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Dates to Remember

October 14	Board Meeting
October 23	Potluck
October 31	<i>Bulletin</i> deadline
November 4	Board Meeting

Complete current schedules at:
www.obsidians.org or
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**Reminder: There will be no
 December *Bulletin***

Dues Reminder

MANY THANKS to everyone who has already sent in dues for 2016! If you haven't already done so, please take a minute and mail in your check (\$30). If you prefer, you're welcome to use your online banking to have the check sent to us. Questions? I will be happy to help.

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Was it a Record Breaking Week?

September 9-15, 2015

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TOO MANY CHOICES—especially when the weather forecast is for T-shirts and shorts. Approximately 102 members and 27 nonmembers participated in 12 activities the week of September 9-15. Thanks to leaders:

- Mike Smith—Spencer Butte
- Jim Duncan—Matthieu Lakes
- Janet Jacobsen—Mt. Pisgah
- Pat Esch—Siltcoos Kayak/Canoe
- Scott Hovis—Indigo Lake backpack
- Valerie Metcalfe—North Umpqua car camp
- Marci Hansen—Mt. Thielsen climb
- Dave Cooper—Grizzly Peak
- Jane Hackett—Rosary Lakes
- Nancy White—Cape Mountain
- Sharon Cutsforth—Yellowstone bus trip
- Tom Musselwhite and Joella Ewing— ExploraTalk

Read the trip reports beginning on page four.

Hike to Support the Paris Climate Change Summit

IN EARLY DECEMBER, WORLD GOVERNMENTS WILL MEET IN PARIS to work on reaching a new global agreement to address climate change. For a few weeks, the world's attention will be squarely focused on the climate crisis and what needs to be done to solve it. Environmental groups around the world are planning events that bring attention to the need for serious action to protect the climate for ourselves and future generations. Saturday, November 28, has been set as the date worldwide, for people to meet in the streets and show support for meaningful action to be taken at the Paris Climate Summit.

Join green businesses, faith-based groups, environmental groups, youth groups and others to walk about 1.5 miles from Alton Baker Park to downtown Eugene. Come as you are, or bring your skis, snowshoes, backpacks, bicycles, kayaks strapped to a wagon, binoculars, wet suit, water wings, fishing rod, signs of support, or any other items to let others know: *Nature lovers support action on climate protection.*

Several Obsidians, Becky Lipton assisted by Mike Smith and Scott Hovis, plan an event in support of this meeting.

More information will be included in the November *Bulletin*.

Book and Film Recommendations from Bob Welch

AT THE APRIL 2015 POTLUCK, presenter Bob Welch suggested two books and a film he thinks are well worth our time.

The first book, *The Last Season* by Eric Blehm, is the biography of a back-country ranger, Randy Morgenson. Into this book Blehm weaves together an interesting tale of Randy Morgenson's 28 summers on the job in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The book ends with a discussion of his last season and his disappearance at age 54. It is a truly gripping story, and few will not be touched by this man's life and reverence for nature.

Mile...Mile & a Half. In this film five friends hike California's historic John Muir Trail, a stretch from Yosemite to Mt. Whitney, recording and filming the sights and sounds they encounter for a feature-length documentary. It is, according to the reviews on Google, an absolutely spectacular story of the challenges and wackiness of hiking 211 miles with 80,000 feet of elevation changes. It makes you want to add one more trip to your bucket list.

Cascade Summer: My Adventure on the Pacific Crest Trail by Bob Welch. The reviews on Amazon praise this book highly as being both a good adventure and an inspirational read. It is especially so for those of us who have followed and loved Welch's columns. His trek was the dream of a lifetime. He and his brother-in-law took a summer to hike the PCT and ran into problems that any hiker knows can happen but prays won't. They faced the trials of the trail with the fortitude and toughness of through hikers. The book is pure Welch at his story telling best.

Members (as of 9/1/15)

Active	426
Associate	14
Honorary	6
Junior	8
Life	11
Total	465

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Jim Pierce: 75 Leader and 200 Trip Awards

JIM PIERCE WILL RECEIVE HIS 75 LEADER AWARD AND HIS 200 TRIP AWARD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, Friday, October 9. His first lead was a climb of Mt. Shasta in 2001 followed by a hike to Sweet Creek. That set the trend of switching back and forth from climbs to hikes. He stood on top of Mt. Thielsen, Mt. Washington, Mt. St. Helens and Diamond Peak. He shared Sweet Creek, Silver Falls, Diamond Creek Falls, Kentucky Falls and other nature spots with so many members. He led easy snowshoe trips. He had a huge contingent on his beach hike to see the New Carissa ship wreck for the last time. He continued to lead after he moved to Yachats and later to Gresham.

In his first trip report for Sweet Creek, he wrote "Six veteran Obsidians braved torrential Oregon 'sunshine' to make the scenic two-mile hike." In his last Sweet Creek report in 2012, his words were still enthusiastic, "Ten tenacious travelers tromped treed trails. The Sweet Creek trail was wet. The river had a healthy flow, so the waterfalls were full. There is so much to see on such a short stroll. Due to sharp eyes, close to the ground, we saw all seven fern types. For a time, a snail named Fred joined our hike. What a marvelous day to share!" Thank you Jim for leading 75 of those 200 trips.

Congratulations!

Editor's Note: Jim was President in 2010.



High Cascade Forest Volunteers

Rob Castleberry

HIGH CASCADE FOREST VOLUNTEERS (HCFV) headed to the North Waldo area to clear logs from two scenic trails on Saturday, October 3. Obsidian members Bub Theus, Randy Sinnott, and Rob Castleberry participated in clearing the way. Many people have the mistaken idea that the Forest Service keeps all our trails passable. For the Waldo Wilderness, all trail work is done by volunteers, and the backlog is tremendous. Twenty years after the intense fire that swept this area, large numbers of trees continue to fall across the trails. Power equipment is not allowed in wilderness areas, so we used crosscut saws and ingenuity to move the logs expeditiously and safely. Tools and instruction in their use were provided. You, too, can be a sawyer. To find out about future trail maintenance activities, contact Rob Castleberry at robc@efn.org

Who Named Our Club?

