had our first official work party September 3 to get the grounds in shape for Lodge fall activities. Thanks go to Larry Dunlap, Dave Predeek, Elle Weaver, and Jim Whitfield for mowing, weed whacking, weeding, raking disturbed areas of the parking area and blowing out the accumulations of leaves/needles/etc. from the drives and parking area.

Ad Hoc Construction (John Jacobsen): Progress on our storage garage has been slow. We have had trees removed from the construction site. We are now trying to get bids on a site preparation contract, concrete contract and electrical contracts. We still hope to get the construction completed this fall.

OLD BUSINESS

The hearing for the Laurel Ridge PUD was held last week and the Hearings Official must make his decision within the month. It is expected that there will be appeals regardless of the decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Nola Nelson has stepped down as the Chair of the Publications Committee and Lou Maenz has graciously agreed to serve in that role. Thank you so much, Lou!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board would like to thank Bill Sullivan for his donation to the Club in lieu of trip fees.

The next Board meeting will be on October 16 at 6:00 PM.

Trip Reports & Other Activities



Hikes

Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice

June 21, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

THIRTEEN OF US joined the crowd for the 8:59 PM sunset to view the sun rays glow through the slot in the sighting pedestal. The moonrise at 7:15 PM one day before the Super Moon meant that we hiked down under a spectacular moon. Back at the gate, we sighted a planet and a reddish twinkling star near the moon. They were later identified as Venus and Antares in the constellation Scorpio. Members: Dan Bates, Carl Hassman, Jennifer Haynes, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Ed Lichtenstein, Verlean McCoy, Jorry Rolfe, Cindy Rust, Susan Sanazaro. Nonmembers: Dana Furgerson, Dan Udovic.

Crabtree Valley

June 22, 2013

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

TWELVE HAPPY HIKERS enjoyed good weather at lush Crabtree Valley. Anna, the youngest hiker, counted 35 newts swimming in the lake. After lunch on the lake, we were happy to



find and hug a huge fir named *Nefertiti*, and a fantastic vista over Waterdog Meadow. Peter pointed out and identified lush vegetation. Mark, Jim and Nancy cleaned the lakeshore and trail from beer cans and trash. On the way back, we had an unsuccessful attempt to find one of the oldest known Douglas firs, *King Tut*. Our bushwhacking through a swamp of devil's club and skunk cabbage finished when Jim sank knee deep in mud. We never reached big King Tut. Our planned 3.6-mile trip stretched to 6 miles according to Holger's GPS. Afterwards, the happy group stopped at Brownsville for ice cream. Members: Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Dick Hildreth, Anna Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Holger Krentz, Cindy Rust, Darko Sojak, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Carolyn Sojak.

Tire Mountain

June 23, 2013

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Photographer: Katie Geiser

Hike: 4.5 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

TIRE MOUNTAIN IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE WILDFLOWER HIKES. It's relatively close to Eugene and it has both woodland and meadow flowers—we identified over 30 varieties. With



rain threatening, we decided not to hike to the top which does not have a view, but instead, stopped at the last meadow. We

hiked cross-country up to the ridge and enjoyed the rock outcroppings and the profusion of wildflowers, making it a 4.5-mile round trip excursion. No sooner did we return to the cars and start back, and it poured! Thanks very much to Veronica and Jorry for driving. Members: Veronica Karpiak, Lana Lindstrom, Anne Montgomery, Brian Popowsky, Jorry Rolfe, Susan Sanazaro, Randall Sinnott. Nonmembers: Cynthia Kuest, Jim Woods, Katie Geiser.

Roads End Low Tide Beach Hike **June 24, 2013**

Leader: Barbara Beard, Asst.: Paul Beard
Hike: 3.5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

TWENTY-FOUR OBSIDIANS AND FRIENDS did not have their spirits dampened as they gathered at 6:30 AM in a heavy mist and fog on the beach in Lincoln City. The occasion on Monday, June 24th was a 1½-mile trek on the beach to enjoy the lowest tide of the year—a minus 2.9. Caves, starfish, tide pools, sea slugs, sea anemones, and much more sea life was exposed during this tide. The rocky point was well approached by all: climbing, sitting and sliding on their backsides, crawling on hands and knees, occasionally grabbing rocks covered with barnacles to help get a good foothold. We were not disappointed as we viewed different colors of starfish, sea anemones, beautiful cliffs of different shades of gray, and rock and steep jagged forms rising from the sea, while we were on dry sand.

Some even enjoyed observing a small rock slide in one of the gullies coming down onto the beach, although it was far enough away not to endanger anyone. The rumble of the rocks falling was a little frightening. After the start of our walk the rain subsided until we were just returning to the Roads End State Park when Mother Nature decided to wash us up a little with a pretty good rain. We all enjoyed the fellowship and food, huddling under umbrellas and a food tent. Obsidians are hardy, we are Oregonians—weather will happen, we are prepared, and we will have fun, rain or shine.

Those enjoying the low-tide beach walk were members: Judy and Tom Adamcyk, Barbara and Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Margaret and Richard Essenberg, Janet Jacobsen, Harriet and John Kelly, Helen Martz, Judy Newman, and Charlene and Jim Pierce.

Conditioning Hike-Spencer Butte **June 25, 2013**

Leader: Dalen Willhite
Hike: 5.9 miles, 1,098 ft. (Difficult)

WE KEPT A GOOD PACE, getting to the top of the butte in about 1 hour 15 minutes packing about 30 pounds, with the whole trip taking about 2 1/2 hours. The rain held off and the trail was very light with other hikers. We got a good workout, a great view, and daylight to spare! Members: Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: Joachim Schulz.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte **June 26, 2013**

Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Photographer: Tommy Young
Hike: 6 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAVE MOVED OUR DEPARTURE TIME from 9:00 to 8:00 AM. We were back at our cars at 10:50 AM, just in time for



lunch. A red elderberry bush loaded with lush red fruit umbrellaed the switchback near the Tie Trail intersection. Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Karen Sieradski.

Iron Mountain **June 27, 2013**

Leader: Marianne Camp
Hike: 8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

THIS TRIP WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED on a day when thunderstorms were predicted. We were happy to wait a couple of days for the sunshine and better views. The wildflowers were in bloom and the temperatures were pleasant. It made for a lovely hike. I am never disappointed in this hike and it continues to be a favorite. The group was appreciative and we all enjoyed the day together. Members: Marianne Camp, Jennifer Haynes, Jeanine Taylor. Nonmembers: Jim Woods, Katie Geiser.

Macduff Mountain **June 28, 2013**

Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Photographer: Marissa Athens
Hike: 4.5 miles, 1,260 ft. (Moderate)

FROM COUGAR RESERVOIR, we drove slowly 4.9 miles up on a one lane road to the last hard-to-find trail sign. The two-plus mile trail had amazing sections of stone walls on a steep slope that were built by the CCC in the 1930s. The bounty of wildflowers, including rhododendrons, made the trail even more impressive. From the top of Macduff, we had panoramic views of the mountains from Jefferson to Diamond Peak. It was the 82nd anniversary of the June 28, 1931 Obsidian hike when the Nelson Macduff plaque was placed on top, and then was somehow later identified on maps as McLennan Mountain. With the help of Obsidians and Forest Service, the Oregon Geographic



Names Board finally approved the names to be reversed. On a June 28, 1992 Obsidian hike, when Sharon Ritchie was President, the plaque was rededicated on the same mountain, but now with the correct name, Macduff. With photos of both events, our group did a 2013 photo reenactment. We left Eugene at 8:00, started hiking at 10:00, and had lunch on top around 11:20. It was a hot day so the return trip in the forest shade was pleasant, concluding with ice cold Italian soda back at our cars. Members: Don Colgan, May Fogg, Carl Hassman, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Ed Lichtenstein, Valerie Metcalfe, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Marissa Athens, Jim Woods, Peter Pellitier.

Boulder Creek
June 29, 2013
Leader & Photographer: Randall Sinnott
Hike: 8.9 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

SEVEN HIKERS GOT AN EARLY START to explore this unique pocket wilderness in the North Umpqua National Forest. A road closure caused a change of intended trailhead and delayed start. The trail soon entered an old burn. Old growth survivors of the fire stood in a park-like setting cleared of underbrush. Mostly the large trees had been seared but not killed. In narrow draws where the fire had produced a *chimney-effect*, the charred trunks attested to an extreme heat episode. An area that really benefited from fire was a huge flat known as Pine Bench where old



growth ponderosa pine were cleared of the choking understory. Lunch was had on a rocky prominence that fell off 200 feet to the canyon below. Five intrepid hikers went an extra 1.7 miles to where the trail crossed Boulder Creek and took advantage of the cool water to swim on this day when the mercury reached 95 degrees. The hike out was longer than the hike in due to the heat. One hiker, who hiked past a trail intersection, was unaccounted for long enough to cause concern. Ultimately, they realized their mistake and backtracked causing a delay, but averting tragedy. Members: Tom Giesen, Lisa Grissell, Daphne James, Jorry Rolfe, Randall Sinnott. Nonmembers: Jade Isa, Alan Curtis.

