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Dates to Remember

April 15	ExploraTalk
April 25	Potluck
May 3	Bulletin deadline
May 7	Board Meeting

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April ExploraTalk: Michael McCloskey

Janet Jacobsen

JOHN AND I MET MICHAEL MCCLOSKEY for the first time at the 74th annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in August, 2005. I didn't realize that he was born in Eugene in 1934, attended the UO law school and had been an Obsidian. At our first meal, I sat by his wife (now deceased) who told me that Mike got his start by climbing with the Obsidians in the 1950s. We spoke several times with Mike about Obsidian members like Karl and Ruth Onthank who were his mentors in conservation activities. He and Karl co-chaired the Obsidian conservation committee in November, 1959.

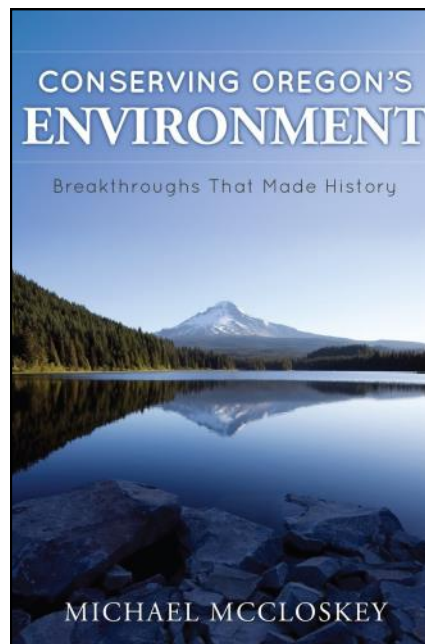
McCloskey was a part of several conservation projects in the 1960s, which included the Minam Valley of the Wallowa Mountains, Rock Mesa with Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness, boundary changes at Mt. Jefferson, Sky Lakes near Crater Lake, Alpine Lakes in the Cascades, and the watershed of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

Back in Eugene his Obsidian log showed that he became the 127th Chief in 1956. His first entry is in 1948—Hardesty Look Out. He climbed the Three Sisters, Three Fingered Jack, Mt. Jefferson, and Mt. Thielsen. The last entry was in 1963 for North Coburg Hills.

He was the first field organizer for the Sierra Club and the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in 1961. In July, 1964, his conservation summary to the Obsidians reported that the Wilderness Bill was out of the House Interior Committee. In 1965 he moved to San Francisco and became assistant to the president of the Sierra Club. He was executive director at a time the environmental movement was making history, and the Sierra Club was growing from 16,000 to 600,000 members.

I hoped that someday Mike would speak at the Obsidian Lodge. Joella Ewing made it happen! McCloskey's presentation at the April 15 ExploraTalk coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and the publication of his new book, *Conserving Oregon's Environment: Breakthroughs That Made History*.

Sources: McCloskey, Michael. *In The Thick of It: My Life in the Sierra Club*, Island Press 2005. *Obsidian Bulletin*: October 2005, January 2006, July 1964, August 1960, March 1960, and November 1959.



Obituaries

Dorothy Turner 1924—2014

DOROTHY TURNER PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 1 AT THE AGE OF 90, several weeks after taking a fall in her home. Dorothy joined the Obsidians in 1973 with a climb of Mt. Thielsen, and later climbed Diamond Peak and South Sister. She participated in 122 trips, including 18 bus trips and six summer camps. Dorothy lived in Eugene most of her adult life, enjoying all things outdoors. She belonged not only to the Obsidians but also to two other nature-related organizations.

She is survived by two sons and their families.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the March 23 issue of The Register-Guard.

Earth Day Celebration
April 19, 2014
EWEB River Edge Plaza
11:00 AM–5:00 PM

THE OBSIDIANS WILL HOST A DISPLAY TENT at the Earth Day Celebration featuring photos of our activities. Historical photos of Collier Glacier will also be exhibited to tie in with the theme, *Climate Change*. LTD bus service on all routes is free that day.

Obsidian Board Nominating Committee

THE OBSIDIAN NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet later this month to begin the process of selecting three candidates to run for three-year terms to the Obsidian Board of Directors beginning January 2015. The election will take place at the October Annual Meeting at the Lodge. For more information about the election process, see Article IV of the Obsidian Constitution, available in *Members Only* on the Obsidian website. If you have any suggestions for nominations, please contact one of the members of the committee: Lana Lindstrom, Janet Jacobsen, Tom Musselwhite, Elle Weaver, or Matt Bell.

