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Dates to Remember

April 22	Potluck
April 26	ExploraTalk
April 30	Bulletin deadline
May 4	Board Meeting

Complete current schedules at:
www.obsidians.org or
Register-Guard – Outdoors – Tuesday

Camp Robertson Update

ONLINE SIGNUP FOR CAMP ROBERTSON, Obsidian Summer Camp, began on March 15 and within two weeks the camp roster was full. If anyone still wants to sign up they are welcome to, but will go on the camp waiting list. See the Camp Robertson Registration Form that went out in the March *Bulletin*, and is available at our website, for details about how the wait list works. People on the wait list should be patient since historically there are some cancellations that occur as camp time approaches, and most people who wait it out get to go... but of course there are no guarantees.



New member Jim Northrup at 1982 Ruby Mountains Summer Camp.

The next item on the path to Camp Robertson is the Summer Camp Rally coming up on Friday, May 13, 7:00 PM at the Obsidian Lodge (this is not a potluck). We'll discuss camp logistics, ways to get there, and show slides of the camp, the area, and recreational opportunities. The rally will be a great venue to get answers for any questions you may have about Summer Camp. Those who have signed up for camp will be able to receive their *Camp Robertson Booklet* at the rally with all the camp details including hiking options and other activities.

This will be the Obsidians' third Summer Camp in the Ruby Mountains of Nevada. The first was Camp Thaxton in 1982, and then in 1990 we had Club Rick (President Rick Ahrens insisted on the alternate naming that year). I was looking through some old summer camp records and found the prospectuses from both camps, noticing that the camp fees were \$90 in 1982 and \$100 in 1990. Another historical note—Jim Northrup was 24 years old when he attended the 1982 Ruby Mountain Summer Camp with his parents, Keena and Bob. Now retired, Jim is a new Obsidian member and signed up for his second summer camp at the Ruby Mountains. He gave us this picture of him in 1982 at Liberty Pass, one of the likely hikes most of us will take while at Summer Camp this year. Looks like a great place to take a hike.

Why Come to the April 19 Summer Trips Leader Orientation Meeting?

- To sample trail food and drink—starts at 6:15.
- To learn what maps to use, what goes into your pack and what makes up a first aid kit (among other useful things).
- To socialize with leaders and potential leaders.
- To discover what is new.
- To join in discussions on the best tips for leading a successful trip.
- To win the raffle—prizes from Concessions.
- To support leading, the foundation of our club.

Summer Trips Update

APRIL IS THE START OF THE SUMMER TRIPS SEASON. Members and guests can choose from a variety of activities from backpacking, local hikes, wildflower hikes, biking and birding trips. Canoe/kayaking trips to be added. Please take a look at the online schedule. There are also two informative get-togethers in April. The Summer Trips Committee is putting on our annual Leader Orientation night (April 19, 6:15 at the Lodge) for experienced leaders, new leaders, or anyone interested in the skills of leadership. All are invited. Please sign up online.

The second event is Mark Hougardy's Backpacking Rendezvous on April 30, 3-5 at the Lodge. Planning trips, backpacking light, and learning about gear will be the emphasis. No online signup required.

The committee continues to actively recruit members to lead trips. Thanks to the leaders who have already scheduled trips. Without leaders the club would be a very different organization. Please look at your calendars and see if you could lead at least one activity. Submit trips to summertrips@obsidians.org.

Obsidian Online Photo Album Captions

WHEN UPLOADING PHOTOS FROM A TRIP to the Obsidians Online Photo Album ALL photos MUST have a caption.

Photos cannot be part of the album unless there is a description. As you upload your selected photo, there is a box that says *Caption for this photo*. Enter your short description there. If your caption has *.jpg* after it, please delete that extension. Whenever possible identify people in the photo or specific mountains, rivers, etc. that add to the description of the outing. The Obsidians Online Photo Album is a great resource to tell others what we are all about and a way to relive your trip or view photos from that trip you missed. Thank you!

Contact Jan Anselmo at webmaster@obsidians.org with any questions.



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Upcoming

Celebrate Earth Day

April 22 ... Plus Three

GET A HEAD START ON EARTH DAY by signing up with Mike Smith for the *Mt. Pisgah under the Full Moon* hike on Thursday, April 21. On Earth Day, April 22, Janet Jacobsen asks hikers to use the bus to get to and from the trailheads for a loop hike of *Spencer Butte/Ridgeline Trail* to pick up litter. The next day, April 23, Jane Hackett will lead an easy Goodman Creek hike. For a breath-stopper celebration, Mike Smith is leading Hardesty Mountain on Sunday, April 24, as a follow up to the Opinion article by David Adkins on Mt. June and Hardesty Mountain (page 13 in the March *Bulletin*). Don't stop celebrating! Sign up online.

Upcoming Outdoors Celebration

From Pint to Trail: Eugene Brewshed®

Outdoors Celebration

April 28, 2016

At the Ninkasi Administration Building, 155 Blair Blvd.