WHEN THE ORGANIZATION FORMED IN 1927, it was first called the Eugene Outdoor Club. In 1928 the first summer camp, in a beautiful spot on the Skyline Trail, five miles south of Frog Camp, was named Obsidian Camp from the jet black obsidian on the ground.

"Most of the eighteen members of the first summer camp, had climbed the Husband and Middle Sister and seven had climbed the North, but it was on the trip to the South Sister that the idea of changing the name of the club came to Henry Korn, as the party of six stumbled over so much more jet black obsidian than where the camp was located. At the first Annual meeting held October 2, 1928, in McMorran's Auditorium, the name Eugene Outdoor Club was dropped and Obsidians, it was to be." By Ray Sims in the December, 1937 *Bulletin*.

Trip Reports & Other Activities



Hikes

Dog Mountain

May 30, 2015

Leader: Becky Lipton

Hike: 7 miles, 2,900 ft. (Difficult)

IN ANY NORMAL YEAR, the wildflowers on Dog Mountain are peaking in the early weeks of June, while the rainy season continues. This year, after unheard of heat and essentially no rain since April, the wildflowers had likely peaked in mid-May, about two weeks before our hike. Still, there were enough late succession flowers in bloom and some fading remnants of balsamroot and other early bloomers, to provide an enjoyable wildflower outing. Members: Becky Lipton, Ernst Schwintzer.

Iron Mountain/Cone Peak

June 27, 2015

Leader: Becky Lipton

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 6.7 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

IN ANY NORMAL YEAR, late June is at best, the very beginning of the great wildflower season on Iron Mountain and Cone Peak Meadows. And frequently, late June is either too early for the flower show or the trails are still under many feet of snow. This year, however, after unheard of heat and essentially no rain since April, the wildflowers had peaked in Cone Peak Meadows in early June, a good two weeks before our hike. In addition, the week had already had temps in the high 90s all week in town, and we were expecting another blazing hot day, with over 90 degrees expected—even on the mountain peak. Fortunately for us, there were adequate blooms for a very enjoyable hike. And, we were treated on Iron Mountain, with an abundance of late succession flowers, including several sightings of the rarely-seen pink cascade lily. Members: Betty



Grant, Janet Hall, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, Brian Popowsky, Tom Rundle, Art Skach. Nonmembers: James Brown.

Red Butte

August 15, 2015

Leader: Robert Smythe

Photographer: Rebecca Eastwood

Hike: 11.8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

TEN HIKERS GATHERED AT THE DUFFY LAKE TRAILHEAD on a near-perfect day for an outing. We continued up past



Duffy Lake and Mowitch Lake and had a bite of lunch at tiny Alice Lake before climbing the steep summit trail to Red Butte. We had the top all to ourselves and enjoyed superb views in all directions. On the descent, several hikers succumbed to the temptation to swim in Duffy Lake and reported very comfortable water temperatures. On the way down from Duffy Lake, the leader tripped and executed a face plant, causing one hiker to suggest that a note of the event was called for in the trip report. Duly noted. Members: Nancy Allender, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Sam Miller, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Robert Smythe. Nonmembers: Mike Unsworth, Tom Etges, Noah Lee.

Opie Dilldock (Clockwise)

August 22, 2015

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 14 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)

I CALLED STANLEY THE NIGHT BEFORE, since nobody else had signed up, and I wasn't sure what to do about the hike. I suggested that he do some hikes here in Eugene and then maybe Maxwell Butte, rather than starting with an out-and-back to Opie Dilldock. This hike was a tough one. I got an

early start and was on Scott Trail at 8:25 AM. It was windy and cold enough that I actually put on my sweatshirt two hours into the hike. I wanted to climb Collier Cone, but I was solo, didn't like the footing, and there were 30-knot winds in my face. It was an easy decision to go to Glacier View—what there is of it. Such a dramatic difference between last year and this year. Sad. Scott Trail didn't have too much dust—less than Obsidian, and I look forward to leading Four-in One-Cone later this season. For a Saturday, there were remarkably few people, and almost as many deer. For future reference: it is 3.2 miles to Volcanic I on Scott Trail, it is 7.75 miles to Glacier View, and the net elevation gain is 2,225 feet. The actual is at least 2,500, if not 3,000. Members: Mike Smith.

Larison Creek
August 23, 2015
Leader: Jane Hackett
Hike: 7 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THREE OF US TRIED TO GET OUT OF THE SMOKE, with no luck. It was a warm day with smoke, but walking in the trees next to a pretty creek did improve the general atmosphere. The smoke was far less noticeable. Driving back into the valley was depressing. Members: Jane Hackett. Nonmembers: Steve Adey, Noah Lee.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte
August 26, 2015 through September 23, 2015
Leaders: Janet Jacobsen, Carla Cooper, Mike Smith
Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: AUGUST 26—Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Karla Rusow, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Gary Spizizen. Nonmembers: Anita Pierce. **SEPTEMBER 2**—Members: Marianne Camp, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter, James Lavagnino. **SEPTEMBER 9**—Members: David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Anita Pierce, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter, Steve Adey, James Lavagnino. **SEPTEMBER 16**—Members: Mari Baldwin, Rob Castleberry, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, David Reinhard, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Marlene Malone. **SEPTEMBER 23**—Members: Keiko Bryan, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Gary Spizizen. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter, James Lavagnino, Edith Roberts, Marlene Malone.

Spencer Butte Sunset/Moon Rise
August 29, 2015
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Photographer: Darko Sojak
Hike: 2.2 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

THE EVENING CLOUDS MASKED THE SUNSET prompting us to not linger for an off chance we might see the full moonrise. The leader was remiss in not using her headlamp and scraped her forehead when she fell not too far from the

parking lot. Thanks to everyone in the parking lot who used their flashlights to assess that it had stopped bleeding. The slight scrape did not really need the smallest band aid



created at Urgent Care. Call it a full moon adventure. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Lucy Nelson, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Jane Kay, Noah Lee, Dianna Bordewick, Jessica Lee.

Arrowhead Lake/Obsidian Trail
August 30, 2015
Leader: Rich Romm
Photographer: Darko Sojak
Hike: 13 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

IT WAS A COLD AND RAINY DAY. We did the Obsidian Loop.