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Don Hunter: 1971 Visit to Washington D.C. Advocating Saving French Pete Valley

Don Hunter (pp. 213-214 in his Memoirs)

WHEN THE FOREST SERVICE PLANNED TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR LOGGING THE PRISTINE OLD-GROWTH FORESTS OF THE FRENCH PETE VALLEY, objections arose from many quarters. This was the only remaining watershed in the lower Cascades that had not been scarred or denuded by commercial logging. Many, including myself, were outraged by the proposed loss of this last remaining ecosystem to commercial profit. The Obsidians (of which I was a member), other outdoor groups and the general public joined in opposition to the Forest Service plan. Karl Onthank of the University Administration led a bitter fight for preservation. He organized public meetings, including large photographic posters which I made for him in the University Audio-Visual Department. I joined a new organization called "Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness," dedicated to the preservation of French Pete and other areas in the Cascades.

My boys and I began hiking the French Pete trails to enjoy and photograph the valley's unique features through the seasons. The forests and trail, the tumbling whitewater stream, wildflowers and fungi, Quaking Aspen Swamp (unique for the western slope), Olallie Mountain, the flat top of Lowder Mountain, and Pyramid Peak where Gary [Hunter's son] and I camped overnight.

With panoramic slides from these excursions I was inspired to revise an earlier single-screen show to produce a three-screen documentary urging the addition of the French Pete watershed to the Three Sisters Wild Area (now the Three Sisters Wilderness.) Numerous showings were held in Eugene and around the state.

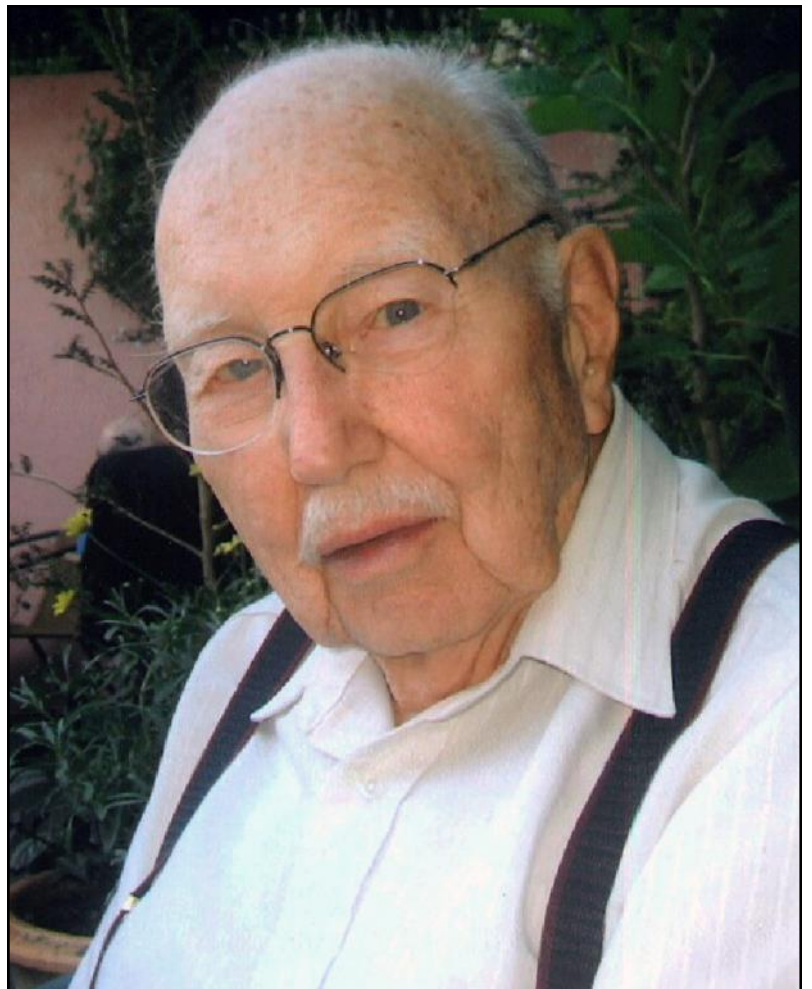
When the controversial French Pete bill came up for hearings before a Senate committee, the Obsidians paid my airfare to Washington, D.C. to testify with my presentation. I took several essential suitcases of equipment to my brother's home in Arlington. There, I arranged to borrow three six-foot screens from the Forest Service, while my nephew furnished an amplifier and stereo speakers, all of which we set up in the Senate hearing room.

As time for my testimony drew near, a presenter for The Forest Service asked to use one of their screens for their slide testimony, which was to follow mine. But after viewing my presentation, they decided to cancel theirs!

Although the bill did not get out of committee that year, it did contribute to later passage.

Editor's Note: Long time Obsidian member Don Hunter will be 100 years old on June 11, 2014. He contacted Janet Jacobsen after reading in the March Bulletin that she needed contributors for a series of articles about wilderness legislation to celebrate the anniversary of the September, 1964, Wilderness Act. Don plans to attend the April ExploraTalk to reminisce with friend Mike McCloskey.