CLEAN PURE WATER FLOWS FROM WILD LANDS high in the Cascades and filters through old-growth forests on the way to your tap in the Eugene area. Opportunities to enjoy the lands and waters of Eugene's Brewshed® and surrounding public lands abound. Oregon Wild has invited outdoor groups to participate in the courtyard celebration. You will be able talk with groups that can help you get outdoors, pick up guide books to get motivated, and hear from Ruby McConnell—local writer, dancer, and geologist—about overcoming barriers to getting outdoors and her new book *A Woman's Guide to the Wild*.

Enjoy Ninkasi beer, locally-produced snacks, music by D.J. Shawn Kahl, and enter a free raffle for great swag by visiting the tables in the courtyard! Free and open to all ages.

Schedule:

6:00–7:00 PM: Sip, snack, and check out the many outdoor opportunities available in the community at the courtyard celebration including Oregon Wild, The Obsidians, Mount Pisgah Arboretum, guidebook author William Sullivan, Willamette Kayak & Canoe Club, Lane County Audubon, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, City of Eugene River House Outdoor Center, and more.

7:00–8:00 PM: Program including presentations by Oregon Wild, Ninkasi Brewing, William Sullivan, and Ruby McConnell.

8:00 PM: Raffle prize giveaways.

For more information: contact publicity@obsidians.org or

www.oregonwild.org/events/pint-trail-eugene-brewshed%C2%AE-outdoors-celebration

Backpacking Rendezvous

Obsidian Lodge

Saturday, April 30, 3:00–5:00 PM

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A BACKPACKING EXPERT TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN, see some amazing country, and be safe. Get the information you want before you hit the trail—do more with less on your next trip. This event is for seasoned and novice backpackers to share ideas, learn about gear, swap stories, and help others have a great time on the trail. Bring your questions, tips, and suggestions. The public is welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to help, contact Mark Hougardy at <mailto:mark@letsgoexploring.com>. Sponsored by the Summer Trips Committee.

April Board Notes

By Dave Cooper

President Shellie Robertson called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: David Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Todd Larsen, and Maryanne Reiter. Also present were: Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Janet Jacobsen, Doug Nelson, David Hawkins, Wayne Deeter, John Pegg, Lana Lindstrom, and Anne Bonine.

The Board approved the minutes of the February 2016 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Hawkins explained the insurance renewal information. Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget versus Actual Report and the Balance Sheet.

The Board approved payment of the bills.

OLD BUSINESS

Action items review

Bids are being solicited for plumbing/irrigation work.

Laurie Funkhouser presented the Ad Hoc Membership Committee's proposed changes to the Constitution regarding termination of membership. After some discussion, the Board voted to support the changes as stated in the committee's report. The proposed changes will be presented in a future *Bulletin* prior to being voted on at the October Annual Meeting.

Summer Trips (John Cooper): April 1 started the beginning of the 2016 summer trips season. Three hikes have been completed with 78 remaining to date. Eight committee members have begun contacting potential leaders in earnest. This is in addition to the earlier recruiting done by Janet Jacobsen.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): In March winter trips had 17 hikes, one bike trip, one Xski trip and two snow shoe trips.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): March was a busy month for the Climbs Committee. We worked with Eugene Mountain Rescue on an event to not only raise money but to do public outreach and have fun. At Oakshire brew pub we showed slides of Obsidian climbs and EMR in action as well as showing climbing videos. The event brought in \$610 as well as three ice axes (thanks to Laurie Funkhouser and John Pegg for your kind donations) since we always need axes for climb school. The majority of the money will go towards purchasing gear for Climb School. We started Climb School on March 28 and so far have had an introductory class, a beginning rock climbing class and two field classes to learn more climbing and rappelling techniques. We will now be working on snow travel skills. The Climbs Committee also posted the 2016 Climbs schedule and look forward to another great year.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): The first bus trip of 2016 went to Champoeg State Park.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): Online signup for Camp Robertson, Obsidian Summer Camp, began on March 15. Camp is currently full with one person on the wait list.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): The Portland excursion was very successful. We explored the Japanese Gardens, Historical Society Museum, Pittock Mansion and walked along the Willamette River and across the new Tillikum Bridge.

Conservation, Science, & Education (John Pegg): The Committee had a very successful ExploraTalk in March. April will feature a young woman from the UO Athletic Department with a talk titled Nutrition for Active Adults.

Publication (Lou Maenz) There were 201 *Bulletins* mailed in March. Mail team: Lou Maenz, with Tom Adamcyk, Margaret Prentice, Clara Emlen, Lenore McManigal, Martha Welches, Yuan Hopkins, Sharon Cutsforth folding.

Entertainment (Judy Ness & Lana Lindstrom) Peter Baxter spoke at the March 25 potluck about Kilimanjaro, the Serengeti, and Zanzibar.