When we started on the climbers trail, the weather worsened so we did not make it to Arrowhead Lake. Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Jennifer Haynes, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Rich Romm, Darko Sojak.

Hand Lake Area
September 1, 2015
Leader: Jim Duncan
Hike: 5 miles, 280 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS CLOUDY AND OVERCAST IN EUGENE as our group of ten set out for a short hike in the Hand Lake area, so the gorgeous, sunny weather we encountered once we were at higher elevations came as a complete surprise. We drove to Scott Lake and stopped to take in the beautiful vista across the lake of the Three Sisters before setting off on the trail.

We continued on a ridge above Hand Lake alongside a lava flow, and then cut across the lava following the route of the 1872 wagon road built by John Craig and his crew. We headed back towards Hand Lake, which had dried up earlier in the summer—only a small muddy puddle remained. We made our way to Hand Lake Shelter overlooking a beautiful meadow, where we stopped for lunch with nice views of the top of Mt. Washington and Belknap Crater in the distance. This area became a popular ski area beginning in the 1930s and the Obsidians played a prominent role in its development—an Obsidian work party first cleared and graded a ski run near Hand Lake in 1932. In the fall of 1939, several Obsidian work parties cleared three ski runs in the area, and that same year, the Forest Service constructed the three-sided Adirondack Hand Lake Shelter. Over the years, the shelter began to deteriorate and in 1993, several Obsidians work parties, including several current members, helped to renovate the historic shelter. After lunch, we headed back on the trail to Scott Lake where we lingered awhile enjoying the views of the mountains and the lake as well as slices of cold watermelon. It was a beautiful day to be in the mountains with a congenial group of hikers. Members: Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Patricia Esch, Yuan Hopkins, Sandra Larsen, Patricia Mac Afee, Helen Martz, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Lamonte Smith, Steve Hennes.

River/Campus Loop

September 4, 2015

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

OUR FIRST STOP WAS THE WAYNE MORSE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE to view the three large illuminated murals titled *Life, Liberty and Pursuit* by artist Matthew Ritchie. On the Peter De Fazio Bridge, we sadly noted how the new 12-story student resident hall, The Hub, stretched up in front of Spencer Butte. The Nobel Peace Park, honoring 24 U.S. winners, was a quiet stop in Alton Baker Park before the festive atmosphere of the Autzen Football stadium complex. We must have been the only ones not wearing Duck attire viewing the Heisman trophy resting on the eight metal layers representing Marcus Mariota's life. On the Autzen footbridge, we took a quick look at the balanced rock sculptures dotting the Willamette River and headed for the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art. The highlight was August Rodin's *Burgher Of Calais* bronze sculpture, a Masterwork On Loan. Congratulations to May Fogg on her 100th trip with the club. Members: May Fogg, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Dave Predeek.

Maxwell Butte

September 6, 2015

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 11.5 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

DRIVING TO HIKES EARLY on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend is a treat. We five went in one car, drove up, did Maxwell Butte, and returned in eight hours. Now, we didn't hurry, and I drove the speed limit. Since there was no traffic, we were on the trail early. I noted on the trip description to bring lots of water and sunscreen. Instead, we had mist com-

ing off waterways, 40-degree weather, we put on pants at the trailhead, and then we were treated to a lovely light rain on the summit of Maxwell Butte. Well, I liked the rain, but I've



seen Three Fingered Jack twice from the summit. Others reminded me of the Maxwell Butte hike a year ago where the visibility wasn't even to the trees from the rocks (that would be about 15 yards), and they beat a hasty retreat. The visibility was better, but still not the requisite three miles to Three Fingered Jack. We didn't stay long, although I personally enjoyed the rain. On the way down, I thought I could hike fast, but I was chasing the whole group the whole way. Maxwell Butte is ten miles round trip at 2,510 vertical. You enter the Jefferson Wilderness at 1.3 miles. Having hiked it last March, much of it in snow, it was fascinating to see where I had missed the trail a few times. It was a good group, and they made my job no job at all. The trail is a lot better than it used to be. There are still a few logs to cross, but it has improved. Members: Ernst Schwintzer, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Steve Adey.

Butterfly Pavilion, Umpqua Days Celebration

September 6, 2015

Leader: Joella Ewing

Hike: 2 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

ALL 12 PARTICIPANTS RATED THE ELKTON BUTTERFLY PAVILION AND FORT UMPQUA CELEBRATION A 5-STAR DAY—from the barbecue lunches at 12:30 PM through the historical pageant at 5:00 and on through dinner at Tomaselli's Pastry Mill in downtown Elkton. A glorious sunny day didn't hurt anything either. We enjoyed dozens of monarch butterflies in the pavilion, an open fort with period demonstrations by folks in period costumes, a beautiful flower garden, a plant nursery and sale, a stroll through the woods to see huge and interesting sculptures, a library and quilt show and a café where we could grab something cold. We arrived back in Eugene tired but happy about 9:30. Members: Joella Ewing, Evelyn Nagy, Barbara Schomaker, Michelle Tam-

bellini. Nonmembers: Louise Bartels, Steve Hennes, Alison Hennes, Terry Magness, Tom Magness, Cory Findley, Noah Lee, Cindi Bartels.

Matthieu Lakes

September 9, 2015

Leader: Jim Duncan

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL, CLEAR DAY to be in the mountains as we started our relatively easy hike to Matthieu Lakes. We took the upper trail towards South Matthieu Lake, our destination for lunch. At a high point along the trail, we stopped several times to look back at the mountains in the distance. Not only were Mt. Washington, Three Fingered Jack, and Mt. Jefferson apparent, but in the distance, Mt. Hood was easily visible. Just before descending to South Matthieu Lake, we stopped for a few minutes for a brief tutorial by Tom on the geology of the lava flows in front of us, and their origins. We had a leisurely lunch with great views of North Sister, with enough time for Nola to test the waters of the lake (cool), and for Tom to provide a little additional geological information. We headed back on the lower trail to North Matthieu Lake where we lingered awhile as Dave P. tested the waters there (also cool). We returned to our cars after a very pleasant outing and enjoyed slices of cold watermelon before heading for home. Members: Alan Curtis, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Steve Hennes, Yuan Hopkins, Debbie Krakauer, Nola Nelson, Dave Predeek, Tom Rundle, Barbara Schomaker, David Strutin.