Read more about Don Hunter and his connection to the club in the April 2007 Bulletin article written by Lou Maenz, Publications Chair. She wrote that he was sent the



following year by the Friends of the Three Sisters to help preserve the Rock Mesa area. "The congressmen had thought Rock Mesa was just a pile of rocks. Once again the old adage 'a picture is worth a thousand words' proved true. And to that we need to add: Thank you, Don."

www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2007_Bulletins/2007_04_Bulletin.pdf

April Board Notes

April 2, 2014

By Susan Wanser

President Matt Bell called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Don Colgan, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, Tom Musselwhite, Shellie Robertson, Susan Wanser and Elle Weaver. Also present were: Anne Bonine, Barb Bruns, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Patty MacAfee, Doug Nelson, Joe Sanders, and Chris Stockdale. The Board approved the minutes of the March 2014 meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Tom Musselwhite): The Summer Trips season began April 1 with 68 trips scheduled by 27 leaders.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): March information: 13 hikes, 1 Xski and 1 snowshoe with 81 members and 23 nonmembers. and \$127 collected. Season totals: 41 hikes, 4 Xski trips and 5 snowshoe trips, 314 members and nonmembers. A large round of applause for my committee members: John Cooper, Judy Terry and Elle Weaver.

Climbs (Brian Hamilton): The 2014 Obsidians/EMR Climb School began Monday, 3/31. Twenty-three students registered for the class and about six others remained on the waiting list. Twenty volunteers, fifteen of whom are Obsidians, will help teach the course. So far, there are 19 climbs on this year's climb schedule, led by nine leaders. The Climbs Committee will again offer Conditioning Hikes.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing in March. We worked with Josh of EPOS to improve the Main Trail. We met at the main trailhead and hiked in to work on drainage, muck raking, and garbage clean-up along the main trail. A few of our group helped Josh repair broken fencing on the West Trail.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): Our first bus trip for 2014 to Monroe, Alpine, Bellfountain and Finley Wildlife Refuge was enjoyed by 25 members and one nonmember.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Summer Camp registration went well. Currently 84 persons have signed: 79 members and 5 nonmembers. The Rally will be at the April 25 potluck.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): We had 30 people for the Birding Along I-5 ExploraTalk.

Publication (Lou Maenz): Publications mailed the *Bulletin* to 252 people.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Seventy-one people attended the March Potluck.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Currently there are 417 Active Members, 16 Associate Members, 6 Honorary Members, 9 Junior Members, and 12 Life Members for a total of 460 members.

Publicity (Mary Hamilton): The Obsidians were represented by Publicity Committee members Jorry Rolfe and Mary Hamilton at the Willamalane Center's *Spring Cling* on March 15. The committee is researching the cost of a new events tent. Janet Jacobson wrote an article about the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act for the *Bulletin*. She and Joella Ewing (as representatives of the Publicity Committee and in partnership with the Science and Education Committee) will meet with Charles Clark of Willamette National Forest to discuss involvement in the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 2,184 photos in 172 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery, up from 2,112 photos in 166 albums in March. There are now 260 *likes* of our Facebook page, an increase of four from March.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Barb Bruns worked on the annual lodge insurance renewal.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the activities listed in the March *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): The lodge has been rented for the day of April 5 for a memorial for Dorothy Turner.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Lodge grounds work this month consisted of several work parties: March 18 – First mowing of the year and pulled weeds. March 27 – Gary Kirk leveled all the mole mounds on the grounds so we can mow. April 1 – Major weeding, pruning, grass mowing and cutting back ferns. Thanks to Dick Hildreth, John Jacobsen, Gary Kirk, Ken Kodama, Chris Shuraleff and Jim Whitfield for helping out.

Safety (Pat Esch): The Safety Committee reviewed another Incident Report and will report to the Board. Lyndell Wilken and Pat Esch checked the First Aid Kits at the YMCA plus the Summer Camp hikers' kits. We removed all the expired OTC meds and restocked only Benadryl.

OLD BUSINESS

The Ad Hoc Carpooling Committee reported on their findings. No Board action is required.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Restriction Committee to investigate two incident reports and make recommendations to the Board. The Board approved Pat Esch as the Committee Chair and Anne Bonine, Don Colgan, Brian Hamilton, Shellie Robertson and Elle Weaver as committee members.

The Board gave the approval for the Publicity Committee to purchase a new tent not to exceed \$2,000.

It was discussed that the Bylaws can be changed by the Board, but that changes to the Constitution must be approved at the Annual Meeting to be held on October 10, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on May 7, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at La Perla.