Iron Mountain
June 29, 2013
Leader: Becky Lipton
Hike: 6.7 miles, 1,900 ft. (Moderate)

ELEVEN HAPPY HIKERS escaped the extreme heat of the valley and joined us for this lovely and varied wildflower hike with views from the old fire lookout location at the top of Iron Mountain. This is one of the premier wildflower hikes and also features an unusual number of trees and other plant species that are rare or unusual in the Western Cascades. With the unusually dry and warm late winter and early spring, the flower show was spectacular. Members: Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, Diana Masarie, Nancy Matthews, Nola Nelson. Nonmembers: Eben Fodor, Rob Boese, Dan Udovic, Becca Puleo.

Yoran Lake
June 29, 2013
Leader: Laurie Funkhouser
Hike: 12.1 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

LEAVING EUGENE PROMPTLY at 8:00 AM, we were able to start hiking at about 10:00 AM under blue skies. The trail had a few downed trees, but nothing that could not be hiked over. However, the mosquitoes gave us an escort by all the lakes. We determined there is no truly effective repellent. With the full creeks, we had a couple of challenging crossings, but no wet feet. We lunched at the breeziest spot with a view of dramatic Diamond Peak and Yoran Mountain. We successfully found Lils Lake and the PCT to head towards Pengra Pass. Stopped for a break at Midnight Lake to see it without snow. Gussed the temperature was in the 80s. Finished the hike with an ice cream treat at Shelter Cove. Great day! Members: Jane Bartell, Lynda Christiansen, Laurie Funkhouser, Steven Johnson, Jim Woodard. Nonmembers: Juliana Cichy.

Goodman Creek to Eagles Rest
June 30, 2013
Leader: Judy Terry
Photographer: Holger Krentz
Hike: 13.4 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)

HOT, HOT, HOT with high humidity, but we were in the shade so that was good. Nine of us, who were loaded up with water, made it from Hwy. 58, at the new and very improved Good-



man/Hardesty trailhead, up to the Eagles Rest for the view. Many in the group sighted four small snakes up on a rock sunning themselves. I missed it because I was busy up front doing the *I almost stepped on a snake dance*. On the way back we stopped briefly at the little waterfall and swimming hole. It was a very well matched group of hikers. Thanks to all who participated. It was 95 degrees when we returned to the cars. Members: Marianne Camp, May Fogg, Jennifer Haynes, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Katie Geiser, Nicole Mitchell.

Get Acquainted Hike - Ribbon Trail

June 30, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

FOUR MEMBERS GREETED SEVEN GUESTS at the Obsidian lodge for the Ribbon Trail hike. The shaded trail was welcome relief from the 96 degree temperature. Back at the much cooler lodge, cold lemonade was a welcome treat. Unregistered guests were Laura Abrahamson, Kristy Murray, Karen Adams, Henry and Zorisha Johnson, Members: Clara Emlen, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Ruth Romoser. Nonmembers: Marcia Letaw, Bradley Lowary, Henry Johnson, Laura Abrahamson, Zorisha Johnson, Kristy Murry, Kara Adams.

Get Acquainted Hike - Ribbon Trail

June 30, 2013

Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

THIS MORNING HIKE BROUGHT 12 GUESTS to the lodge on a hot early summer day. John Jacobsen led a fact-filled interesting tour of the Ribbon Trail to Hendricks Park and then back towards 30th, looping back on the bike trail, by the golf course, to Central and the Lodge. Cool lemonade and fresh berries refreshed everyone while members John, Janet J., Roberta and Jorry answered questions and conveyed lots of information about the Obsidians to the group. Packets for membership were handed out to many who attended. Three people were no-shows who had registered, four had registered, while eight guests arrived who had not registered. Members: Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Ron Rourke, Alan Curtis, Tracy Ellis, Rick Sanford, Craig Molitor, Ceci Freeman, Jim Gilmour, Tracey Martin, Don Urton, Cece Headley, Dean Martin, Guy Nelson.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

July 3, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

WE AVOIDED THE HEAT with an 8:00 AM departure. It was an enjoyable three hours hiking and visiting. We were back at our cars just in time for guest, Carolyn Staub, to catch the 11:00 bus. Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Stephanie Hamington, Carolyn Staub.

Olallie Mountain

July 5, 2013

Leader & Photographer: Chris Stockdale

Hike: 7.2 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

WE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED for a more perfect day for this beautiful hike. After a week of blistering heat, the cool mountain air with refreshing breezes was close to heaven. Many wildflowers were coming into their own; in the lower elevations we found pink rhododendrons, many bear grass blooms, bunch berry and other woodland flowers. As we gained elevation into the more open areas, we found tiger lilies, columbine, larkspur, penstemon and a few Indian paintbrush. On top, the cat's ears covered the ground. From the shelter the views extended from



Mount Hood to Diamond Peak. Much to our surprise, there were no mosquitoes. What a glorious day! Thanks to Lisa, Dick and Chris for driving. Members: May Fogg, Lisa Grissell, Dick Hildreth, Steven Johnson, Nola Nelson, David Reinhard, Gary Spizzen, Chris Stockdale, Jeanine Taylor. Nonmembers: Caroline Forell.

Black Crater

July 6, 2013

Leader: Steven Johnson

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

THIS TRIP WAS SCHEDULED just 5 days prior, to fill an empty weekend schedule, but turned out to be the perfect hike on the perfect day. Our warm spring has opened up Oregon's greatest hiking spots early so the hike up to this 7,200 foot summit was

almost completely snow free. The view from the summit was spectacular as even Mt Hood was clearly visible. Our biggest disappointment of the day was that we had to eventually leave. Members: Juliana Cichy, Tom Giesen, Jennifer Haynes, Steven Johnson, Kate Parrish, Chris Stockdale.

Deception Butte

July 7, 2013

Leader: Lynda Christiansen

Hike: 8 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)

A SATISFACTORY HIKE, pleasant weather, lots of shade when the afternoon got warm. No great views, but Deception Creek is lovely for the short part of the hike where the trail follows it before heading up and up, through forest primarily of Douglas Fir. We went to test our legs on the 2,600 foot elevation gain and a good test it is. There are some blow-downs on the trail, but generally the trail is in good shape. Members: Lynda Christiansen, Juliana Cichy, Chris Shuraleff. Nonmembers: Jim Woods.

Middle Pyramid

July 13, 2013

Leader: David Adkins

Hike: 6 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

MEETING AT SEHS PARKING LOT at 8:00 AM, we were on our way to the trail. The hike up was very pleasant through old growth and forest wildflowers, including bunchberry dogwood. The trail traversed through somewhat brushy terrain around the marsh/meadow. The hike up the ridge was warm, but much more comfortable than for hikers starting later in the day. In the clearings, July wildflowers greeted the hikers, including Indian paintbrush and many others. On the summit, hikers were rewarded for their effort with a view of the Cascades from Diamond Peak to Mount Adams, the Old Cascades, and Mary's Peak to the west. For nearly an hour, we rested on the summit, taking in the scenery, munching on treats, and sharing cameras to capture the moments of another beautiful day in the Cascades. After the hike back to the trailhead, and the drive back towards Eugene, the group stopped for ice cream at the Vida store. Members: David Adkins, Katie Geiser, Steven Johnson, David Reinhard. Nonmembers: Rob Boese, Becca Puleo, Branden Johnson.

South Matthieu Lake

July 14, 2013

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS ANOTHER GREAT HIKE in perfect weather through some of the best scenery in the Cascades. Four of us took a dip in North Matthieu Lake, but Caroline gets the swimming award for the day for swimming all the way across the Lake and back. Later, at the much larger South Matthieu Lake, she swam out to the middle and back while the rest of us watched. Members: Jennifer Haynes, Dick Hildreth, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Nancy Matthews. Nonmembers: Tonya Cronkright,



Caroline Forell, Jim Woods.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

July 17, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

TWO PENNIES ON THE ROCK at the last intersection prompted the saying, "Get your two cents worth." The pennies had vanished by the time we passed the rock on the way down. We cut our 3 hour time by 15 minutes so we were happy with our *two cents*. It was the second hike for Rick Sanford, who plans to join. Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Rick Sanford.

Olallie Mountain

July 20, 2013

Leader: Judy Terry

Hike: 7.2 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

FOUR OBSIDIAN MEMBERS AND SIX NON-MEMBERS hiked to the top of Olallie Mountain. The timing of the trip worked well in order to appreciate the many flowers in bloom: bear grass, Indian paintbrush, white Cascade lilies, tiger lily and columbine, among others viewed. *Wows* were heard as the group emerged from the forest area to see Mt. Hood and the Cascade range south to Diamond Peak. Also, a thank you to Holger for assisting as a sweep/leader. Members: Jennifer Haynes, Holger Krentz, Brian Popowsky, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Chris Shaffner, Karen Sieradski, Fumiyo Tao, Branden Johnson, Debi Noel, Marika Morring.

Tidbits Mountain

July 20, 2013

Leader: Jim Whitfield

Hike: 9 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

FIVE HIKERS MADE THE TRIP to Tidbits Mountain. This will probably be the last group to use this trail, as it has disappeared under brush. Great weather! In spite of the haze, we had a great 360-degree view. Lunch on top, then back to the pick-up and home. Thanks to nonmember Craig Molitor for hauling us all in his pick-up. Members: Juliana Cichy, Steven Johnson, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Malissa Bare, Craig Molitor.