Mt. Pisgah—Find the Benches

September 10, 2015

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Rick Ahrens

Hike: 6 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

KEIKO BRYANT AND RICK AHRENS, with their Mt. Pisgah Nature Guide background, were the experts to find the



memorial benches. It was a four-mile loop on the Arboretum and South Meadow trails. We quickly lost count of the number of benches and remembering the poignant quotes. Of interest was the stone and wood bench in the South Meadow Wetland Overlook built by Eagle Scout, Ed Vinis, in

memory of his father. Keiko and her son, a Boy Scout, participated in the project. Mike Shirk's bench by the Octopus Tree reminds us that it is spring when you see the calypso orchids. We found the new replacement bench for Clarence Scherer, who was a long-time member of the club. We added another mile or so to check out two more benches on the Swing Trail. Next time I lead this in cooler weather, we will make it to the summit to include the bench for another long-time member, Bill Morse. It was a reflective way to spend a morning ambling with friends. Members: Rick Ahrens, Keiko Bryan, Janet Jacobsen.

Grizzly Peak

September 12, 2015

Leader: David Cooper

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 10 miles, 2,700 ft. (Difficult)

OUR DAY BEGAN WITH A HIKE up to Pamela Lake. Along the way, we passed through contrasting sections of mossy



green and barren boulders. The boulders are from a 2006 debris flow that came from the Milk Creek Glacier on Mt. Jefferson. After a short break and a glimpse of Pamela Lake—which is more meadow than lake this year, we started up the long switchbacks to Grizzly Peak. Our reward was a view of Mt. Jefferson as the trail reached the ridge. Then on to the summit for a better view. We enjoyed a leisurely lunch and studied the west face of Jefferson. Some in our group had climbed Jefferson and they pointed out the approaches they had used. Then we retraced our steps enjoying the spots of vibrant fall colors along the Pamela Creek drainage. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Richard Lemon, Patty Morrow, Brian Popowsky, David Strutin, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Tom Etges.

Upper Rosary Lake

September 13, 2015

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 7 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

THREE OF US ENJOYED A BEAUTIFUL DAY at the Rosary Lakes. We were joined by a fisherman who made ten trips throughout the summer to fish, and a couple of backpackers—their backpacks looked like they would be hiking for a

month. Cool breezes and just right temperatures made for a good hike. Members: Jane Hackett, Noah Lee, Jan Pylar.

Cape Mountain

September 13, 2015

Leader: Nancy White, Assistant: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

THREE HIKERS LEFT EUGENE and four hikers left Depoe Bay at the same time, 8:00 AM, on a morning that promised cool, fair weather. The Eugene and Depoe Bay cars met at the road turning off Highway 101 to Cape Mountain at 9:30 and we were on the Dry Lake Trailhead by 10:00. The weather forecast was accurate and we had partially sunny skies and cool, breezy weather. What a wonderful eight mile hike through shaded, old growth forest, primarily populated with Douglas fir, Sitka spruce, western red cedar, hemlock and red alder. We saw trees that were six feet in diameter, and Alan saw a Sitka spruce that was seven to eight feet in diameter. The ocean and dunes were visible through the trees along the last half of our hike. There were limited monkey flowers, and a few foxglove still in bloom, and many red and evergreen huckleberry bushes. We stopped for lunch after easily crossing Berry Creek. Many thanks to Alan for identifying trees and bushes along the way. Also thanks to Janet for sharing dried apples from her garden as we stopped for a look at the Indian shelter. Janet also had cold, delicious plum applesauce, also from her garden, waiting for us at the end of the hike. What a great way to end our hike! We returned to the trailhead at 2:10 and were on the road by 2:30. Members: Alan Curtis, Janet Jacobsen, Nancy White. Nonmembers: Steve Adey, Lori Czerwinski, Anne Bradley, Don Foot.

SOLVE Beach Clean Up

September 19, 2015

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

TODAY WE HAD AWESOME SHORT-SLEEVE WEATHER and a



great group of people. The beach was amazingly clean. Thanks to all for their participation. A special thanks to Keiko. Even though she was unable to go with us, she drove across town the morning of our hike and delivered refresh-

ments to us in the form of a big box of plums from her garden. After the beach cleanup, our happy group stopped at the Bridgewater in Florence for a great lunch. Members: Joella Ewing, Jan Pylar, Ernst Schwintzer, Darko Sojak, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry.

Rebel Rock/Rebel Creek Loop

September 19, 2015

Leader: Randy Sinnott

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 12.3 miles, 3,300 ft. (Difficult)

THE FACT THAT ED LOVEGREN, A RECENTLY DEPARTED OBSIDIAN OF LONG STANDING (his obituary is in the September



2015 issue of the *Bulletin*), had led this hike 19 times was not on my radar when I chose to lead it. Nor was the fact he fondly referred to it as the *Rebel Rock Death March*. Ed was clearly a robust hiker who didn't mince words when it came to telling the facts. Our group, all twelve Obsidians, opted to take the trail in a clockwise circuit, putting the elevation behind us while we were still fresh. After a false start—I walked by the trail a hundred feet before coming up on Rebel Creek, we got turned around and under way. This trail is not as well-worn as most of the trails we enjoy. It was narrow and rocky the first quarter-mile and obscured by salal over much of the first section. The trail climbs steadily for nearly five miles. The upper meadow portions of the trail are through dense patches of thimbleberry and we stepped over many deep holes, most likely the entries to mountain beaver burrows. The comment I heard more than once, “this would be a good spring conditioning hike”, was an astute observation. A low elevation trailhead allows access earlier than most trails and you gain over 3,000 feet to achieve the ridge with the first best view. And oh, what a view! We had lunch looking north across a deep, unlogged valley with the Three Sisters not far beyond. The Sisters were mantled with an autumn blanket of snow. Hard to beat and extra uplifting to know it was all downhill from here. We descended a half-mile to the old Rebel Rock lookout, which sits on a rocky outcrop with a view to the south and the drainage of the South Fork McKenzie River. The lookout is still standing though beyond its serviceable life. We admired the locale and the construction, took photos and moved on. We met a group of hikers here and they kindly waited until our crowd was off the site before they crowded on. We discussed a