Trip Reports & Other Activities



Byways By Bus

Monroe, Alpine, Finley Wildlife Refuge

March 18, 2014

Leader: Verna Kocken

Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

Twenty-five Obsidians and one guest set off by bus to Monroe. We had a beautiful day, if a bit chilly, for our outing. Our first stop was the new Monroe City Library, where we had our coffee break in the old train depot building which has been incorporated into the new construction—an amazing feat blending the old and the new into something serviceable, historically preserved, efficient and beautiful. An enthusiastic librarian, Lori Pelkey, pointed out some of the remarkable features, including preserved wood surfaces and graffiti from the 1930s, and the new solar, air circulation and lighting systems—all designed to make the space comfortable, efficient and cost effective. Shirley from the Sweet Spot, a local bakery, added her welcome and brought us a delicious coffee cake.

Next we went to the old Monroe Union High School, now simply Monroe High School since the outlying districts all consolidated in the mid-1990s, for a tour hosted by Superintendent Randy Crowson. Mr. Crowson shared the rich local history of the school. He told us of the programs that make Monroe students competitive in the workplace, and in



colleges and universities.

Taking a drive through the town, we soon entered the Christmas tree fields and saw why Monroe considers itself the Christmas tree capital of the world. In Alpine, we were able to travel the circuit of the Alpine Cemetery, with its beautiful views of the valley. We saw the Alpine Communi-

ty Center, but did not go in, proceeding to Bellfountain Park. One feature of the park is a picnic table that goes on and on ... made in the steam lumber mill of Hull Oakes. The single slab table top was cut at the mill and donated to the community. Lunch was brief and very chilly, but the sunshine and the wildflowers were good compensation. From the park, we went to the Bellfountain Community Church where we met Pastor Greg Kline, who talked to us a bit about the local area, the church and the Bellfountain School, which is now also the property of the church. He explained about how the remarkable team of eight young men from Bellfountain took the state basketball trophy in 1937. We got to see the trophy.

We proceeded to Finley Wildlife Refuge, where a nice young woman opened the gift shop for us. We walked the boardwalk over wetlands to the edge of a body of water. We could see some of the ducks and geese and enjoyed the much warmer sunshine. Back on the bus, we took Bruce Road past the southern edge of Finley Refuge, and saw the home place of Mary Lee Cheadle. Here we also got to see red-winged blackbirds in the rushes and many more birds, including white egrets. At points the sky was filled with geese.

Electing to extend our trip a bit, we headed north on Highway 99W toward Corvallis; we then took Peoria Road and found a forested portion thick with blooming trillium. Our trip ended at Shopko at 4:30 PM.

Members: Tom Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Don Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Clara Emlen, Rose Mary Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Mary Hawkes, Janet Jacobsen, Pat Jeffries, Verna Kocken, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Rose Marie Moffitt, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Janet Speelman, Mary Ellen West. Nonmember: Mindy Hollenbeck.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail

February 22, 2014

Leader: Matthew Bell

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

DUE TO THE SNOW AND ICE STORM WE EXPERIENCED IN EARLY FEBRUARY, this month's outing was changed to focus on cleaning up storm debris. Our group met up at the Willamette & 52nd trailhead. We divided tools and began hiking into the park to try to cleanup as much of the Ridge-line and Tie trails as possible. For this work, we would be breaking off into small groups along the way. Clara and Roberta and her grandkids worked on expanding the drain-

age ditch in the low wet area just before the first switchbacks. They cut back new and old storm debris and did some very muddy digging to extend the ditch to drain water that has been softening and puddling on the trail. The rest of us hiked into the Tie Trail junction and we broke into two groups. Dan, Dave, Paris, Mark, and I hiked to Fox Hollow and Junction Meadow and worked back. The other group of Janet, David, Pat, and Connie hiked to Fox Hollow Road and worked back. We worked raking loose material off the trail and scraping dough off of sections to help them drain, checking and cleaning drains, and throwing storm debris away from the trail. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Connie Morehouse, David Cooper, Paris Sinclair.



SnowShoe Trips

Potato Hill
February 16, 2014
Leader: Scott Hovis
Snowshoe: 5 miles, 700 ft. (Difficult)

THIS WAS A FUN GROUP TO SNOWSHOE WITH. People often are not good judges of their abilities. I have led this trip many times in the past and folks don't understand that snowshoeing and elevation gain are not the same as on the valley floor. I've often had to cut the hike short because people were tired, but not today. Hikers were eager to go on. We had eight to twelve inches of new snow to break through, making it a good day to take pictures. A few more blue diamonds have been put up to make it easier to find the trail, however more are needed. Also, the signage was not always accurate—the mileage was incorrect. We had great solitude. I heard some snowmobiles in the distance and one very lost snowmobile stopped for directions, but otherwise it was peaceful. I'm always surprised how many people miss this trail and go right to Hoodoo with the crowds. Members: Mari Baldwin, May Fogg, Lisa Grissell, Scott Hovis. Nonmembers: Ken Ash, Jennifer Haack.