Membership (Laurie Funkhouser): April 1 membership count was—423 Active, 10 Associate, 6 Honorary, 8 Junior, and 15 Life members for a total of 462. A meeting of the committee was held March 18. Functions, duties were shared and discussed. In addition, ideas regarding updating the application, a potential new member packet, reviewing and updating web-site information, brochures, etc. were discussed.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): We accepted an invitation from Chandra LeGue of *Oregon Wild* to participate in the April 28 Outdoors Celebration, From Pint to Trail: Eugene Brewshed® at the Ninkasi Admin Building. We will be posting two of our hikes with *Oregon Wild* for their Earth Week effort to promote public lands conservation from April 16–24. Janet Jacobsen will ask hikers to use the bus to get to and from the trailheads for a loop hike of Spencer Butte/Ridgeline Trail to pick up litter on Earth Day, April 22.

Concessions: New merchandise was selected and purchased from McKenzie SewOn and Judy Arbogast.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 6,912 photos in 500 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery. From our Facebook Page maintainers (Shellie and Marci, Marci reporting): 13 new people followed the Obsidian Facebook page in March, 2 people unfollowed the page leaving us with 501 followers (exciting to go over the 500 mark).

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the trips and activities from the last *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): Thanks to John Jacobsen (with review and input from Brian Hamilton) for preparing a bid solicitation document for the proposed plumbing work and sprinkler system.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): We had a couple work parties during the month of March. The first was primarily for weed abatement and mowing, the second was for routine clean-up. Thanks to Clara Emlen and Jim Whitfield.

NEW BUSINESS

Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Maryanne Reiter, and John Cooper volunteered to be on the 2016 Board Member Nomination Committee.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

Janet Jacobsen spoke to the problem of trip reports not being completely processed in time for the *Bulletin*. Nancy White, *Bulletin* trip reports copy editor, will send out emails to the committee chairs reminding them of when she needs the reports completed for editing.

Maryanne Reiter informed the group she has a source that can provide low cost, basic First Aid and CPR classes. She will follow up on this so information can be offered at the Summer Trips Leaders Orientation on April 19.

Adjournment

Trip Reports & Other Activities



Trail Maintenance

Wild Iris Trail Building

February 27, 2016

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 200 ft. (Difficult)

WE MET UP WITH THREE CITY STAFFERS, volunteers from the Churchill Area Neighbors, and the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) crew to help with trail construction and removal of scotch broom in Wild Iris Ridge. Each of the NCCC crew members led a small group of volunteers on different portions of the project. This day was unique not only for the variety of groups that we worked with but also for there being two work sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. During the morning session Roberta, Pat, Autumn, Trenton, Bill, and Pat hiked further into the area to work to remove Scotch broom using weed wrenches. During their work they saw a skink! Todd and Alex worked on a section of raised turnpike and dug a trench to lay a large culvert. Mark ran power-wheelbarrows to bring gravel up for surfacing the trail. Ron and I helped with the cutting of the trail. During the afternoon session, after a wonderful pizza lunch, Todd continued to work on the section of raised turnpike. David, Dave, Laurie, Kathy, Tom, and Darko joined me to work cutting in the new trail. Quite impressively they did this after having hiked



8.9 miles on the Ridgeline before coming over to volunteer! Unfortunately, the NCCC crew only has two more days to work on the project and it is unknown when the trail will be finished. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Autumn Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Laurie Funkhouser, Ronald Green, Mark Hougardy, Todd Larsen, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: William Lewis.



Ski Trips

Sand Mountain Plateau

February 27, 2016

Leader & Photographer: Sam Miller

Xski: 9 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

HEAVY RAIN THE DAY PRIOR TO THIS TRIP did not deter our group of five committed skiers. Participants were rewarded with dry weather, soft snow and a speedy nine-



mile tour in the Sand Mountain locale. While clouds obscured the summits of the surrounding peaks, everyone agreed it was a *hyvää päivää* to be outdoors. Members: John Hartman, Sam Miller, Darian Morray, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Steven Koester.

Redtop Mountain

March 6, 2016

Leader: Gordon Sayre

Xski: 8 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

A TERRIFIC TRIP with three reliable Obsidians back-country skiers and two newcomers. Jorma celebrated his new Obsidians membership and a new pair of skis, and Dustin enjoyed his first Obsidians trip and the fattest boards of the group. The snow was *dust on crust* near the snow park, but gradually deepened as we gained elevation, and was glorious powder near the summit. We only saw two other skiers on Red Top, who moved much faster than us and did two runs down toward Pretty Lake before we even made it to the summit. But they also reported that they set off some small avalanches as they skied down into the bowl. So we decided to descend along the ridge, the same route that we had climbed up. Jorma was reviving his telemark skills, rusty ever since he immigrated from Finland in 1964, but he recovered the magic quickly. A magical day. Members: John Hartman, Jorma Meriaho, Gordon Sayre, Harold Thompson. Nonmembers: Dustin Neumann.