Horsepasture Mountain To Taylor Castle

July 21, 2013

Leader & Photographer: Chris Stockdale

Hike: 10.2 miles, 1,100 ft. (Difficult)

IT WAS JUST AS WELL this hike was described as *exploratory*, as it didn't go as planned. The leader had heard a report of a landslide blocking the road to the trailhead and called the McKenzie ranger station. She was given directions for a diversion, but managed to misinterpret them when the two cars of hikers tried to find it. However, the group had spotted the first trailhead for the Olallie trail (heading up from McKenzie Bridge) and opted to try that, with the still-planned destination of Horsepasture Mountain. The first part of the trail is what



seems like a never-ending trudge uphill through the forest, although it is well maintained for about the first three miles (by the mountain bikers). But where the O'Leary trail branched off, the Olallie trail immediately became less friendly as it headed through thick vegetation along an east-facing ridge. Great views of different peaks, however, made it pleasant. We found the trail for Horsepasture and climbed up to the top in the heat of mid-day and enjoyed spectacular views of the Cascade peaks from Hood to Diamond. Unfortunately what must have been a fantastic display of bear grass was over, but there were still plenty of other flowers. The trip back down seemed to have added miles, as everybody was suffering a bit from the heat and unexpected elevation gain. The trip was meant to be 10.5 miles long with about 1,200 feet of gain. Instead, it was determined the total elevation was 2,800 feet in 11 miles. A welcome stop at Harbick's for cold drinks and ice cream revived spirits for the journey home. Thanks to Becky and Lynda for driving. Members: Lynda Christiansen, May Fogg, Katie Geiser, Dick Hildreth, Becky Lipton, Kate Parrish, Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Jim Woods.

The Twins

July 21, 2013

Leader: Tom Giesen

Photographer: Jim Woodard

Hike: 6.6 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

ON A WARM SUNNY DAY, eight of us hiked to the top of The Twins, annoyed but not annihilated by the pesky mosquitoes



(plentiful even on the top!). Lupine were plentiful but small as yet. The trail was fine; a number of tree-falls crossed the trail but seemed easy to step over. A light haze obscured Mt Hood and other, similarly distant peaks. We enjoyed the early-bird (left Eugene about 7:40) advantages in that we had the trail to ourselves until after lunch time, and passed several ascending parties on our way down. Members: Tom Giesen, Lisa Grissell, Jennifer Haynes, Gary Spizizen, Jim Woodard. Nonmembers: Les Brod, Marian Brod, Barbara Gunther.

Mt. Pisgah - Full Moon/Sunset

July 22, 2013

Leader: Tom Musselwhite

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

NO SOONER THAN THE SUN had dipped behind the coast



range, there rose in the east a bright full moon. Delightful breeze, most pleasant conditions. Members: Marianne Camp, Tom Musselwhite, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Don Orton.

Substitute Point

July 24, 2013

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 10 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS ANOTHER GREAT OBSIDIAN HIKE with perfect weather, although the mosquitoes were a bit aggressive on the way up. The rocky summit gave us impressive close-up views of the Sisters along with the rest of the Cascades up to Mt.

Hood. Everyone was rewarded for their five-mile hike in with some fresh cool watermelon that was carried to the summit. The hike out was very pleasant without the watermelon and surprisingly without mosquitoes. Members: Dan Christensen, May Fogg, Jennifer Haynes, Dick Hildreth, Ellen Johnson, Steven Johnson, Lana Lindstrom, Frank Lulich, Rich Romm. Nonmembers: Yvonne Hall.

Duffy Lake

July 27, 2013

Leader: Guy Strahon

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 6.6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

ON SATURDAY, JULY 27TH, eight Obsidians and one non-member met at the Thurston Albertsons to prepare for a hiking trip up to Duffy Lake. It was a perfect day for hiking, cool and few mosquitoes. After a shady, pleasant (and a little dusty) hike, we were rewarded with a beautiful view of a blue lake, blue sky, and Three Fingered Jack. We enjoyed lunch and several of our companions waded in the lake and cooled their feet. Then it was back to our cars for the return trip. We



encountered a few horses, a family backpacking (with two small children—6 yr. olds?), and 8-10 hikers in small groups (with fishing poles!). We only saw a few flowers, and the creek crossing was a piece of cake because there wasn't any water! Members: Hope Crandall, Helen Martz, Maria Munoz, Jorry Rolfé, Susan Sanazaro, Darko Sojak, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Don Orton.

Canyon Creek Meadows

July 27, 2013

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Hike: 7.5 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

THE CREW GATHERED PROMPTLY at South Eugene H.S. and left at 7:30 AM. Connected again at the McKenzie District Station, where we encountered the Duffy Lake crew led by Guy Strahon—think we overwhelmed the District! Once at the trailhead, we started hiking at 10:30 under blue skies, temperatures in the high 70s, and no mosquitoes! Perfect! The very amiable group kept a steady pace to reach the lunch spot at the base of Three Fingered Jack looking down on the very low glacial

lake. This group had enthusiasm! Several opted to take the additional hike up the ridgeline for the windy and spectacular view of Broken Top, Mt. Washington and beyond. After viewing, eating and rehydrating we headed back down at about 1:30. Because the weather was so perfect and the group wasn't quite exhausted, we opted to take the 0.7-mile side trip to Wasco Lake. Caroline, Jim, Tom, Daphne, Nancy M. and Katie all took a dip/swim in the lake and reported that it was worth the extra 1.4 miles! Refreshed, we continued down the trail to return to the vehicles. A great day with a wonderfully adventure-some group. Thank you! Members: Denise Butler, Laurie Funkhouser, Katie Geiser, Tom Giesen, Jennifer Haynes, Dick Hildreth, Daphne James, Becky Lipton, Nancy Matthews, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Caroline Forell, Jim Woods.

French Pete Creek

July 28, 2013

Leader: Don Colgan

Hike: 10 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

FOUR OF US SET OFF in two cars on a perfect July day, perhaps ten degrees cooler than it had been for some time. We arrived at the trailhead around 10:40 AM. The hike itself was excellent; the trail goes through a beautiful stand of old growth and follows the bucolic French Pete Creek. We had to ford the stream four times, twice going in and twice coming out. It was a very do-able crossing; three of us had water shoes of some kind and the fourth navigated the creek barefoot. It was at most knee deep, about twenty feet across, and very chilly but not bitter cold. The trail is in pretty good shape, but the further upstream you go, the less it has been traversed. Obviously some folks don't want to get their feet wet! We enjoyed lunch at a delightful spot alongside the creek and hiked out without incident. We arrived back at the cars around 4:00. The group agreed that this hike is worth doing again. Members: Don Colgan, Lisa Grissell, Brian Popowsky. Nonmembers: Kathy Marciniak.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

July 31, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

TOMMY YOUNG HAD A HEAVY PACK and made it to the top in 1 hour and 10 minutes. May Fogg and I joined him ten minutes later. On the way down, we could not stop ourselves from picking up one white tissue after another on the trail. Do these tissues accidentally fall out of hiker's pockets? At the Fox Hollow parking lot, we decided that three weeks was long enough for a torn pair of sandals to litter the trail. We placed them in the dumpster. Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Tommy Young.

Opie Dilldock

August 3, 2013

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Kate Parrish

Hike: 15 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

THIS WAS A LONG BUT REWARDING DAY on one of Oregon's best hikes. The wildflowers were at their peak so most of us were pulling out our cameras to photograph the meadows car-



peted with lupine and paintbrush. At the top of Opie Dilldock pass, six of us continued to the 7,500 foot summit of Collier Cone, while the remaining three hiked to the overlook. On the hike out Rob and Arjen decided to run up four-in-one cone, while the rest of us continued hiking out. By the end of the day most of us had logged at least 16 miles. I'm also happy to report that mosquito season seems to be over. Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Steven Johnson, Becky Lipton, Kate Parrish, Gary Spizizen, Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Rob Boese, Becca Puleo, Arjen Hoekstra.

Lowder Mountain
August 4, 2013
Leader: Judy Terry
Photographer: Susanne Twight-Alexander
Hike: 5.6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

I RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE TRINITY ALPS Summer Camp, so imagine my surprise when one of the Lowder Mountain hikers revealed that she had lived in Weaverville for 25 years! Her oldest son and his wife had started Mama Llama.



Susanne had hiked all over the area during those years (we had an expert in our own club). She moved here in 1989. But returning to Lowder Mountain, we had a very comfortable day of hiking. The view of Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson was obscured by smoke from the fires. We did get a good view of the Sisters, Broken Top and Mt. Bachelor from our cliff. Carl and Ruth Lakes were visible below us. Members: Barbara Aten, May Fogg, Tom Giesen, Helen Martz, Joe Sanders, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Susanne Twight-Alexander. Nonmembers: Jean Stover, Barbara Theus, Shaunde Leatherberry, Kathy Marciniak.