Eagle Rock/Odell Lake Overlook
March 9, 2014
Leader: Scott Hovis
Snowshoe: 3.5 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

A LIGHT OREGON RAIN FOLLOWED US THROUGH THIS CLASSIC HIKE. There were two feet of packed snow and some bare spots. Gray jays patrolled the Mountain View Shelter. We followed a piece of the Pacific Crest Trail and stopped at

the Odell Lake vista. No eagles yet! The guys manning the warming hut and ski patrol said they will stop their Saturday and Sunday presence in mid-April. Maps are available and you will need Sno-Park permits. Members: May Fogg, Lisa Grissell, Scott Hovis.



Ski Trips

Cone Peak
March 2, 2014
Leader: Gordon Sayre
Xski: 7 miles, 1,600 ft. (Difficult)

SEVEN SKIERS GATHERED IN THE RAIN AT SOUTH EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL. Because of a lack of snow at Tombstone Sno-Park, we decided to go to Santiam Pass instead. The forecast had looked good on Friday, but a warmer, stronger, and wetter storm came in on Saturday morning. It was also raining at Santiam Pass when we arrived. We vowed to ski high enough to find the snow level, and we did after an hour or so on the trail, but the snow was blowing sideways and everyone was cold and wet. Dave used an umbrella for shelter during a standing lunch. Chrissy felt ill and returned to the cars early. The rest of us turned around at the ridge, from which we could see nothing whatsoever. On the return, we stopped to visit an igloo left behind by snow campers the night before. Back at the snow park, everyone was happy to get back in a warm car, but Josh and I went on to Hoodoo for a bit of skate skiing. Members: Chrissy Anderson, David McAllister, Sam Miller, Gordon Sayre, Harold Thompson. Nonmembers: Joshua Sayre, Petr Hajek.



Hikes

Heceta Head/Hobbit Trail
February 23, 2014
Leader: Jim Pierce
Hike: 4 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)

THE SUNNY MORNING TURNED INTO DRIZZLE BY THE END OF OUR HIKE. All the hikers started from Yachats—sadly, there were no drivers to bring anyone from Eugene. The spruce forests on Heceta Head are shaped by the wind. The Hobbit Trail is a walk through rhodias. The beaver pond was swollen from recent rains. It was a good day. Members: Barbara Aten, Jim Pierce. Nonmembers: Steve Gunn.

Dorris Ranch/Middle Fork Path

February 26, 2014

Leader: Ruth Romoser

Hike: 8 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD A WONDERFUL MORNING WALKING FROM DORRIS RANCH TO CLEARWATER PARK! We looked at recent storm damage, identified birds, talked to dogs and enjoyed the perfectly clear trail. Members: Hazel Jones, Ruth Romoser. Nonmembers: Jerry Jones.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

February 26, March 5, 12, and 19, 2014

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: February 26 - Members: May Fogg, Chris Gordon, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Ed Lizewski, Tom Rundle, Martha Welches. Nonmembers: Jan Pylar. **March 5** - Members: Janet Jacobsen. **March 12** - Members: May Fogg, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Bob Johnson, Lana Lindstrom, Craig Molitor, Rich Romm, Tom Rundle, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: David Cooper, Kathy Mortimore. **March 19** - Members: Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: David Cooper.

Gwynn Creek/Cooks Ridge Loop

March 1, 2014

Leader & photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 5.7 miles, 650 ft. (Moderate)

IN THE MIST AND LIGHT RAIN, five of us had a great hike through old growth Douglas fir and Sitka spruce. At lunch time we stopped at Cape Perpetua Visitor Center where afterward, we saw a short movie about the Cummins Creek watershed. Members: David Hawkins, Cindy Rust, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Steve Gunn.



Mt. Baldy

March 3, 2014

Leader: Ruth Romoser

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A GREAT DAY TO HIKE MT. BALDY! There was no rain, little wind, and a few sun breaks! The leader improvised, which meant a stop for coffee! Members: Ruth Romoser.

River Campus Loop

March 7, 2014

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 5.2 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

A PARK BENCH ON THE CANAL PATH with the memorial plaque, "A Moment of Bliss", described our sunny and flowery walk through the U of O campus and on the River Path. David Hawkins led us to the Civil War section in the Pioneer Cemetery, a first for many of us. Since I led this hike two months ago, there has been an incredible amount of new landscaping near the I-5 Bridge. Later at the Schnitzer Art Museum, we visited "The Messengers", an interactive installation to "create Twitter-influenced mashups." A staff member helped us text "A Moment of Bliss" to the installation. In a few seconds, we were entertained with LED lights flashing our message and then watched the words change to nonsense tweets. The Marché Museum Café courtyard was a balmy place to eat lunch outside in 62-degree weather. Ruth Romoser said, "I hope to go on another blissful day hike!" Members: Clara Emlen, May Fogg, David Hawkins, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Ruth Romoser, Carolyn Sojak.