Hikes

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

February 6, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

WITH DRIZZLY CONDITIONS and temperature in the high 40s, we promptly headed off. The entire hike was in the clouds surrounded by fog. Due to the moisture, the trail was muddy in spots. The lively conversations carried us to the top in no time. Despite no view at the top, lots of people were using the trail. The crew returned to the parking lot at around 11:30. Members: David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Chris Stockdale.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

February 13, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Photographer: Darian Morray

Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

A LUCKY DAY FOR THE CREW with a break in the weather for our hike. We had virtually clear skies and a departing



temperature of 38 degrees. Last week, the sharp eyes of Janet pointed out the tiny, bright red elf cap and this week noted the sweet, tiny, brilliant blue violets. The crew kept a steady pace and upon reaching the summit greeted fellow Obsidians, Jennifer Baer and Steve Gunn, to view the Three Sisters surrounded by clear skies. We returned to the parking lot at approximately 11:20 and rewarded ourselves with coffee at Hideaway Bakery. Mike Smith and Tom Rundle carried GPS devices today and after discussion, determined the elevation is incorrect and should reflect an elevation gain of 2,000 feet! Will adjust accordingly—thank you! Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Steven Koester.

Finley Refuge/Hull Oaks Lumber Company

February 18, 2016

Leader: Jorry Rolfe, Assistant: Randy Sinnott

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 3 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

THE WET, COLD AND WINDY WEATHER did not deter this group from enjoying the three trails hiked in the refuge: Woodpecker Trail, Mill Hill Trail and Mill Hill Loop. The Refuge Visitor Center nearby afforded not only a place to rest before and after hiking, but also an opportunity to view



birds on the refuge feeder. Geese, swans, red tail hawks, and ducks were some of the larger birds seen during the day. After stopping at the family store near the refuge on 99W for some hot coffee and snacks, we headed to Bellfountain Park for lunch while Jorry read the history of this historic property. By 2 PM we were down Dawson Road at the Hull-Oakes Lumber Company to meet our guide and retired forester, Don Wagner, for an hour tour of this historic mill (founded 1937). We stayed carefully behind Dan, under raindrops and through the buildings, (starting at the sawmill log pond full of Douglas fir logs) to see and to have explained to us the complete sawmill operations and massive machinery used. With a deep sense of pride, he informed and answered questions, especially pointing out how much of the used equipment has been purchased at auctions. This mill does not cut old-growth trees for logs. What they do is provide custom-milled products: “long timbers to 85’—a speciality.” They own a Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) participant tree farm in the valley and coast range. A walk and then a talk made for an interesting outing for our group! Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Yuan Hopkins, David Lodeesen, Frank Lulich, Helen Martz, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: Bonnie Richman.

Finley Wildlife Refuge

February 20, 2016

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 5 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

GREAT DAY TO GO TO FINLEY TO CHECK ON THE BIRDS. Besides the sunshine, we observed tundra swan, snow geese, pintails, great blue heron, Canada geese, screech owl, immature bald eagle, mature bald eagle and a few small birds. We were not alone as several people had the same idea. Lunch at the Refuge Visitor Center included a stop at the Wild Goose Nature Store. We were able to include a four-mile hike over a series of connected muddy trails. A good day to be out doors. Members: Jane Hackett, Susan Sanazaro. Nonmembers: Cheryl Belleau, Claire Belleau.

Ridgeline 10 Miler

February 20, 2016

Leader: David Cooper

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 10 miles, 1,550 ft. (Difficult)

A VERY PLEASANT DAY TO GET OUT ON THE RIDGELINE. The



eight of us covered the 10 miles in 4 hours. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, May Fogg, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Chris Stockdale.

Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise

February 22, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

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

WHO COULD HAVE PREDICTED BLUE SKIES IN FEBRUARY for our hike to the summit to wait for an incredible red moonrise between the Middle and South Sister? Photographers



clicked away! Eight of us shared Pegasus Pizza after the hike. We left the main trailhead on trail #17 at 5:00 PM and were on top in plenty of time for the 5:51 sunset followed by the 6:09 moonrise. Members: Rick Ahrens, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Cindy Cowell, Hilary Fisher, Mark Hougardy, Janet

Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Evelyn Nagy, Tom Rundle, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

February 24–March 23, 2016

Various Leaders: Dave Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Lana Lindstrom, Darian Morray

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

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: **FEBRUARY 24:** Members: Janet Jacobsen (leader), Mari Baldwin, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Gary Spizzen, Fumiyo Tao, Blue Wesley. Nonmembers: Jim Northrop. **MARCH 2:** Members: Darian Morray (leader), David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Karen Morray, Jim Northrop, Tom Rundle, Art Skach, Gary Spizzen, Fumiyo Tao. Nonmembers: David Schroeder. **MARCH 9:** Members: David Cooper (leader), David Lodeesen, Janet Jacobsen, Blue Wesley, Tom Rundle, Caroline Moore, Hilary Fisher, Marlene Malone. Nonmembers: David Schroeder. **MARCH 16:** Lana Lindstrom (leader), David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Betty Grant, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dave Strutin, Fumiyo Tao, Blue Wesley. **MARCH 23:** Members David Lodeesen (leader), Kathie Carpenter, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Vern Marsonette, Jim Northrop, Carol Petty, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Michael Augden.