Irish Mountain
August 4, 2013
Leader & Photographer: Randall Sinnott
Hike: 11.6 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

IRISH MOUNTAIN IS TRULY A FORGOTTEN GEM. The hike begins at the end of a well-maintained four mile spur road that also serves as the jump-off for Erma Bell Lakes. There is camping along noisy Skookum Creek, just where the trail begins, that would serve as a base for uncovering a network of trails into the outback north of Waldo Lake. One quickly sees that a majority of hikers opt for the Erma Bells, as the trail forks in the first half mile and a sketchy track signed "Irish



Mt." diverges from a well beaten path south to the well known *Bells*. The adventurous hiker soon encounters Otter Lake, a deep, lily pad-fringed pool with a thick surround of fir and hemlock crowding the banks. Here the trail begins to climb until it attains a ridge where an easterly tack is begun that continues for a good while. The forest is open with short ground covers of bear grass and huckleberry, extending visibility and the anticipation of a bear sighting, which seemed likely given the remoteness of this ridge. So few people adventure here that the trail required vigilance in many stretches. Everyone helped in locating clues of old blazes and cut log ends that showed the old track. Half way to our destination we came upon a rock pile that opened a wonderful view to the south. Waldo Lake was the star, ringed by Diamond Peak and the buttes and peaks we Obsidians frequently visit. A few small meadows, former lakes silted in long ago, afforded interesting features until we gained a pair of small lakes at the foot of Irish Mountain. This was our lunch goal and, indeed, it was noon, about three hours into the adventure. With everyone on board, we set out to summit Irish Mountain. A trail leads to the north end of a ridge that

is beset with false summits. We followed the ridge to the south until just below the true summit, where we took a long break and discovered a race of biting mountain ants that were not to be ignored. We tried a traverse on the west side of the summit across a steep, rocky, duff covered slope to a higher saddle. Here we could view Cultus Butte and Cultus Lake to the east, the Ochocos in the far distance. This proved our high point. We triangulated back to the twin lakes by bushwhacking down the steep west slope of the Irish Mountain ridge. The day was warming and puffy white clouds were arriving from the east. We spent the better part of an hour relaxing and swimming in the northern of the two small lakes. Relaxed and refreshed we began our hike out, encouraged by the knowledge that it was almost all downhill. The hike to the lakes was a strong moderate and a summit try would make it difficult. In either case, this is a trail that is easily reached and offers a variety of landscapes that should appeal to any curious hiker. Thanks to the company of hikers that made this trip memorable. Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Daphne James, Becky Lipton, Randall Sinnott. Nonmembers: Jim Woods.

Carl Lake

August 10, 2013

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Hike: 9.4 miles, 1,050 ft. (Moderate)

KUDOS TO LEAH for being a willing driver! We were able to take two cars for the long drive to the trailhead. Perfection conditions: the temperature was ideal (70s), the cloud covering mixed, an early start (10:00) and a fun crew. The first couple of miles, we were in the recovering burned area with trees looking like silver poles and bushes (manzanita?) reaching heights of 6 feet. In no time, we reached the first lake—Cabot Lake—where a few fish jumped and salamanders swam. Then we entered the non-burned area with plenty of hemlock, fir, etc. We reached Carl Lake just in time for lunch. Lisa and Andy were brave enough to swim—reporting the water was fine! We met two backpackers who had experienced three inches of rain in an hour the night before!. The rumble of thunder and potential lightening urged us to move along. Before heading back down the trail, we hiked a 1/4 mile to reach Shirley Lake—another beautiful, colorful lake which was worth the extra effort. With a steady pace back to the cars we were able to beat any rain and/or lightening. The rain did come on the drive home with some remnants of sleet on the side of the road. We arrived safely in Eugene at approximately 6:00 PM. A fun day! Members: Dan Christensen, Laurie Funkhouser, Tom Giesen, Lisa Grissell, Frank Lulich, Andrew McIvor. Nonmembers: Chris Shaffner, Don Orton, David Hawkins, Leah Fischer.

Black Crater

August 18, 2013

Leader: Sue Wolling

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 7.4 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

WHAT A PERFECT DAY for the strenuous, but rewarding hike up Black Crater. We had an interesting conversation about global warming during the long drive up Highway 242. Once we started hiking up the trail, we decided that there's an addi-



tional phenomenon underway: *Global Steepening*. As evidence, we certify that this trail, like many others, has become significantly steeper over the past 10 years! But our hikers were strong, so we climbed on up—and when we reached the summit, the spectacular view made it all worth it. We lingered over lunch, savoring not only PB&J, but also views of Mounts Hood, Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack, Washington, the Three Sisters, and Broken Top, as well as a smidgeon of Mount Adams. The hike down went quickly, and we headed for home, stopping along the way to explore a secret spring that Tom showed us. It just doesn't get any better than this hike on a clear summer day. Members: Tom Giesen, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Sheila Guilder.



Trail Running

Mt. Pisgah

June 19, 2013

Leader: Dave Beardsley

Trail Run: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

TRAIL RUN #19: Cal, Diana and I went up road to north trailhead, up Trail #3 to kiosk, then Cal and I went around north butte on Trail #3, then down #35 to main parking lot. Diane went up Trail #7 to #17 and down to main parking lot, then a short lap around meadow. Hot day. Members: Dave Beardsley, Diana Masarie. Nonmembers: Calvin Beardsley.

Mt. Pisgah

July 3, 2013

Leader: Dave Beardsley

Trail Run: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

TRAIL RUN #20: Short shade run. Sheila and I ran up the side road to north trail head. Up Trail #3 to #7, then down #17 to

main parking lot. Even though it was hot, we needed more distance so we ran over to the Arboretum and up the gravel road to the upper meadow and looped down one of the shady trails back to the Pavilion and out. Stifling hot day. Members: Dave Beardsley. Nonmembers: Sheila Guildler.

Mt. Pisgah

July 10, 2013

Leader: Dave Beardsley

Trail Run: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

TRAIL RUN # 21: Sheila and I met at LCC to carpool over to the east side Mt Pisgah trail head. We ran through the lower meadow on Trail #3 to the creek, then onto #5 to the upper Mt Pisgah swimming hole. I dove in as soon as we arrived, with shoes on. This is the true way for diehard trail runners to once in a while wash their running shoes—whether they need it or not! This was a surprise to Sheila and she decided her shoes weren't dirty enough to dive in. Maybe next week. We returned by the way we arrived. Super hot day! Members: Dave Beardsley. Nonmembers: Sheila Guildler.

Mt. Pisgah

July 17, 2013

Leader: Dave Beardsley

Trail Run: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

TRAIL RUN #23: Ridgeline Trail, not Mt Pisgah. Starting at the Fox Hollow trail head, we ran one lap on the Fox Hollow loop counterclockwise, then down Martins Way, right up an old gravel road, and right again up the powerline access road to mt. bike trail to Fox Hollow trail and back to the car with Cal and Gavin. Sunny and Hot! Members: Dave Beardsley. Nonmembers: Calvin Beardsley, Gavin Bronaugh.

Mt. Pisgah

July 24, 2013

Leader: Dave Beardsley

Trail Run: 5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

OBSIDIAN TRAIL RUN #24: We decided to go to Spencer Butte instead of Mt Pisgah. We ran to the top from the Fox Hollow trail head on the east side trails and back. Hot day. Fast run. It's hard keeping up with a 14 year old who is working out for fall soccer! Members: Dave Beardsley. Nonmembers: Calvin Beardsley.

Mt. Pisgah

July 31, 2013

Leader: Dave Beardsley

Trail Run: 5 miles, 5 ft. (Easy)

OBSIDIAN TRAIL RUN #25: Easy run on Pre's Trail in Alton Baker Park with Cal. This run marks the 25th consecutive, weekly trail run I have led for the Obsidians. Every run has been unique and we did not repeat any routes. We ran every trail on Mt Pisgah, Spencer Butte, Mt. Baldy and Alton Baker Park. We will take a break for the rest of the summer and resume in the fall. Please let me know what days and times work

best for you. Members: Dave Beardsley. Nonmembers: Calvin Beardsley.



Bike Trips

Scio Covered Bridges

June 20, 2013

Leader: Richard Hughes

Bike: 48 miles, 1,563 ft. (Difficult)

I'M NOT A GAMBLER, but if I were, I would not have bet on all those that had signed up to show up for the ride, ahead of time. After all, it was raining in Eugene and although the ride was in Scio, about 60 miles to the north, it's still in the valley. With rain clouds in tow, we began the ride and after only a short few miles received a cleanse from the heavens. At about halfway, two riders decided that hot coffee and a pastry felt better than a wet ride, even though the rain had stopped. The remainder of the group stopped for lunch at the Hoffman Bridge and recorded sightings of two deer, two snakes and a red tail hawk. Before reaching the next bridge we noticed a *Road Closed* sign, but figured it didn't apply to us—hey, we're on bikes. Before long we were confronted with a road completely rototilled and an equipment operator in full swing. I motioned to the group to turn around, which would have resulted in an extra 22 miles. Without hesitation, Lana approached the operator and with sign language, asked if we could pass on the turned-up asphalt. After shutting down the equipment, he motioned for us to pass. Lesson for the day: Signs are for those that don't ask. Members: Patricia Esch, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Mike Lee.