bushwhack to the actual rock formation known as Rebel Rock, but decided against putting in the extra effort when we still had seven miles to go. The remainder of the hike was dropping down into the valley of Rebel Creek which descends endlessly and we were able to appreciate how much elevation we had put behind us on the morning approach. We paralleled the creek, hundreds of feet above it, for several miles. The layout of this gorge keeps the north slope in shadow most of the day. We could see sunny forest across the way as we hiked miles through moist cedar and past patches of Devil's Club in an early afternoon dusk. After some hours, we could hear the creek and eventually crossed it twice on hewn logs with a single railing high above the water. The logs still showed signs of the chainsaws that had been used to fashion their treads. Everyone appeared satisfied, if not relieved, when the parking lot came in sight seven hours after we had left it. It was a pleasure to spend this day with such a stalwart team of hikers. And thanks to Ed Lovegren for keeping this hike on our collective radar. Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Ellen Johnson, Steven Johnson, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Rich Romm, Randy Sinnott, Elle Weaver.

Gwynn Creek/Cooks Ridge Loop

September 20, 2015

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 7.5 miles, 650 ft. (Moderate)

DESPITE A HUMID DAY, our group of 14 enjoyed a hike through old-growth Sitka spruce and Douglas fir. After a short break at



Cape Perpetua Visitor Center, we stopped in Yachats for a seafood lunch. Thanks to Harriet for sharing her knowledge of mushrooms and to Carla for sweeping. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, May Fogg, Yuan Hopkins, Harriet Kelly, Debbie Krakauer, Sue Meyers, Jan Pylar, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Barbara Schomaker, Darko Sojak, Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers: Dana Buzzelli.

Coffin Mountain/Bachelor Mt.

September 24, 2015

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 7 miles, 2,135 ft. (Moderate)

WE STARTED HIKING AT 10:15 AM to the Coffin Mountain lookout, where we planned to eat lunch. After picture taking

and exploring, we decided to head back down since it was too windy and too early for lunch. We then drove 0.7 miles to the Bachelor trailhead to start hiking again at 12:15. By 1:30 all of us were basking in the sun, eating our lunch with our eyes fixed on the parade of peaks from Mt. Hood to the Three Sisters. Bill Sullivan writes that you "can look down on Coffin Mountain as if to peer into the casket's lid". Back at the cars at 3:00, all of us raved about the views not only



on top, but especially while hiking on the ridge through the open meadow. It was fun for the leader to take ten experienced hikers on new trails. I hope someone will lead it in the spring to check out the wildflowers and the abundant bear-grass meadows. It was well worth the two-hour drive. Members: Brad Bennett, Marianne Camp, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Meg Stewart Smith.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte

July 29, 2015

Leader: Matthew Bell

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

THIS OUTING WAS A SPECIAL TREAT. Years after the installation, we were able to help with the very first removal of the barrier fencing from the park. And, it happened to be from the Butte's summit! We hiked up the Butte to the summit using the newly-completed summit portion with the Natural Resources new staff member Deverton Cochran. After admiring all the work that was completed by Oregon Woods we hiked back down to the tree line to pick up the pieces of barrier fencing (posts and rails) and carry them back down to the parking lot. We were able to pack out all but two posts. Along the way up and down the trail, Roberta, Autumn, and Chyanne picked up litter found on the trail. One other cool occurrence was coming across a gopher snake waiting patiently for us to pass so that it could cross the trail. Members: Matthew Bell, Oliver Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Dan Gilmore, Todd Larsen, David Lodeesen. Nonmembers: Roland Hanselmann.

Amazon Headwaters

August 26, 2015

Leader: Matthew Bell

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

FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING most of us were allowed to venture outside of Spencer Butte Park to do volunteer work on the Amazon Headwaters Trail. We met at 5:30 PM at the Fox Hollow Trailhead parking lot to work independently cutting back plants from the trailsides. Our group actually split into two groups. One group, consisting of Dan and David Lodeesen, hiked up the Ridgeline Trail to cut back a clump of blackberries that grows over the trail. Clara cleaned the trailhead kiosk and cut back brush from the rock retaining wall so neatly that it can once again be enjoyed as a bench by passers-by. The rest of our group hiked down the Amazon Headwaters Trail and worked back up cutting back blackberries, ferns, and vine maple using brushcutters, machettes, clippers. Members: Matthew Bell, Oliver Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Autumn Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, David Lodeesen, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Dianna Bordewick.

Spencer Butte Litter Pick Up

September 17, 2015

Leader: Matthew Bell

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

IN ADVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING DAY'S FESTIVITIES (the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new summit trail) we hiked up the Butte collecting as much litter as possible. We had three 13-gallon garbage bags about halfway full of beer bottles and cans, chewing gum, bags of dog poop, gum and candy wrappers, and the occasional oddity such as an electronic antenna and men's underwear. Special thanks go to Clara Emlen for cleaning the trailhead so well that when the city staffer arrived with a blower he found he had nothing to do. Members: Matthew Bell, Oliver Bell, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Tommy Young.

Spencer Butte—National Public Lands Day

September 26, 2015

Leader: Matthew Bell

Trail Maintenance: 1 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF EARLY RISERS met at the Fox Hollow Trailhead parking lot for the first Saturday morning outing of the fall. For this month's project, we borrowed a broader assortment of tools from the City to finish our work cutting back brush from the sides of the upper half of the trail. Using loppers, hand-clippers, and weed cutters we cut back blackberries, vine maple, and poison oak. We also used terra hoes to clear a section of ditch for this coming winter's wet weather. A need to take Oliver off trail for a break led to the discovery of an abandoned campsite complete with collapsed tarps and still set-up cot. Clara once again did a great job cleaning the kiosk and trailhead area. Members: Matthew Bell, Oliver Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeck, Pat Soussan.