Moon Mountain and Lunch

February 25, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 5 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

WE NEEDED TO HIKE TWELVE MILES to justify the incredible four course meal at the Lane Community College Renaissance Room. Instead we had an easy hike on a sunny



morning exploring Moon Mountain trails and power line roads. Back at LCC, Mike Smith showed us the Resource Room where he volunteers and May Fogg led us into the library where she was the cataloger. We were hungry and standing eagerly by the door when the remodeled Renaissance Room opened at 11:30. It was featured in the Register Guard Tasting Supplement the day before and it certainly lived up to the hype. Kristi, our waiter and an events organizer student, kept the plates coming and going with food

from Austria, Germany, Russia and Scandinavia. The meal was \$12 including gratuity. It opens again in April and I recommend reservations plus taking time to explore the LCC campus and buildings. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, May Fogg, David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Chris Shuraleff, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: David Schroeder.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

February 27, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER WARM GREETINGS OF NEW AND OLD FRIENDS, the hikers promptly left under high clouds to head for the



summit. The temperature was perfect for hiking—not too cold nor too warm—and the trail, a bit of muddiness. We timely reached the summit to see clouds over the coast and the mountains, but the valley air was clear offering views of Mt. Baldy, Fern Ridge, etc. Noted lots of individuals, small groups, dogs with owners on the trail as we returned to our cars. The sun teased us the entire way—is summer near? Another wonderful morning of hiking with good company, especially our guest. Members: Jennifer Baer, Brad Bennett, Laurie Funkhouser, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Caroline Moore, Tom Rundle, Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Robyn Wargo.

Amazon Headwaters to Mt. Baldy

February 28, 2016

Leader: Kathy Randall

Hike: 6.3 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

A PLEASANT HIKE THROUGH THE FOREST up Amazon Creek and to the summit of Mt. Baldy was enjoyed by our group despite a mix of weather, which included rain showers, high winds and a little blue sky and sunshine on our return. Members: Jane Allen, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, May Fogg, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Fumiyo Tao. Nonmembers: Deborah Sinnott, Caralynn Judy.

Skinner Butte Leap Year Hike

February 29, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen , Assistant: Keiko Bryan

Hike: 3 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THE LEAP YEAR HIKE BEGAN AT 2:29 PM by passing out Leaping Bunny Chocolate. Keiko Bryan with the help of

Rick Ahrens identified signs of spring while we strolled to the top. We could hear the eagle vocalizing before we could see it perched on its nest where it remained for us to enjoy from every viewpoint. Members: Rick Ahrens, Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Ruth Romoser, Tom Rundle, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: Ilene O'Malley, Robin Cochran.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

March 5, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

DESPITE A WEATHER FORECAST of 100 percent rain, the crew of seven met under dry skies at Blanton Heights Trailhead with mild temperatures in the low 50s. The hikers kept a quick clip matching the quick quips of conversation to reach the summit. Noticed the spring flowers such as spring beauty—a



delicate, lavender/white flower—are emerging. The clouds were above our heads and hovered over the coastal and mountain ranges. The air in the valley was crisp and clear. Only a sprinkle of moisture upon reaching the kiosk at the Willamette Street. Perfect start to the day. Members: David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Tom Rundle.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

March 12, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

MOISTURE WAS IN THE AIR when the crew of seven began



the hike to the top of Spencer Butte. Weather forecast was

for rain and possible thunderstorms. We did find mud, rain, hint of sun and temperatures between 39–42 degrees. Hidden under the gray clouds were hints of spring with fawn lilies, trillium and houndstongue ready to bloom. The butte was hidden in clouds with wind and just a few people on top. On the way down, we had one hard rain just as we reached the kiosk at Willamette Trailhead. Despite the conditions, it was a great hike. Members: David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Tom Rundle.

Pi Hike

March 14, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

IF PI IS TRUNCATED TO SEVEN DECIMAL PLACES, it becomes 3.1415926, making Pi occur on March 14 at 1:59.26 AM (or PM). Sharing our last remembered and sometimes painful math class during introductions gave way to sympathetic laughter. Our Pi navigator, Dave Cooper, did the calculating so that we walked for 3.14 miles along the River Path eventually using the pedestrian path over the railroad tracks to eat pie at Sweet Life at 1:59 PM or thereabouts. We started out in a windy downpour, but unlike the constant rain drenching on the 2015 Pi hike, we soon had sun breaks that cheered us onward. On the way back, some of us attempted to use up more of the delicious calories with a hike up to Skinner Butte to see the eagle sitting on its nest. Celebrating Pi Day with laughter worked for all of us. Members: Steve Adey, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, May Fogg, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Caroline Moore, Tom Rundle, Susan Sanazaro, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: David Schroeder.

Alton Baker Park to Island Park

March 17, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 10 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

WE LEFT CAMPBELL CENTER PARKING LOT AT 9:00 to walk on the north bank and canal paths reaching downtown Springfield at 11:00. We made a short visit to the Emerald Art Gallery before our lunch stop at Sprout! Our early arrival made it easy to find a table and place our orders with Pig and Turnip or Tradewinds. When the sun came out around 12:15, we opted not to use EMX to shorten the mileage. Instead we walked back reaching our cars at 1:30. The Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path System was a green way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith.