Siuslaw Falls

August 2, 2013

Leader: Patricia Esch

Bike: 24 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

NINE RIDERS EXCHANGED NAMES and said their favorite vegetable. Broccoli won 6 to 3! Way to go. The weather started out cool and partly cloudy, so we rode to keep warm, which was negated by creating our own breeze. It got warmer as the amount of sunshine increased. Stopping at the BLM tree farm (the driveway was too steep to invite us up), I told the story of how there used to be wild horses on the property, but they were banned because they ate drivers' windshield wipers. Bummer. Hey Bayles Farm was the next point of interest (they sell at the Farmers' Market). The rest was mostly forest and stream and regrowing clear cuts. Blessedly, there was little traffic, but some of that was logging trucks. Scary. Siuslaw Falls was pretty, but the spot I'd picked for lunch with a view was missing its picnic table, so we were reduced to sitting on a log with little or no view. We lost one rider on the way back due to a blown tire, but he was rescued by another after we returned to our cars. The highlight of the ride was the visit to Lorane store and ice

cream. Members: Barbara Aten, Patricia Esch, Kathy Hoeg, Don Kindt, Lana Lindstrom, Joe Sanders, Eric Swegles. Nonmembers: Branden Johnson, Don Orton.



Climbs

South Sister/Prouty Glacier

June 15, 2013

Leader: Wayne Deeter, Asst: Dave Beardsley

Climb: 19 miles, 4,800 ft.

GOING BY WAY OF THE PROUTY GLACIER is a very different way of climbing South Sister. You have wonderful views, but you can't hang out long to enjoy them due to rock fall and softening snow. We hiked into the Green Lakes basin by Fall Creek, most of the way on snow. We crossed the creek that comes out of the big lake, then cut across the snow-covered plain to the big spring spurting out of the east side of South Sister. Near the north lake we found an official campsite that had already melted out: #26. There was a little rain during the night, but the sky was (mostly) clear when we got up at 2 AM with the stars shining brightly. We left camp a bit before 3 and were roped up and crossing the glacier at 5. The route was past its prime with some rock showing at the neck. A Mazama group had climbed it a week earlier, but had apparently gotten a late start, so had left deep sockets in the (then) soft snow. Instead of following their zigs and zags below the bergschrund, I made a bee-line for the bridge on its right side. I was able to get a good picket placed in the relatively thin snow below the rock, then thrashed my way up through the snow/ice/water and rock—it's much nicer when there is good snow coverage here! Rick, then Danni, did the same, and we were all safely into the Old Crater by 7:30. By 8:30 we were at the true summit with no other soul in sight! We returned to camp via the Green Lakes route, with about 1,000 feet of vertical gissading. Hiking out that afternoon we all agreed that this route would best be done as a three day trip. Members: Wayne Deeter, Danneille Harris, Rick Harris.

Mt. Washington, Graduation Climb

July 5, 2013

Leader: Wayne Deeter, Asst: Rick Harris

Climb: 10.5 miles, 3,000 ft.

LESS THAN A WEEK BEFORE, the west slopes had substantial snowfields on them, promising great gissades. Woops! They were almost gone by the day of our climb. While there were some mosquitoes, they weren't as bad as expected. At least there's some advantage to a low-snow year. Used the purple 8.5 mm rope on the first pitch. It was chopped to 44 m last year to remove a damaged section and now just barely reaches from the saddle to the rap block. We were all on the summit around noon and hung out there for about an hour. Liz shared her usual copi-

ous amount of pizza all around. This was a first Mt. Washington summit for Rick, Ted, Chris and Liz: Congratulations! We used the 60 m rope to rap all the way from the block back to the saddle. Many thanks to Rick for his excellent assistance on the climb. Members: Wayne Deeter, Ted Glick, Rick Harris, Elise Weldon. Nonmembers: Chris Melton, Liz Hurkes.

Glacier Peak - Gerdine/Cool Glaciers

July 13, 2013

Leader: Wayne Deeter

Climb: 35 miles, 10,000 ft.

GLACIER PEAK HAS ALWAYS BEEN A DIFFICULT CLIMB due to its remoteness. The floods of 2003 made it all the more so by washing out many roads and trails. The last 4.5 miles of the White Chuck Road have been abandoned and the trails off of it are now unmaintained, making the old, standard route to the mountain impractical. And repairs to the Suiattle River Road are not yet complete (perhaps in 2015?) meaning that ten extra miles must be hiked or biked for the north approach. This leaves the long North Fork Sauk Trail as the most practical and most used way in. We drove to the Sloan Creek Campground on Saturday. We stopped in Darrington, where we walked to the park, listened to a local band giving a free concert, and watched several gliders and their tow plane cavorting about in the sky. We then had pizza at a local cafe, saving half for our lunch the next day. A latish, 9:30 start Sunday morning got us to the Mackinaw Shelter for lunch. We then grunted up the seemingly endless series of switchbacks (a 3,000 foot gain!), and followed the PCT a short way (thankfully level) to White Pass. We met a couple headed in with skis on their packs, and several groups who had already climbed headed out. There was an abundance of blooms: bunchberry, coralroot, western anemone, false hellebore, paintbrush, phlox, yarrow, pearly everlasting, columbine, glacier lily, tiger lily, heather, bleeding heart, lupine, penstemon, and shooting star, to name a few. We had clear skies and great views at our White Pass camp. We started our Monday hike a little earlier: 8:40. We followed the Foam Creek use trail from White Pass and climbed up the east col and into the White Chuck Glacier basin. There was much more snow this year than when we had hiked this in 2009. This makes for easier traveling, but hides the fascinating geology. We met two groups who had summited that morning, and heard that the couple we met the previous day were up ahead, skiing. We chose not to camp at the overused Glacier Gap camp, and instead hiked up over the 300 foot rise (and down the other side) to a much less used area. This was yet another cloudless day. Our climb started at 4:30 Tuesday morning. It was light enough that we didn't use headlamps. After hiking up the ridge for an hour we put on crampons and started out across the Gerdine Glacier. We didn't encounter crevasses until we reached the col at the top of the Gerdine where the Cool Glacier slides on by. The boot track of the many who had climbed the days before us made navigating the crevasses on the Cool easy. We hiked from the top of the Cool to a snowfield on the left on which we climbed the final 400 feet to the summit. To the north we could see Mt. Baker and beyond (Mt. Garibaldi?), and to the south Mt. Rainier and even Mt. Adams. There was a large north-south bergschrund splitting the summit snowfield. We hunkered down by some rocks on the north end to get out of the wind while we had a

celebratory snack. The return to camp was much swifter than the ascent, though we were only able to glissade a few times, as most of the route isn't steep and where it is steep enough there sometimes isn't a safe run out. When we were back down to about 8,500 feet, a jet fighter in a steep bank roared low over the ridge in front of us, followed a second or two later by one directly above. We decided to wait until evening to hike back out to White Pass, but ended up staying another night at high camp when it clouded up and started to rain. We were entertained by a thunderstorm Wednesday morning, with lightning-to-thunder times as low as a second: Yikes, that's close! The rain stopped around 6, so we packed up, hiked the 15 miles back to the car, and drove back to town. This was the coolest day with mixed clouds, fog and sun. This is a wonderful climb and should be led more often. The last time the club climbed Glacier was 1987! Members: Wayne Deeter, Elise Weldon.

Mt. Adams - Mazama Glacier

July 27, 2013

Leader: Sue Sullivan, Asst: Maryanne Reiter

Photographer: Steve Johnson

Climb: 11.4 miles, 6,300 ft.

MOST CLIMBS OF MT. ADAMS are made from the south side approach, with a high camp at the Lunch Counter, around 9,000 feet of elevation. The popularity of this route makes the climb anything but a wilderness experience. On a typical weekend day more than two hundred people may make the ascent by this route. We opted for the Mazama Glacier route. This route starts on the lands of the Yakama Nation, and involves a drive over many miles of rough dirt roads to get to the 5,700 foot trail



head. However, the rewards of this route make the drive worthwhile. The hike to high camp is through beautiful alpine forest and meadow terrain, and we shared Sunrise high camp (8,300 feet) with just two other parties—one of which had already climbed and was spending another night at this scenic camp before heading down. John and I came from Bend and met up with the rest of the group at the trail head late Saturday morning. Actually John decided to go on ahead, expecting to be slow to high camp. I figured on starting with the others and staying back with him once we caught up with him. Turns out, John was faster than anticipated and we caught up with him just before reaching the high camp in mid-afternoon. A plan was made

for a 3 AM start and all made preparations for the day to come. Some thought was put into a plan for negotiating the crevassed area just out of camp, and as the sun set, everyone settled in for some shut eye before the 2 AM wake-up call. John had planned on staying at camp on summit day, and after some deliberation I decided it would be best if I stayed back as well. Maryanne, the assistant leader, agreed to lead the summit effort. The six summiteers got out of camp at 3 AM as planned, and were roped up, cramponed up and on the glacier by 4. Maryanne's report from the summit effort: "The Mazama Glacier route was a true alpine experience with crevasses, a blue/purple/red sunrise and only our team climbing. Once we joined the standard route, we fell into the conga line of climbers and made our way to the top. Of the six of us, four had never made it to the summit of Adams. We all enjoyed the view of Mt. Rainier when we got to the top, then hunkered down for some serious snacking. We started our descent around 9 AM and were back in camp by 12:30 PM." Meanwhile, in camp, John and I watched for the return of the climbers. We could spot them very soon after they left the false summit, and by the time they returned to camp we were ready to replenish their water supply for the trip out. We headed back out and were at the trail head by 4 PM, and in Trout Lake enjoying hamburgers an hour after that. Members: Dave Beardsley, Marge Huseman, Steven Johnson, John Mowat, Maryanne Reiter, Shellie Robertson, Sue Sullivan. Nonmembers: Justin Johnson.