Car Camping

North Umpqua River

September 11, 2015

Leader: Valerie Metcalfe

Car Camp: (Moderate)

WE HAD GREAT WEATHER ON THE NORTH UMPQUA for a three-night campout at Horseshoe Bend Campground. Some participants hiked a five-mile stretch along the North Umpqua Trail, while others went to the top of Tipsoo Peak. Many visited the numerous waterfalls along the river. It was great weather for a last hurrah of summer. We all enjoyed a group meal Saturday evening of salmon on the grill along with potluck sides provided by the participants. Members: Wayne Cleall, May Fogg, Valerie Metcalfe, Evelyn Nagy, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Darko Sojak, Pamela Swisher, Ron Swisher, Sam Tracer. Nonmembers: John Moser, Marissa Athens.



Kayak/Canoe

Women's Siltcoos Kayak/Canoe

September 9, 2015

Leader: Patricia Esch

Water: (Easy)

SOME OF THE GROUP STARTED THE TRIP with a sunny, relaxed paddle on Cleawox Lake in Honeyman State Park. We ate lunch on a sand bank and enjoyed watching the folks across the lake slide down a large dune. Lost, one camera into the lake. Nine miles down a back road on the east side of Siltcoos Lake is the LCC Siltcoos Station and Learning Center where 11 of us arranged ourselves in the four funky cabins. The Eugene-to-Coos Bay rail line runs right in front of the cabins, and I wondered about its schedule. We had included the historical boathouse in our reservation for dinner gatherings, but LCC had unexpectedly removed all the furniture because the property had been sold. We were the last group to rent it. Since the weather was so balmy, we were content to use a picnic table and camp chairs for our dining area. Anticipating an evening paddle from the LCC dock, we ate an early shared meal. The crowning glory was two homemade pies by Jackie: marionberry and rhubarb. Yum! We decided to take a walk up the road and never got in our evening paddle. Someone

saw mysterious lights that night and others heard a train rumble by. The next morning we drove to Westlake boat ramp on the other side of Siltcoos Lake and went for a paddle down Siltcoos Canoe Trail which goes from lake to river to ocean. There is a small dam on the way presenting a complicated portage: getting out on the high side, moving our boats down a slide to the low side and getting back in. It seemed daunting and awkward at first, but we worked together and no one fell in. We paddled as far as the ocean beach dunes but were discouraged from going further because of the wind, the turning tide and a sign that said the beach belonged to the plovers. Portaging up over the dam was easier because we were practiced, so we just sat on the top and ate lunch. Then another dinner and a fire in a lovely fire pit on the grounds. Lost: one set of car keys into the lake (there was a second set). A train rumbled by that night going the other direction. On the third day, after cleaning our cabins, we drove back out the road towards Hwy. 101 and stopped at Woahink Lake to explore a couple of the lake fingers. We discovered a sandy beach big enough for our many kayaks and enjoyed an extended lunch. Two kayakers found the calm and relatively warm waters of the lake an excellent place to swim. We parted company at the ramp, dreaming of next year's trip. Found, two empty beer bottles. Members: Anne Bonine, Jake (Gail) Bradshaw, Jacque Davis, Marlene Drescher, Patricia Esch, Sharon Friedland, Lou Maenz, Helen Martz, Judy Newman, Diane Schechter, Nancy Whitfield.



Backpacks

Wonderland Trail

August 26, 2015

Leader: Steven Johnson

Backpack: 56 miles, 13,000 ft. (Difficult)

WE WERE NOT ABLE TO FINISH the planned 60-mile backpack trip. We hiked the first nine miles to Mystic Lake and spent the night before turning back due to bad weather. Members: Steven Johnson. Nonmembers: Justin Johnson, Eric Selker, Daniel Phillips, Ted Rasch.

Indigo Lake

September 11, 2015

Leader: Scott Hovis

Photographer: Meg Stewart Smith

Backpack: 5 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

HIGHWAY 21 HAS A LOT OF AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN DUG UP, maybe to install pipes. Be sure to slow down! Until they get the road paved, there are many speed bumps. The trailhead is poorly marked. Take the trail on the left (going south). The other trail goes to June Lake. There are plenty of yellow jackets to go around and two in our group got stung. If you do the hike from Indigo Lake to Cowhorn, remember there are no water sources. The old outhouse has been filled in. Supposedly the forest service put in another one, but we

couldn't find it. Indigo Lake was cold but swimmable for five or ten minutes. The place is very popular. About three



or four other camp sites were occupied. Members: Brad Bennett, Keiko Bryan, Nikki Frank, Scott Hovis, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Meg Stewart Smith, Fumiyo Tao, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Barbara Kay Cosby, Dorothy Kilmer.



Byways By Bus

Yellowstone and Jackson Hole

September 13, 2015

Leader & Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

GREAT TRIP! GREAT GROUP OF TRAVELERS! Even though the weather conditions at Yellowstone and Jackson Hole were less than desirable, everyone remained cheerful, positive, and adapted to changes with grace. Rain, air and water temperatures in low 40s made it just too cold for the float trip. Instead, we went to the National Wildlife Art Museum, where we saw fantastic life-size wildlife sculptures and beautiful art work. We enjoyed sunny, smoke free days as we traveled across Oregon and Idaho both ways, enjoying the vast variety of landscapes and beauty. Staying a night in Boise, each way, gave us time to enjoy some stops prior to and after Yellowstone and Jackson, first of which was Craters of the Moon National Monument, a vast eerie land of lava formations, interesting plants and silver remnants of old trees. A couple of short hikes there gave us an up close look. Arriving in Yellowstone after dark on a rainy night made locating our cabins in Canyon Village a challenge. Once situated, everyone agreed the warm and snug little cabins were a pleasant surprise. The NPS has removed many aging cabins and is building five multi-storied lodges to replace them; three were ready for use this year. It was interesting to learn both the cabins and lodges are prefabricated, trucked in and assembled on site. Our step on guide, Chris, joined us at Canyon Village, sharing his love for and knowledge of the park and its history as we traveled around. He led several short hikes to some of the most