Silver Falls State Park

March 8, 2014

Leader: Joe Sanders

Hike: 8.6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN AN OBSIDIAN HIKE LEADER, you know the signup sheet for hikes is like the stock market: it goes up, it goes down; the process has a mind of its own. After hitting an advance signup high of sixteen, ten people actually showed at the car pool meeting place Saturday, March 8. Checking the forecast, even on the morning of the hike, the weather had promised only cloudy with no rain due in until late afternoon, but it began raining on the drive up, and we did the entire hike in the rain, which increased in intensity as the day went on. Despite these limitations and negatives, our day had a spirit of discovery and adventure. This was due significantly to the presence of grandma/member Roberta Chord's three grandkids, Chyanne (11), Trenton (9) and Autumn (7) who bubbled forth in lively participation. They were particularly keen in jockeying for turns in getting to blow bubbles, which hike leader Joe likes to bring along to see where the air currents take them, particularly on waterfall hikes. Making do with the rain was offset

by the enhanced drama of high water levels, increasing the force of the waterfalls. On a soggy day like this, lunch inside in a lodge with tables, comfy chairs, and a fire in the hearth was a welcome respite. The hike leader has done this hike three times in the past five years in casual association with his birthday in February, last time being in 2012. For the hike leader, this year's experience confirms that—especially for us seniors—advancing age is like taxes; it cannot be avoided, and the fight between aches 'n' pains and mustering the exercise needed to keep them at bay, remains an ongoing challenge. Members: Brian Popowsky, Sam Tracer, Michelle Tambellini, Jan Pylar, Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Joe Sanders, Nonmembers: Sandy Hoskinson.

Amazon Headwaters/Baldy
March 15, 2014
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Photographer: Holger Krentz
Hike: 5 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

WE POSED FOR A PHOTO at the new hiker signage on the signpost for Martin and Canyon Drive. Our two-hour loop hike began at the Amazon Headwaters to Fox Hollow, Dillard, Baldy and down the power line road to the Headwa-

ters trail. The hills were alive with the blooms of trillium. We did spy one calypso orchid. On top of Baldy we lingered in the sunshine, enjoying snacks and the views of the foothills and South Sister. Members: May Fogg, Dick Hildreth, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Joanne Ledet, Jan Pylar, Karla Rusow, Leila Snow, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: David Cooper, Sandy Hoskinson, Kathy Mortimore.



MISCELLANEOUS

Glorious Galleries

Check out the *Members Only* Section of the Obsidian Website

MEMBER AND PHOTOGRAPHER **HOLGER KRENTZ** submits his photos within a day or two of his hikes. He had this to say about the new Obsidian photo galleries:

Generally, when I take pictures on a hike, I'm taking them to share with my friends and family who couldn't be with me, to show them the beautiful Oregon scenery. The Obsidian Gallery allows me to share them with my fellow hikers and potential hikers. I want to provide an Obsidian memory of the hike and to give new viewers a sense of what the trail is like, the scenery you'll see along the way and the reward at the end, be it a waterfall or mountain top or whatever. I want to entice them to experience the trail themselves if they haven't been on it before. I know I have looked at other people's pictures and thought, "I would like to go there some day."

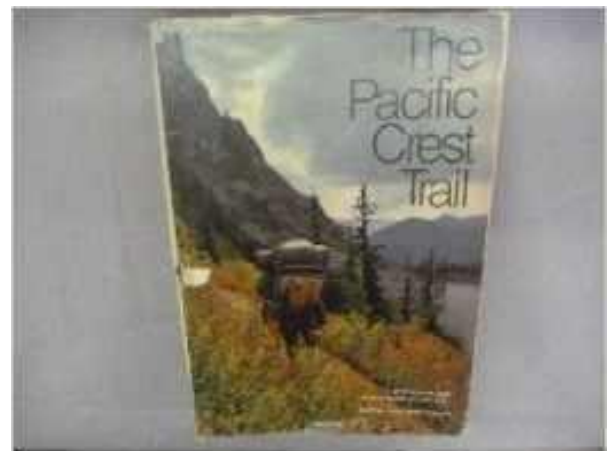
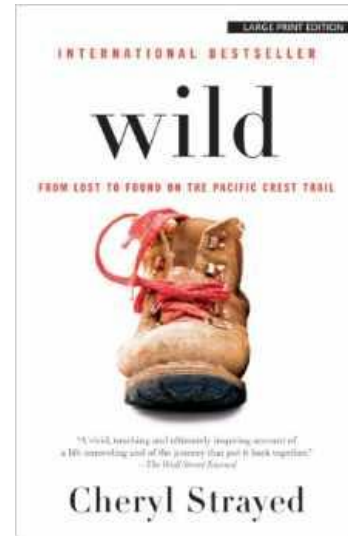
I often wonder how many people actually look at the pictures in the gallery. There are quite a few now and many of them, I must say, are mine (because I enjoy sharing them), but I like to look at other people's pictures too (and I've looked at all of them, even the old, old galleries). I know other people take pictures on hikes, but most don't post them. I'm not sure if they think it is difficult (it's not) or just don't take the time. I know I would like to see them.