North Sister

July 27, 2013

Leader: Wayne Deeter, Asst: Brian Hamilton

Climb: 16 miles, 4,800 ft.

WE HAD GREAT WEATHER for this difficult climb. We set up camp at Arrowhead Lake Saturday afternoon. There were already some tents in the area—a group of Portlanders who were climbing Middle Sister that day. Some of us chose to descend the butte and get water from Sister Springs (and visit Obsidian Falls) or Scott Spring, others preferred to filter from the lake. We started our climb at 3:30 AM Sunday, hiking up the climbers trail under a last quarter moon. At about 7,600 feet, we put on crampons and continued up on snowfields. At sunrise we were crossing the Collier Glacier. The slog up the scree to achieve the south ridge does not get any better with time! The Dinner Plate was about 2/3 covered with snow starting at the south edge. My ice tool with hammerhead was very useful for pounding in the pickets, as there was a hard ice layer under the snow. All six of us spent a few minutes on the summit taking photos and admiring the view. We then began the descent, getting back to camp, hiking out, and (the most dangerous part of the trip) driving back to town, all before sunset. Many thanks to Brian Hamilton for his able assistance. Members: Wayne Deeter, Brian Hamilton, Bob Kaminski, Ivan Paskalev, Randall Sinnott. Nonmembers: Svetoslav Dobrev.

Three Fingered Jack

August 3, 2013

Leader: Rick Harris

Climb: 11 miles, 3,000 ft.

THE DAY STARTED OUT as simple as it gets. Almost no wind,

with the stars out nice and bright but no moon so headlamps it was at 3:30 AM. Bruce, Dalen, Liz, Marge, and our guest, Alex, began climbing through the dust of the PCT for the next 3.5 hours to the crawl. We got a great view of the fire just north of the Metolious, but a slight breeze kept the smoke headed straight north. As I set the crawl, I began remembering what Wayne Deeter had told me a month earlier during our scouting mission: "Don't expect the mountain to be the same as it is today", followed by a little chuckle. Well, there was a spot of dirt where I had set a piece of pro the month earlier. I scratched my head a little bit and decided to move on and set pro elsewhere. Such is the nature of the Cascades. All in all, everyone got their summits. Dalen was a great assistant and made sure I didn't lose my marbles as we moved along the crawl. Thank you to the entire team for such a great first technical lead. Members: Rick Harris, Marge Huseman, Bruce Tufts, Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: Liz Hurkes, Alex Lockard.

Mt. Washington

August 18, 2013

Leader: Brian Hamilton

Climb: 10.5 miles, 3,000 ft.

OUR CLIMB STARTED AT 4:00 AM at the Pacific Crest Trailhead at Big Lake. We traveled south on the PCT, passing through the burned area of the 2011 Shadow Lake Fire. One of the results of this fire was an amazing crop of bear grass. The blooms were spent for the season, but seeds still remained on 5-foot stalks. After one hour, we reached the rock cairn marking the start of the climbers trail and gained the north ridge of Mt. Washington by 6:00, just in time to see the sun rise above the south slope of Black Butte. After scrambling up the ridge, we stopped at the saddle below The Nose to put our harnesses on. We set three ropes using slings that were already in place at several locations so that climbers had fixed lines to follow to the summit. As we approached the summit, a helicopter had circled us while the occupants watched us climb. Immediately after the helicopter flew away, a couple of American Kestrels cavorted in the air around the summit and conducted mock dive-bombing sorties toward us. Topping off the list of flying creatures were the hordes of flying ants and little gnats at the summit that speckled our helmets and buzzed around our faces. The weather was great, with mild temperatures, cloudless sky, light wind, and just a trace of forest fire smoke. We all reached the top by 10:30 and spent an hour enjoying the view and exploring the summit. The absolute highest spot had fulgurites formed when lightning struck the rock. For the descent on the technical sections, we set up rappels from the summit and from The Nose, but had problems with ropes getting stuck when we tried to pull them through rappel rings. We followed the scree trail down the west slope of the mountain and met the PCT for our hike out. We returned to the trailhead at 5:30 PM. We saw no other hikers or climbers all day. Thanks to Julie for assisting and Ivan for volunteering to break loose stuck ropes on the rappel. Members: Brian Hamilton, Todd Larsen, Ivan Paskalev, Julie Polhemus. Nonmembers: Svetoslav Dobrev.



Backpacks

Pine Lakes-Wallowa Mountains

August 2-4, 2013

Leader: Bill Sullivan

Backpack: 16 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

FOR THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL JOINT BACKPACK I have led for the Salem and Eugene outdoor clubs, we trekked through the forgotten southeast corner of the Wallowas, looping from Summit Point to the eerily turquoise Pine Lakes, to the ghost mining town of Cornucopia. A side trip on Saturday took us to Oregon's other Crater Lake, an alpine pool reflecting Krag Peak. I think I got the cover photo for the next edition of my Eastern Oregon hiking guide, and I think everyone was tired but happy when we got to Cornucopia and I gave them a free book. Leader Bill Sullivan (Obsidian and Chemeketan) hiked with his wife, Janell Sorensen (guest), Linda Parker (Chemeketan), Marissa Catlin (guest), Scott Hovis (Obsidian), Anne Ashford (Chemeketan), Neal Allbee (guest), Lisa Grissell (Obsidian), Mathieu Federspiel (Chemeketan), and Natalie Hettle (a new Chemeketan). Members: Lisa Grissell, Scott Hovis, Bill Sullivan. Nonmembers: Mathieu Federspiel, Janell Sorensen, Marissa Catlin, Linda Parker, Anne Ashford, Neal Allbee, Natalie Hettle.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance

July 31, 2013

Leader: Matthew Bell

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS met at 5:30 at the main Spencer Butte parking lot to continue our work from last month. We hiked up the West Trail with rakes and hoes. We raked fir needles and duff off the cobble sections. We also lined the trail sides with sticks, boughs, and logs. Much of this was work we were doing for the second time in as many months because people had removed our previous work. It will be very interesting to see if this month's work persists until our next outing. Along the way we chipped in and cleaned the steps and pounded down a few protruding pieces of rebar. All the while we were serenaded by an unknown singer's spiritual chanting from somewhere on the butte. Special thanks go to Clara Emlen for the immaculate cleaning on the concrete steps that was per-

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formed this outing. She was joined by Janet, Autumn, and Roberta. And, to Dan Gilmore for packing the sledge hammer up and down the trail. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Jim Whitfield.



Bus Trips

NE Oregon, SE Washington Bus Trip

August 5–10, 2013

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Don & Barbara Payne

WOW AGAIN! This six day trip was a follow up to last year’s fantastic John Day bus trip. We traveled farther east and north into new territory. The loop we drove introduced us to the vast diversity of landscape and history ‘over east’. Some highlights were: viewing a section of the Oregon trail at the Interpretative Center; the green oasis at Clyde Holliday State Park along the full flowing Powder River; seeing three young raccoons playing in the middle of the road (they did make it safely across); a grand tour of the Geiser Grand Hotel in Baker City; riding the tram to the top of Mt. Howard to see the Eagle Cap Wilderness area; breakfast donuts at Cloud 9 Bakery in Enterprise; traveling by bus down into the Grand Ronde River canyon and back up again; a jet boat ride on the Snake River into Hell’s Canyon; watching baby killdeer birds run around the putting green at

Quality Inn, Clarkston; touring the Pendleton Underground with a very entertaining tour guide. Many of our stops allowed time for the hikers to get out and go!

It was interesting to learn about how the interactions of Native Americans, missionaries, Chinese, sheep and cattle ranchers, and gold miners fit in with economic interests and prejudice. There were many themes in this trip, including a brewery interest where we heard names like *Terminal Gravity* and *Mutiny Brewing*. Victorian homes, lovely old brick buildings, a variety of museums, and bronze statuary all added interest to the trip.

The scenery was spectacular, sometimes soft and green—many times harsh, barren and so rugged. The basalt rock formations in the Snake River Canyon are awesome. We saw large herds of beef cattle and ranch horses, goats and sheep, even a herd of alpacas near Redmond. A few deer, big horn sheep, eagles, blue heron, other birds and of course the large population of pocket gophers on top of Mt. Howard. Thousands of acres of wheat fields in the Palouse region of Washington and hundreds of bright white wind turbines against the blue sky contrasted with the rugged mountains and many rivers.