Delta Ponds

March 18, 2016

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 4.2 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

WE STARTED OUT ON A SUNNY MORNING from the Greenway Bridge and toured all of the Delta Ponds except one. Thanks to the expertise of two of our crew, including Carla Cooper and Mike Smith, we were able to identify about a

dozen species of wild birds. We also encountered more than a dozen Western pond turtles sunning themselves on various logs. At one point we were able to approach to within about 15 feet of a great blue heron. The leader underestimated the distance of the hike. Instead of walking the advertised 4.2 miles, according to GPS we actually walked about 7.6 miles. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, May Fogg, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith.

Marys Peak from Conner's Camp

March 19, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Holger Krentz

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

A FULL COMPLEMENT OF TWELVE OF US took the shortcut route to Marys Peak Road, starting the hike from Conner's Camp under cloudy skies. We encountered slight snow at the 2,900 foot level and significant trail-covering snow above 3,400 feet. At the top, an ongoing burn of cleared branches provided a smelly, smoky, but at least warm place to put on our rain pants. The rain and fog soon quit, however, and under threatening sunshine we climbed the last mile



on a snowy trail to the summit. The wind felt almost warm as we ate lunch, and on the way down the skies cleared enough for us to see Mt. Hood and The Sisters. The group managed the muddy, slippery trail very well. People with step counters measured about 8 1/2 miles, whereas the GPS distance was about a mile less. Steps on a snowy trail are many and short. I was worried that maybe I scheduled Marys Peak a little early in season, but as it turned out, the snow on the trail gave us a better workout, and the snow in the upper meadows limited the number of people and gave us better views than expected. It was an interesting trip!! Members: Steve Adey, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, May Fogg, David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith.

Mt. Pisgah/Spring Equinox Celebration

March 20, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Kathy Randall

Hike: 7.5 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

THERE WERE NO CANCELLATIONS even though we started the hike in the rain. The rain stopped after one hour. Our route was Trail 17 and 7 to the North Trailhead, Trail 3



around the back of Spring Hill, up to the Swing and then Trail 4 to finally connect with Trail 1 and the summit. It was Barbara Gunther's first time on Pisgah prompting us to take photos of her in the swing and on the pedestal. We returned on the same route completing the hike in three hours. The last stop was Hideaway Bakery. Members: Keiko Bryan, May Fogg, Laurie Funkhouser, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith, Fumiyo Tao.

Extended Trips

Portland Exploration

March 21, 2016

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Photographer: Nancy Whitfield

Extended Trip: 7 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

IT DRIZZLED A BIT BOTH DAYS, but everyone was prepared. NW Portland International Hostel is in a central location and our two dorm rooms were comfortable with nearby bathrooms. We took the Bolt bus to Portland, and after a delicious, inexpensive lunch at Jake's Crawfish, we split into two



groups: one went to the Japanese Garden and the other to the Historical Museum. Dinner was at Muu Muu which specializes in small plates. The next morning was cloudy and cool, but no rain, so we all walked along the river through Tom

McCall Park and over the Tillikum Bridge. Some of us continued walking on the east side path, while others took the street car and MAX. Eventually, most of the group toured Pittock Mansion, the home of Henry Pittock who started the Oregonian. Others visited the Art Museum and/or retail stores. Those who didn't take public transportation walked almost 14 miles! We re-connected at the Amtrak Station and took the train home. It was a tiring, but satisfying 2-day adventure! Members: Barbara Aten, Patricia Esch, Consuelo Gomez, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Helen Martz, Evelyn Nagy, Judy Newman, Karla Rusow, Karen Sieradski, Pat Soussan, Judy Terry, Nancy Whitfield.



Byways By Bus

Champoeg: Oregon, USA Beginning

March 22, 2016

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

THIS TRIP GOT OFF TO A BIT OF A ROCKY START. Our leader was ill and the assistant leader had to take over; the weather was gloomy and raining hard as we gathered in the Shopko parking lot, and we had a new driver who was 15 minutes late arriving. We stayed in our cars and did the sign-in routine on the bus. As we headed north on I-5 we were all wondering what kind of day we would have! But...once again Mother Nature came through for us! As we approached the Santiam River the rain stopped, the skies brightened and we were met at the rest area by the smiling faces of the Beard family. Following our usual yummy coffee break we enjoyed the beauty of the Willamette Valley's lush green appearance as we drove to Champoeg. We viewed hundreds of sheep in the fields, some herds of beef cattle, horses and even some goats. Upon arrival at Champoeg State Park, we went first to the visitor's center where we were greeted by volunteer hosts who were happy to answer questions and explain displays. To our disappointment, the auditorium was closed due to interviews so we were unable to watch any of the history-related videos usually available. They have an especially nice pictorial display describing the 52 to 50 vote when the settlers chose to seek provisional government from the United States. Next stop was the Pioneer Mothers Memorial Log Cabin where we were met by Judy Van Atta, DAR Museum Director and resident host at this site. Judy did an excellent job of sharing historical information, including showing us the high water marks of many floods this area has suffered. The log cabin was originally built, as a museum, along the river in 1931. In 2013-2015 it was completely dismantled, each piece identified and rebuilt on the high ground where it now stands. Close by is the tiny 1840's Butteville Jail (not very inviting); the 1860's Butteville Academy—one half contains the classroom the other half is teacher living quarters; and the Robert Newell House which survived the 1861 flood due to its higher elevation. This charming farm house has been restored and contains excellent historical displays: pioneer furniture, antique quilts & spinning collection, First Ladies of Oregon gowns, and Native American artifacts. Robert Newell was a central figure in Oregon statehood and first Speaker of the House—he resided at Champoeg for nineteen years beginning