fascinating features of the park. We were fortunate to see many bison and elk at very close range. There were two bears—one small one that ran across the road right in front of the bus. We also saw a very impressive bull moose, trumpeter swans on the Yellowstone River, and many antelope as we traveled across Oregon and Idaho. We also saw a variety of other birds and animals. We were lucky to see Old Faithful erupt, not once but twice within a 55 minute time frame—a very rare occurrence. At Mammoth Hot Springs, we enjoyed a visit with an old friend, Ranger Bob, who was our guide at Death Valley last year. Then it was on to Jackson. Our outdoor lunch in Moose Village at Dornan's was enjoyed even though the clouds kept the Teton Mountain peaks obscured much of the time. The gondola ride up Rendezvous Mountain was mostly in the clouds and there was about five inches of snow at the upper landing so only a few hardy travelers climbed to the very top. We enjoyed hot coffee, hot chocolate and *top of the mountains* waffles in Corbet's Cabin. Suddenly we were joined by a large group of kindergartners and their chaperones. The kids were so cute all dressed in snowsuits and were very excited about the snow. Those of us who shared the gondola with them on way down the mountain had fun listening to them squeal as we swung a little at each tower. The rain let up so folks could enjoy a free afternoon in Jackson, but started up again as we made our way out to the Bar T-5 chuck wagon dinner and show. Covered wagons, heaters and blankets helped keep us warm as we enjoyed a cowboy dinner and entertainment. As we departed Jackson on day six, the weather cleared; so we got a good view of some snow-covered mountains and were able to enjoy the ride over beautiful Teton Pass. Stopping at the Idaho Potato Museum, we learned a lot about the history of growing potatoes and saw a very good display of the equipment used in the process including a huge display of potato mashers. A stop at Oard's service station included a Native American and Early American museum. A gift shop with snacks was a delightful surprise. This is a must stop on Highway 20 at Buchanan. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Barbara Bruns, Sharon Cutsforth, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Judy Garwood, Verna Kocken, Holger Krentz, Joanne Ledet, Craig Molitor, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Margaret Prentice, Virginia Prouty, Mary Ellen West, Cristy White. Nonmembers: Pat Bitner, Judy Adamcyk, Lee Altschuler, Alice Krentz, Rachel Kish, Janet Enright, Faye Forhan, Kenneth Tomberlin.



Climbs

South Sister-Middle Sister-Broken Top

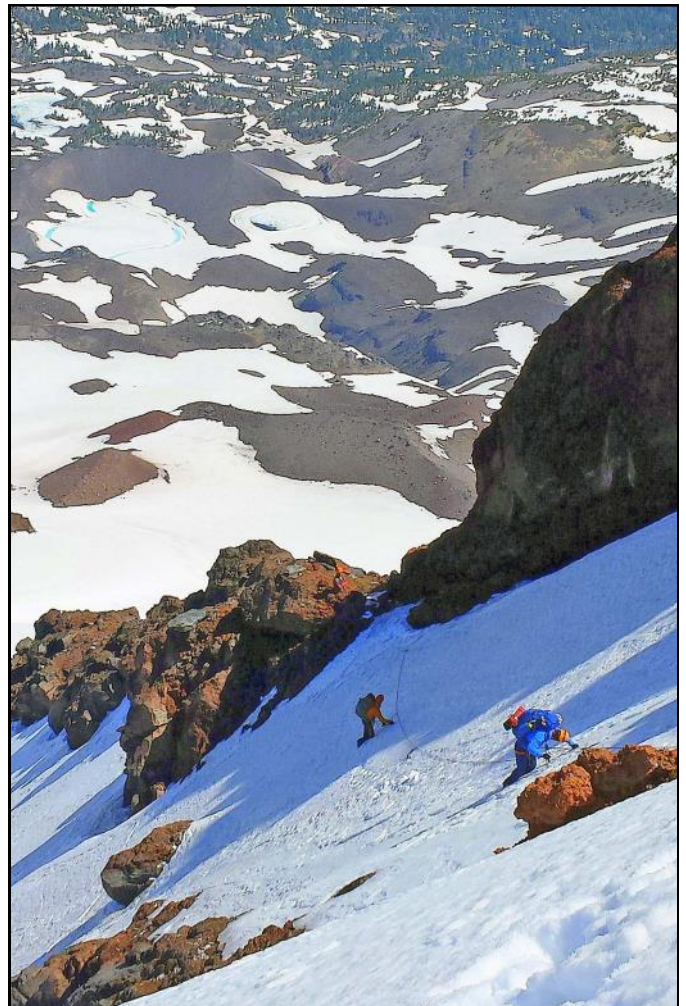
June 6, 2015

Leader: Alexander Ellis

Photographer: Danni Harris

Climb: 32 miles, 11000 ft. (Difficult)

THIS TRIP FEATURED THREE PEAKS OVER THREE DAYS; rock, snow, and ice; steep glissades and boot skis; some attention-getting route-finding; an interminable, sweltering approach hike, summit treats; and a rotating cast of ten. **DAY 1:** Six of us left the Green Lakes trailhead. We met two more on the way up to the climbers trail to Broken Top. After climbing Broken Top (standard NW ridge route), we made camp by a spring north of the northernmost Green Lake. During the day's climb, we noted that the SE ridge on Middle Sister (our Day 3 objective) looked really steep. **DAY 2:** Alpine start up the Prouty Glacier route on South



Sister. The headwall variation was bare, crumbling rock, so we opted for the standard Prouty route. Since we were ahead of schedule, we took a nice, long break on the sum-



mit. The SE ridge on Middle Sister still looked steep. Two of our party had turned back (one before South Sister, one after), leaving six to negotiate the north ridge descent, a route none of us were familiar with. Our only beta was from Jeff Thomas's book—*at the large rock buttress around 9,800 feet, stay to the west*. This was great advice! We protected two rope lengths of moderately steep snow with intermittent ice. We also found a rap station that appeared to lead from frying pan to, well, a worse frying pan. We made camp at Camp Lake, where two more joined us. **DAY 3:** Seven of our now eight climbed Middle Sister via the SE ridge route. Turns out it's not steep! We made it to the summit and back to camp in good time. The hike out was hot and dry. Key planning: we had a cooler of ice and cold drinks waiting for us at the trailhead. We found images in the salt stains on our T-shirts, as one does with clouds. Members: Alexander Ellis, Danneille Harris, Rick Harris, Marge Huseman, Michael Morris, Richard Partridge, Kimberly Van Winkle, Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: George Williamson, Sara Bowen.