Great activities, great scenery, great travelers and the skill of an excellent bus driver made for a very enjoyable trip. Members: Bill Arthur, Don Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Ver-na Kocken, Holger Krentz, Joanne Ledet, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Margaret Prentice, Susan Sanazaro, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Betty Dickerman, Mary Hawkes, Alice Krentz, Mary Jane Odom, Walt Odom, Judy Phelps.



Bus Trippers on Hell’s Canyon Jet Boat—Photo by Holger Krentz

Recollections of the Trinity Alps Camp

CEO Lana Lindstrom

To the Tune of *Both Sides Now*

*Years and years of summer fun
But Lana's camps are number one.
Tents and RV's everywhere
And smiling campers with bad hair.*

*So many hikes up on the board
None of which can be ignored.*

*Granite Lake and Boulder too
And Stuart's Fork are just a few.*

*I've looked at camp from both sides now
From in and out, and still somehow
It's Lana's skills that we adore
And we look forward to one more.*

I WAS DEEPLY HONORED BY THE ABOVE SONG and the accompanying festivities on the final evening. I don't like being the center of attention (especially when I don't know what the agenda is!), but I very much appreciated hearing that folks had a good time at this camp. Many wrote a six-word memoir of the camp; see next page for their succinct impressions.

With a smaller group (50 of our new best friends), it was easy to meet everyone and get to know them a little bit. Although it was warm during the day, it wasn't onerous; the nights were cool with no mosquitoes. This was a *no muss, no fuss* camp: we had continental instead of hot breakfasts, and dinners were catered, thereby eliminating much of the dishwashing. A variety of hikes, most departing by 8 AM were led every day, many culminating with a swim at lunchtime. Several evenings, Rick Ahrens played his guitar, accompanied by many fine voices.

Our favorite hikes were Granite and Little Boulder Lakes, both surrounded by dramatic granite cirques. The trail to Granite Lake was particularly diverse, gaining 2,000 feet under cedar and fir trees, and passing by several waterfalls, through flowery meadows and interesting *Darlingtonia* bogs. Little Boulder Lake was a bit warmer for frolicking in the water; we lingered over lunch for about an hour. Another very popular hike was Stuart's Fork, a pleasant, cool hike through the forest along a crystal clear, cold river. Afterwards, many of us enjoyed a root beer float at Trinity 'resort'. Other hikes were: Hidden Lake—a short two-mile hike with great wildflowers and beautiful lake; Tangle Blue Lake—another lake whose headwall towers 1,000 feet above the water; Hodges Cabin—a 6.5-mile RT hike along Coffee Creek to a rustic, two story structure built in the early 1900s; Stoddard Lake—a challenging drive on a potholed road; Trail Gulch lakes, Big Bear Lake, and Dorlesca Mine.

A number of campers drove south to historic Weaverville

and visited the Joss House, Jackson Memorial Museum, and/or a Buddhist retreat center in nearby Junction City, CA.

Many hands make light work, and lots of Obsidians helped to make this a successful camp:

Camp Committee: Rob Castleberry, Dan Christensen, Don Doerr, Jim Duncan, Elle Weaver, and Nancy Whitfield. Editing the camp booklet – Pat Soussan.

Staging, loading and unloading the truck at the Lodge, and washing everything: Charlie Ashmore, Jen Barnes, Anne Bonine, Rob Castleberry, Jacque Davis, Bea Fontana, Laurie Funkhouser, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Brenda Kame'enui, Daphne Mantis, Valerie Metcalfe, Colleen Milliman, Greg Milliman, Judy Newman, Randy Sinnott, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Elle Weaver, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield

Responsible People (Lead) at camp: Charlie Ashmore, Jen Barnes, Anne Bonine, Rob Castleberry, Laurie Funkhouser, Richard Hughes, John Jacobsen, Mary Livingston, Laurie Marshall, Jorry Rolfe, Helen Martz, Diane Schechter, Chris Stockdale, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Susan Wanser, Elle Weaver, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield, Sue Wolling.

Hike Leaders: Jen Barnes, Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Daphne James, Brenda Kame'enui, Mary Livingston, Laurie Marshall, Valerie Metcalfe, Diane Schechter, Randy Sinnott, Chris Stockdale, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield. And a huge thanks to all of the drivers!

Camp Hosts: Jen Barnes, Colleen Milliman, John Moser, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Tyler West.

We couldn't have done it without your assistance and participation—thank you, merci, gracias, danke! See you next year in the Strawberries!

Summer Camp Attendees: Members: Rick Ahrens, Charles Ashmore, Barbara Aten, Jennifer Barnes, Anne Bonine, Rob Castleberry, Jacque Davis, Julie Dorland, Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, May Fogg, Bea Fontana, Laurie Funkhouser, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Daphne James, Brenda Kameenui, Kathy Lindstrom, Lana Lindstrom, Mary Livingston, Daphne Mantis, Laurie Marshall, Helen Martz, Lynn Meacham, Valerie Metcalfe, Colleen Milliman, Greg Milliman, John Moser, Nola Nelson, Judy Ness, Judy Newman, Noy Rathakette, Jorry Rolfe, Diane Schechter, Randall Sinnott, Pat Soussan, Chris Stockdale, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Susan Wanser, Elle Weaver, Marian West, Nancy White, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield, Sue Wolling, Kris Wolters. Nonmembers: Tyler West, Steve Olson, Pam Caples.

Six Word Memoirs of Summer Camp, or... *Obsidian Hike-oohs*

IF YOU HAD STROLLED THROUGH CAMP LANA or tagged along on any of the hikes in the Trinity Alps this year, you would have wondered why all those Obsidians were stringing together six words to describe their experience. It's all based on the concept of the six word short story, immortalized by Hemingway's *For sale: baby shoes, never worn*. Some were almost as poignant, some just funny. Enjoy!

That's granite, not snow, up there (Nola Nelson)
Lake in a cirque, joyful swimmer (Judy Newman)
Shasta view scarce snow, global warming (Judy Newman)
Sasquatch in the sky, Bigfoot cloud (Judy Newman)
Rushing streams, granite steps—yellow bird (Lynn Meacham)
Step by step, laughter, fun, friends (Lynn Meacham)
Great food, great friends, great fun (? initials may be Jorry Rolfe)
New conversations, new experiences, new friends (Judy Ness)
Hot days, hot dinners, hot women! (Anon)
Lost Australian howling for his person (Daphne Mantis)
For sale: hiking shoes. Sore feet. (John Moser)
Hot dry slopes, cool clear lakes (Pat Soussan)
Ageless canyons, ancient trees, I'm there (Randy Sinnott)
Rusty iron, technology reclaimed by forest (Richard Esenberg)
Sapphire waters cupped by silver cirque (Margaret Essenberg)
February downer: best physical therapy ever (Colleen Milliman)
Cool lake, warm wind, sparkles dance (Bea Fontana)
Hiking, sweating, swimming, stretching, Obsidians laughing (Anon)
Mountain lakes, tired feet, friends swimming (? J__)
Third camp: getting trained, still learning! (Anon)
Mountain camping, catered meals: gaining weight. (Richard Hughes)
New friends. *Forest bathing*. Well fed. (Greg Milliman)

Swimming, cold beautiful lakes, good friends (Noy Rathakette)

Beautiful lakes, stunning cirques, wonderful mountains. (Diane Schechter)

Hot hiking, water on my head (Diane Schechter)

Dragonflies float by on beaded wings (Anne Bonine)

Encircled by granite mountains, Obsidians embrace (Anon)

Precious memories define me, I'm blessed (Anon)

Beauty shared. Amazing laughter in step (Anon)

Hot sun, tall trees, dusty boots, cool folks (Anon)
(*Editor's note: this author can't count!*)

Happy trails, swimmin' in the lakes! (Anon)

Trudge, trudge, trudge—ooh! aah! click! (Elle Weaver)

Melons! Melons! Melons! Water, cantaloupe, honeydew (Helen Martz)

Plunge into camp, the lakes, life (Anon)

Uphill and downhill, all day long (Kathy Lindstrom)

CEO Lana works hard: summer camp fun (Rick Ahrens)
(*Editor's note: Rick can't count either!*)

For sale: ice chest, *bearly* used (Rick Ahrens)

Two polkadots, two stripes, four friends (Brenda Kameenui)

It's perfect. I won't complain again. (Brenda Kameenui)

Friendly strangers, solarbag showers, delightful co-hikers (Brenda Kameenui)

Trinity beacons, new friends, special memories (Anon)

Long hikes, sore body, take rest (Anon)

Eggs, water, coffee: blackened, creamed, sweetened (Anon)

Visiting trees? Do trees visit? (Anon) (*Editor's note: Anon still can't count*)

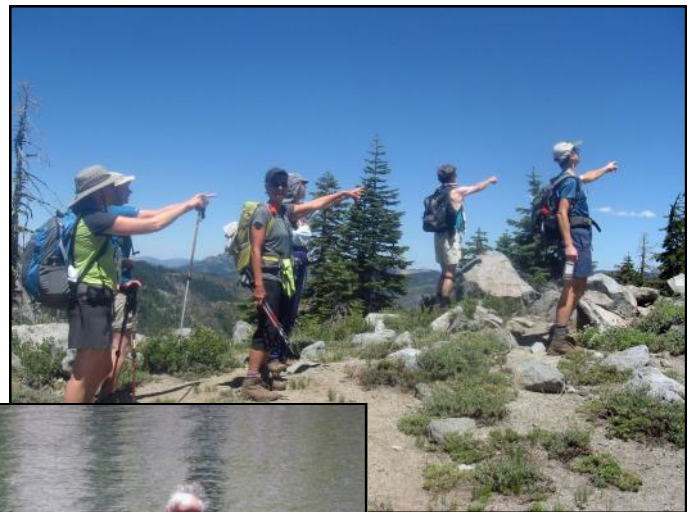
Piecing food menu together: mind puzzle (Anon)

Dust drives. Awesome hikes. Friendships rejuvenated! (Anon)

(PS—The lost Australian shepherd dog did find a home, thanks to Chris Stockdale's efforts.)