in 1843. Even though he lost most of his financial holdings in the flood, he did what he could to help his friends and neighbors recover from the devastating losses they suffered. We enjoyed eating our lunches in Rebecca's Tea Porch where it was dry and warm. A quick stop was made at the Pioneer Memorial Building Pavilion and Monument Plaza which is the actual site of the famous 1843 vote. As we made our way back to Eugene we stopped at Bauman Farms where workers were busily erecting new display areas and unloading a great assortment of plants in anticipation of spring. And, yes they did have ice cream available. We dropped Barbara and Paul back at the Santiam rest area and arrived home before 5:30. It was a great day to reconnect with our regular bus riders and to get acquainted with some welcome newcomers. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Clara Emlen, Yuan Hopkins, Verlean McCoy, Jim Northrop, Ken Parramore, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Ruth Romoser, Barbara Wallace, Marian West. Nonmembers: Peter Ferrero.



Snowshoe Trips

Potato Hill
February 20, 2016
Leader: Scott Hovis
Photographer: Darian Morray
Snowshoe: 5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

EARLY ON A MILD AND CLEAR SATURDAY MORNING, ten Obsidians car-pooled to Potato Hill Sno-Park located near Hoodoo Ski Resort. There had been good snow falling in the mountains the previous 36 hours and we were not disappointed. At the trailhead, we were greeted with a temperature of 30 degrees, bright—almost blinding sunshine, 3–4 feet of base snow, and a foot or more of fresh powder on top. We started up the trail which is a steady two-mile climb to the top of Potato Hill. As we climbed, the fresh snow seemed to get deeper, and we had to change leaders quite often. Breaking new trail is quite exhausting in deep snow. Over this first two miles we climbed about 1,100 feet to the summit elevation of 5,207 feet. The summit offered up crystal clear views of Maxwell Butte, Mt Jefferson, and a most spectacular view of nearby Three Fingerted Jack. After lingering at the top of Potato Hill for plenty of picture taking, we started back down the trail for about a half mile and then veered off on the loop trail that would take us through a heavily wooded forest and eventually back to the snowpark. It was a relief to be heading downhill but we started to encounter even deeper fresh snow on the loop trail that made the trail breaking for the Obsidians up front even harder. We continued on a meandering trail that revealed great views of Hoodoo Butte and Mt. Washington before we entered a dense forest. Since no one had hiked before us on the fresh snow covered trail, we had to rely on the blue diamonds to stay on course. Unfortunately, sections of this trail were poorly marked or the blue diamonds were missing. This led us down some dead ends where we had to double back and



try new avenues. Eventually we would breathe a collective sigh of relief when we found the next blue diamond. We made it back safely with no incidents but we were exhausted. According to a couple of GPS readings, we hiked 6.5 miles and gained a bit over 1,100 feet of elevation. Tired yes, but we all agreed it was well worth it. (Ghost writer Dave L) Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Scott Hovis, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Monica Ozwoeld.

Waldo Lake Road
March 6, 2016
Leader: Jane Hackett
Photographer: Holger Krentz
Snowshoe: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

SO HAPPY I DID NOT CANCEL THIS TRIP since we had great weather with no rain or ice or tire chains. It did snow lightly most of the day but we did have a little sun and blue sky. We went further than we planned. It was a great day enjoyed by



all. Members: Cindy Cowell, May Fogg, Barbara Gunther, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Pat Soussan, Fumiyo Tao, Nancy Whitfield.

Tait's Loop
March 7, 2016
Leader: Lyndell Wilken
Photographer: David Lodeesen
Snowshoe: 8 miles, 1,484 ft. (Difficult)

THE DAY ENDED UP BEING A PERFECT DAY with three inches of new snow over a firm surface. There were enough cloud breaks to enjoy blue skies and sunshine. Views of Rosary



Lake, Pulpit Lake and Maiden Peak were enjoyed over a much deserved lunch break. The climb up to the Maiden Peak Saddle on the Skyline Winter Trail was hard work, but the snow was not deep and the traverse allowed everyone to catch their breath as they went upward. The gray jays were out in force to share whatever crumbs were available at lunch and Dave had the jays eating out of hand and off his head. A stop at the Union Brew Pub on the return home to celebrate Dave's birthday topped off our day. Members: Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Tom Rundle, Lyndell Wilken.