If you need help on how to submit photos contact Holger at krentzha@comcast.net or the Online Committee at onlineobs@gmail.com

What are the top three bestsellers about the Pacific Crest Trail?

1. *The High Adventure of Erick Ryback*, 1971
2. *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed, 2012
3. *The Pacific Crest Trail* by William Gray, 1975

Varney Scout Mann in his article, *The Pacific Crest Trail's 3rd Best Seller* in the 2014 winter issue of the Pacific Crest Trail Communicator writes, "But there was a third PCT bestseller. And just like the other two, it changed the author's life." Mann highlights how Gray persuaded *National Geographic* to publish a book on the PCT and thus spent seven months hiking the PCT in 1973 and 1974. That meant carrying 20 pounds of photographic equipment. After 33 years with *National Geographic*, Gray retired and now lives in Durango, CO. It is possible to find a reasonably priced used copy of this best seller long out of print.

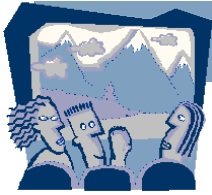


Summer Picture

A poem written around 1933 for the Obsidians, by Margaret Thompson Bentson

the sharpness
of sun on pine
the warm
the stillness
the patches of old snow in the shadows
the rhythm
of heavy hobnailed boots
swinging forward
the feeling
of being high
and free
and far

At The Lodge



POTLUCK

Friday, April 25

Summer Camp Rally

IF YOU'VE SIGNED UP FOR SUMMER CAMP in the Strawberry Wilderness, please attend the Rally—Friday, April 25. This camp is different than our usual ones because we're staying at a youth camp with cabins as well as tent and RV sites... and flush toilets and showers! Lake Creek staff will be providing the meals and there are no assigned chores. Therefore, even for the old hands, it's important to be clear about the facilities and the expectations.

In addition, the Camp Booklet will be distributed to all registered participants.

(Photo of Strawberry Lake By Bill Sullivan)



April Potluck

Friday, April 25, 2014

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, April 15 at 7 PM

Breakthroughs That Have Kept Oregon Green

WE ALL LIKE TO BRAG ABOUT HOW BEAUTIFUL OREGON IS. But how did it stay so green and wonderful when some other states, and even some European countries, no longer have forests? Our April 15 ExploraTalk speaker, himself an Obsidian from 1959–1973, will tell us that for its size, no state has done more to make history in protecting the environment. Oregon occupies a special place in the history of conservation because of the degree of innovation here and the continuity of progress.

Michael McCloskey, past director, CEO, and chairman of the national Sierra Club, will provide picturesque glimpses into his new book, *Conserving Oregon's Environment: Breakthroughs That Made History*. McCloskey celebrates and traces the history of the pioneers and movements that made and continue to keep Oregon pristine. He'll answer questions such as:

Where did this particular program or reserve come from?

Who led the way, and who opposed it?

What difference has it made?

Bring your own questions about places or policies that pique your interest to the Lodge on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 PM for a glimpse of Oregon's important place in environmental history.

Please note Janet Jacobsen's companion article about Mike McCloskey's contributions to the Obsidians, Oregon, and the nation on page one.

Joella Ewing, Conservation, Science & Education Chair

Upcoming

Bus Trips

THERE IS STILL ROOM for more riders on the Tuesday, May 13 bus trip to the Portland Chinese Garden and the Grotto. The cost includes lunch at the Golden Horse Chinese Restaurant. The cost for members is \$65 and \$67 for nonmembers. Call Mary Lee Cheadle at 689-1055 to make your reservation.

More Food III

Date: Wednesday, June 18

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$45 (\$47 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Janet Speelman, 344-3019

THIS TRIP WILL SHOWCASE WILLAMETTE VALLEY FOOD PRODUCERS. Our first stop will be at the Hunton Family Farm near Junction City. The grains and beans grown here should be up and growing. Our coffee break will be here in the education building. Then we will go to the Camas County Mill where the grains are milled and the products are packaged. Then it's off to the Hard Times Distillery in Monroe. Vodka is the main spirit produced. Lunch (on your own) will be at the New Morning Deli in Corvallis. We will stop at the Peoria Farmers' Market on our way to Stahlbush Island Farms. This farm grows and processes fruit and vegetables on 5,000 acres. Our final stop will be in Junction City for Lochmead ice cream.