Top two photos by Daphne James from Trinity Alps Summer Camp



Trinity Alps bathing beauties—photo by Chris Stockdale

Upcoming Bus Trips

End of Summer BBQ

Date: Sept. 24 (Tues)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$60 (\$62 nonmembers)

Payment: Barbara Payne by Sep. 10

WE WILL LEAVE SHOPKO PARKING LOT AT 8 AM for a trip on the McKenzie River to our destination at Paradise Campground for a full BBQ with all the trimmings: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and ribs, with fabulous salads, desserts, chips and dip, and of course, s'mores.

Our trip will take us along McKenzie View Drive to Hayden Bridge, with a stop at Hendrick's Bridge along the way for a view, and on to Leaburg Lake, with a coffee break at the EWEB park. We will make several stops along the river before we arrive at our destination of Paradise Campground and our BBQ lunch. There will be plenty of time to sit around the campfire in your folding chair (provided by you) or for a stroll or hike along the river, while the Beards prepare the BBQ. After lunch, we will travel the 5-mile distance upriver to Belknap Hot Springs for a bit of a walk across the McKenzie, to stroll the beautiful gardens located just above the hot springs. This is a great place to walk off some of the BBQ. Bring your favorite folding chair, a friend, and a big appetite. All costs are included in your fees. Let's have a great time!

Fall Color Trip: Oregon Hatchery Research Center and the Oregon Coast

Date: Tues. Oct. 15

Leaders: Ray Jensen, Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$46 (\$48 nonmembers)

Reservations: Mary Lee Cheadle, 689-1085

WE WILL DEPART SHOPKO PARKING LOT AT 8 AM and travel through Alsea and the Coast Range to the new fish hatchery complex, which is a unique place working toward salmon restoration.

We will then travel on to Waldport for lunch—bring your own lunch, or sample the town's eateries on your own. During the afternoon, we will enjoy the coast, and then stop at Florence for ice cream. We should arrive back in Eugene by 6 PM.

Obsidian Lodge for the Holidays

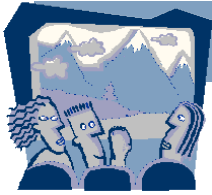
Date: Tues. Dec. 10

Leader: Liz Reanier

Cost: \$5 (\$10 nonmembers)

Payment: Janet Speelman by Nov. 29

At The Lodge



POTLUCK

Friday, September 27 at 6:30 PM

Bob Welch: Hiking the PCT in Oregon

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SEPTEMBER POTLUCK which will feature Bob Welch presenting *Cascade Summer: Waldo and I on Oregon's PCT*. There will be an outdoor social hour before the potluck and we encourage folks to come back to mingle and share stories of summertime adventures.

Susan Wanser, Entertainment Chair

Cascade Summer: My Adventure on Oregon's Pacific Crest Trail chronicles Bob Welch's attempt in 2011 to hike the 452-mile tree-studded spine of (mainly) the Cascade Range, from the California border to the Washington border. As Welch makes his way north, he contemplates Judge John Waldo, who hiked these same stretches more than a century ago and, in a revolutionary effort for his times, fought to have the Cascade Range set off as public land. *Cascade Summer* is about the allure of Oregon's wilderness, about friendship and about perseverance.

Bob Welch is among the most eclectic writers in America, his 16 books ranging from World War II to hiking the Oregon portion of the Pacific Crest Trail to his latest, *The Keyboard Kitten: An Oregon Children's Book*. A columnist at The Register-Guard in Eugene, Welch has twice won the National Society of Newspaper Columnists' *best writing award*. He has inspired audiences from San Diego to Boston's Statehouse with words of hope, humor and heart. Bob

is an adjunct professor of journalism at the University of Oregon and the founder of the Beachside Writers Workshop. He'll be happy to sign books for you afterward.



September Potluck

Friday, September 25, 2013

Social hour, 6 PM 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.



ExploraTalk

Tuesday September 17 at 7 PM

View Swifts Descend Into Old Condon School

INSTEAD OF MEETING AT THE LODGE, the Tuesday, September 17 ExploraTalk will be held in the parking lot of Condon School, 17th and Agate, at 7 PM, to watch thousands of Vaux Swifts as they swirl and spiral into the former school's smoke stack. This phenomenal event occurs at sunset for about a month each spring and fall.

Rick Ahrens will serve as our resource person to answer questions as we watch these amazing creatures settle into the chimney. The first birds attach themselves to the walls and succeeding layers of birds attach to each other, several

deep. According to Rick, the birds are sensitive to the weather. As do our children, they want to stay out and play longer on sunny days and come home to roost earlier on cloudy or rainy days. Dress appropriately for the weather, and remember, a sunny day can turn cool as the sun goes down. *FYI: Prince Puckler's is close at hand.*

Google *Chapman School* to view a couple of YouTube films of the birds going into that Portland school chimney.

Joella Ewing, Conservation & Sci-Ed Chair

Fall Beach Cleanup

JOIN FELLOW OBSIDIANS and thousands of other volunteers on Saturday, September 28 to help clear the entire Oregon coast of wayward trash. We will arrive at Washburn Park, 14 miles north of Florence for the 10 AM to 1 PM cleanup sponsored by SOLV.

This is part of a worldwide effort, originally begun in Oregon, that cleans thousands of tons of garbage from the world's beaches and riverfronts every spring and fall.

Dress for rain or shine, bring a reusable water bottle, a reusable bag or bucket for collecting, and an old colander for sifting the tide lines for small pieces of plastic that can kill birds when swallowed.

Be safe! Avoid logs in the water and marine mammals, and *NEVER TURN YOUR BACK TO THE OCEAN!* SOLV recommends keeping one eye on the ocean every time you walk on the beach, and planning in advance your run to higher ground if you should see a large wave.

Our contingent is sponsored by our Conservation, Science and Education Committee.

OBSIDIAN MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active Members	449
Associate Members	19
Honorary Members	5
Junior Members	10
Life Members	15
Total Members	498

Obsidian Calendar

September

14 Sat Mt. Hubris Climb D Reiter.....	521-8472
14 Sat Fall Creek Hike E Hackett	953-7046
17 Tue Swifts at Condon School	ExploraTalk
18 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike Jacobsen.....	343-8030
19 Thu Mt. Pisgah Moon/Sunset Hike M Jacobsen....	343-8030
21 Sat Coyote Creek Canoe E Musselwhite.....	461-3296
21 Sat Broken Top Climb Harris.....	521-5807
22 Sun Cape Mountain Hike M Duncan	343-8079
24 Tue Barbecue Bus Beard.....	994-2337
25 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike Jacobsen.....	343-8030
27 Fri Divide Lake Hike M Colgan.....	485-2787
28 Sat Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance Bell....	503-884-8829
28 Sat Broken Top/South Sister Climb Hansen ..	360-852-2041
28 Sat SOLV Beach Cleanup Hike E Ewing.....	344-9197
29 Sun Little Belknap Crater Hike M Lindstrom	683-1409

October

05 Sat Detering Orchard Bike M Esch	338-8280
05 Sat The Twins Hike M Kameenui.....	344-9506
06 Sun Yoran Lils Lake Loop Hike M Anselmo	782-2369
07 Mon Lost Coast/Humboldt County Bk Pk D Hovis	731-3412
12 Sat Clear Lake Hike E Ewing	344-9197
15 Tue TBA	ExploraTalk
15 Tue Fall Color Bus Jensen	345-5366
17 Thu Oregon Gardens Ext Trp M Lindstrom.....	683-1409
18 Fri Spencer Butte Sunset/Moonrise Hike Sojak....	525-1124
26 Sat Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance Bell....	503-884-8829
26 Sat Tamolitch Pool to Clear Lake Hike Lipton.....	736-7498
27 Sun McKenzie View-Bottom Loop Bike Strahon ..	689-0753
27 Sun North Fork Willamette Hike E Hackett	953-7046

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09 Sat Eel Creek Hike M Hackett	953-7046
30 Sat Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance Bell....	503-884-8829

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10 Tue Obsidian Lodge for the Holidays	Bus
17 Tue TBA	ExploraTalk

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