Three Fingered Jack Graduation Climb

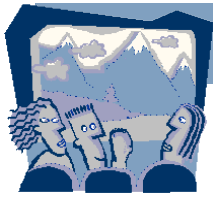
July 25, 2015

Leader: Rick Harris

Climb: 11 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)

ONCE ALL OF THE DUST SETTLED and we knew who was actually going on the trip, a great group of six set off from Springfield and met Ben Pellegrom from Corvallis up at the trailhead. With participants Danni Harris, Sarah Kylo, Kerry Edinger, Sam Westerfield, and myself, we set off on a trip that was exciting with a little wind in the parking lot at 3:40 AM. As we hiked in the dark for about two hours, we hit the climbers trail and headed up to the ridge line and up to the top. Our two-hour hike made for some great conversation as we took our breakfast break at the normal rock place that messes with compasses. We watched the sun rise and got some great pictures. As we got closer to the climbers trail, it became evident to me that this might be a bad day to climb the mountain. We got to places on the trail that would allow you to see the summit and it was covered in clouds. The wind was still not much more than 15 mph, so canceling was still not on my mind. As we finished our break and headed up the climbers trail, the wind started to pick up a bit which is where the questions started to mount. As I conferred with my backup who happens to be someone (my wife Danni) whose opinion I really value, we agreed that we would attempt to get to the crawl and make the decision to push on at that point. We got to the beginning of the ridge line and popped out to a really great view of the valley below and across the mountains towards central Oregon with minimal clouds. The peak was still covered in clouds and the wind was now picking up with intensity. We followed the ridge until we got to the old tree. We climbed through and popped out on the rock scramble and we had a person strain a muscle in her back. Once we all got regrouped and settled, we decided the wind was just going to be too much with the muscle strain to continue on. We divided up her gear and started the walk out. She made it with the help of some over-the-counter pain aids. As we got to the parking lot and made sure everyone was going to be safe driving, another group we had passed made the same decision to not summit due to the high winds. Sad to say no summit of Three Fingered Jack this year. We will be back next year and will try again.

At The Lodge



POTLUCK

Friday October 23 at 6:30 PM

Long Ride Home:

Bicycling 27 Countries

AFTER LIVING ABROAD IN BARCELONA, SPAIN for eleven years, Melissa Pritchard set off to come home to Eugene by bike. She pedaled solo for 34,000 kilometers, through 27 countries, in a little over a year. Her route took her over four continents and across many different terrains, including desert, rain forest, high alpine mountains, and coastlines. Passionate about her career as a teacher and wanting to stay connected to the classroom, she visited over 50 schools along the way.

As her trip showed her and she will share with you, life on the road is always an adventure!

October Potluck

Friday, October 23, 2015

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.



Upcoming



MOUNT PISGAH ARBORETUM

Fall Bird Walk Sun, October 18, 8:00–10:30 AM

Join Chris Roth and Julia Siporin for another monthly bird walk intended for people with all levels of birding experience. We'll use vocalizations, habitat, and behavior clues for identification of

our fall and year-round residents. Come discover the Arboretum's avian diversity. Please bring binoculars. Option to continue the walk until noon for those who are interested. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5, members free.

Scarecrow Making and Pumpkin Carving Workshop Sun, October 18, 1–3 PM

Fall is here and Halloween is just around the corner! Get ready for the Mushroom Festival's Scarecrow Contest at this fun, family-oriented event. The Arboretum staff provides inspiration and know-how for creative pumpkin carving, and you can design your own unique scarecrow to enter in the Scarecrow Contest or display on your lawn. Scarecrows made at the workshop can be entered in the Mushroom Festival contest for free! Pants, shirts, straw, and pumpkins provided. \$5 per pumpkin or scarecrow. No registration required. Meet at the White Oak Pavilion.

Mushroom Festival Set-up Sat, October 24, 9 AM–4 PM

Mushroom Festival setup day. Help us set up canopies, hang signs and assist with the exhibits and other last minute preparations. Free admission to the festival on Sunday, Oct. 25 for all volunteers. Shifts are from 9 AM–noon or 1–4 PM. Please RSVP with

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Mushroom Festival Sun, October 25, 10 AM–5 PM

The West Coast's Largest Mushroom Exhibit—Live Music—Hay Ride—Scarecrow Contest—Apple Pressing—Kids' Activities—Great Food & Wine—Arts, Crafts, & Books—Free Parking & Shuttle. Suggested donation: \$8 per person, children under 12 free. NO DOGS.

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Obsidian Calendar

October

14 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
15 Thu	Fuji Mountain Hike D Wilkens	343-8030
19 Mon	Blood, Sweat & Years Hike E Lindstrom	683-1409
21 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
23 Fri	Long Ride Home	Potluck
26 Mon	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike Jacobsen	343-8030
28 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
31 Sat	Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829

November

4 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
11 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
18 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
28 Sat	Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829

December

3 Thu	Christmas Party Reanier	687-1925
15 Tue	Stocking Stuffer Hike/Lunch Jacobsen	343-8030

Summer Trips Still Needed... And Winter Trips, too

John Cooper, Summer Trips Chair

SUMMER IS DRAWING TO A SPECTACULAR CLOSE with bright sunny days and a red moon. One might think summer trips too would be over. Not yet—Nov 15 is the official end of summer trips. It would be greatly appreciated if leaders would look at their schedules and possibly do an autumn hike. Fall color hikes, mushroom hikes, or just tried and true favorite trail hikes would be good. Send in your trips that occur before Nov 15 to summertrips.org—those dated later to wintertrips.org. Anne Bonine will again be chairing this committee. I am sure she too will be encouraging leaders to be thinking of trips to lead. I also want to thank the people on the summer trips committee, the leaders and the participants who have worked hard to made this a successful season.



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Picture of Old Faithful taken by Holger Krentz (See trip report on page 11)