Mt. St. Helens, NW Trek Wildlife Park

Dates: July 15-16 (Tues—Wed)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth & Bill Arthur

Cost: \$180 (\$184 nonmembers) Barbara Payne 746-1964

Back to the Coast

Date: August 13 (Wednesday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$48 (\$50 nonmembers) to Janet Speelman 344-3019

Oregon History: Men (Families) & Machines

Date: September 11 (Thursday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$55 (\$57 nonmembers) Janet Speelman 344-3019

Fall Color in the Cascades

Date: October 8 (Wednesday)

Leaders: Bill Arthur, Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$45 (\$47 nonmembers) Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

Christmas Lights at River Forks Park

Date: December 2 (Tuesday)

Leader: Verna Kocken

Cost: \$57 (\$59 nonmembers) Liz Reanier 687-1925

Obsidian Calendar

April

9 Wed	Summer Leader Workshop	Musselwhite	.....	461-3296
9 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike	M Young	.....	941-780-4156
13 Sun	Trestle Creek Falls Hike	M Musselwhite	.....	461-3296
14 Mon	Pisgah-Sunset/Moonrise Hike	M Jacobsen	..	343-8030
15 Tue	Conserving Oregon's Environment	.....	ExploraTalk	
16 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike	M Jacobsen	.....	343-8030
19 Sat	Coyote Creek Water	E Lindstrom	.....	683-1409
19 Sat	Wild Iris Ridge Park Hike	E Ledet	.....	683-2603
20 Sun	Yachats to Waldport Hike	M Jacobsen	.....	343-8030
23 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike	M Jacobsen	.....	343-8030
25 Fri	Summer Camp Rally	.....	Potluck	
26 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maint	Bell	.....	503-884-8829
26 Sat	Horse Rock Hike	E Lindstrom	.....	683-1409
27 Sun	North Bank Deer Preserve Hike	Jacobsen	....	343-8030
30 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike	M Jacobsen	.....	343-8030

May

2 Fri	River Campus Loop Hike	E Jacobsen	.....	343-8030
3 Sat	Erma Bell Lakes Hike	E Ewing	.....	344-9197
4 Sun	Diamond Peak Climb	Beardsley	.....	357-0630
10 Sat	Diamond Peak Climb	Harris	.....	521-5807
11 Sun	Ankeny Refuge Bike	M Hughes	.....	933-5542
11 Sun	Mt. St. Helens Climb	Hansen	.....	360-852-2041
13 Tue	Portland Chinese Garden Bus	Cutsforth	.....	746-4929
14 Wed	Pisgah-Sunset/Moonrise Hike	M Jacobsen	..	343-8030
16 Fri	French Glen Extended Trip	E Camp	.....	685-1964
17 Sat	Hills of SW Eugene Hike	M Ledet	.....	683-2603
18 Sun	Cayuse Creek Hike	M Musselwhite	.....	461-3296
28 Wed	Spencer Butte Trail Maint	M Bell	.....	503-884-8829
29 Thu	Scio Covered Bridges Bike	M Hughes	.....	933-5542
30 Fri	Trip Thru Scotland	.....	Potluck	
30 Fri	Blacklock Point Coast Backpack	M Hovis	.....	731-3412
31 Sat	Mt. Hood Climb	Beardsley	.....	357-0630

June

1 Sun	Dog Mountain Hike	D Giesen	.....	554-4162
3 Tue	Footsteps of the Kalapuya	.....	ExploraTalk	
7 Sat	National Trails Day Trl Mnt	M Bell	.....	503-884-8829
7 Sat	Ridgeline Trail Celebration Hike	E Jacobsen	.....	343-8030
7 Sat	South Sister Climb	Deeter	.....	954-0924
8 Sun	Heceta Head/Hobbit Trail Hike	M Lipton	.....	736-7498
12 Thu	Pisgah-Sunset/Moonrise Hike	M Jacobsen	...	343-8030
13 Fri	Trout Creek Mountains Bk Pk	D Sullivan	....	683-6837
13 Fri	Mt. Rainier Climb	Beardsley	.....	357-0630
15 Sun	Brownsville - Corvallis Loop Bike	D Hegg	...	484-0619
17 Tue	Down the McKenzie	.....	ExploraTalk	
18 Wed	More Food III Bus	West	.....	343-5492
20 Fri	Cascadia Cave Rock Shelter Hike	E Ewing	...	344-9197
21 Sat	Mt. Pisgah-Sunset Hike	M Jacobsen	.....	343-8030
21 Sat	Mt. Thielsen Climb	Willhite	.....	406-570-4514
22 Sun	Three Mile Lake Hike	M Hovis	731-3412
22 Sun	Browder Ridge Hike	D Giesen	554-4162

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