2016 Bus Schedule



Byways By Bus

A Day at Wildlife Safari

Date: April 12, (Tuesday)

Leader: Judy Phelps

Cost: \$56 (\$58 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

OUR TRIP TODAY TAKES US TO WINSTON for tours of Wildlife Safari. If you have never been to this wild animal park, you are in for a treat. This is a drive-through park where the animals are free to roam and you are in a cage (vehicle). Perhaps we will even see some baby animals. Leaving Shopko at 8 we travel south on I-5, stopping along the way for our coffee break. Upon arriving at the park, we will be joined by a step-on guide for our first tour. The guide will have interesting information to share about the animals and their habitat. We will then have some free time for lunch, browsing the gift shop and checking out the animals and birds in the walk-through area. Lunch is on your own; you can purchase lunch at the village café or bring a sack lunch with you. We will then make a second tour through the park on our own. We may see different animals up close this time. Time permitting we will drive the back roads home, planning to be back at Shopko around 5 PM.

New Coastal Museum & Aquarium

Date: May 19, (Thursday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$60 (\$62 non) Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

Birding at Summer Lake

Date: June 7-9 (Tuesday-Thursday)

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$290 (\$296 nonmembers) Judy Phelps, 726-0118

More Food V

Date: July 14 (Thursday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$49 (\$51 nonmembers) Barbara Payne, 746-1964

An Oregon Coast Adventure

Date: September 11-17, (Sunday-Saturday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$1,045 (\$1,059 non) Barbara Payne, 746-1964

Fall Color & Harvest Time

Date: October 6 (Thursday)

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$54 (\$56 nonmembers) Judy Phelps, 726-0118

Willamette Queen Dinner Cruise

Date: December 1 (Thursday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$98 (\$100 nonmembers) Barbara Payne, 746-1964

Save The Date!

Smith Rock State Park Extended Trip

Date: June 3-5, 2016

Leader: Darko Sojak

Cost: TBA

IF YOU ENJOY DUSTY TRAILS AND SCENIC VIEWS of river canyons, don't forget to sign up for the Extended Trip at Smith Rock State Park. This three-day trip from June 3-5, 2016, will go online the first week in May.

Darko Sojak

Where did Obsidians Ski back in the 40s?

Old Bulletins shed light on Hoodoo and Hand Lake.

Hand Lake Ski Bus

February, 1940 *Bulletin*

OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE 1940 SKI PROGRAM is the establishment of a weekly Greyhound ski bus service to the Hand Lake Ski Area. The company plans to provide one of their deluxe busses to accommodate the many university students and townspeople who have never been able to obtain transportation to the popular ski area. Round trip rates of a dollar and a half have been announced for the trip, which will afford anyone a full day of enjoyment and healthful sport at a very economical figure. The bus leaves town about 7:30 Sunday morning, and after arriving at Hand Lake will be kept heated throughout the day as a warm shelter for the passengers

Hoodoo Sunshine, Snow, Make Winter Outing Success

April, 1940 *Bulletin*

BLUE SKIES, SNOW-PEAKED MT. WASHINGTON in the foreground, and a ski-tow competed with a fine lodge and good food to make the outing a real success. A resume of activities for the week would show a good deal of real skiing, some hiking, dancing, reading, resting, letter-writing, card games, sunburn treatment, taping of blisters, much eating and some sleeping. The lodge itself is an attractive and comfortable place to stay. Situated about a mile from the ski bowl, it is near small hills and practice slopes. In the expanse of the ski bowl there is opportunity for experts and beginners to spread out and find the type of skiing they prefer. Ed Thurston's 600-foot ski tow was very popular with everyone. One group of hardy souls led by Bryan Ryan made a trip in to Mt. Jefferson and came back in time for lunch, very hungry. James Nielsen, accordionist, was at the entire outing to play polkas, schottisches, etc., for those who hadn't worn themselves out in the ski-bowl.



Highway Closing Hinders Skiers

By Alvin Lynch, Obsidian Ski Chairman,

February, 1941 *Bulletin*

THIS SKI SEASON HAS BEEN MARKED by a great many ups and downs, particularly for those whose favorite habitat is the McKenzie area. With an early snow-fall skiers' hearts were soaring high. "Boy! It sure looks great this year!"—and then the rains came. By the middle of December three and one-half feet of snow had faded away.

The ski tow purchased during the midst of the heavy snowfall was not put into operation until the last Sunday in the old year. There were three good week-ends of skiing, including New Year's Day. Then, an ugly rumor began circulating. The road wouldn't be opened to Hand Lake the next Sunday. With no snow at White Branch this looked mighty serious, but with support from the Greyhound Bus line the highway commission was prevailed upon to plow the road out another week-end.

A flying trip to Hand Lake to bring out the ski tow was made necessary by the closing of the highway, which was, this writer believes, absolutely unnecessary because there was only about 12 inches of snow in the road, and 30 inches on the level. This closure should be heartily opposed and protested by every Obsidian in every way. Only by sticking together and fighting for a winter road to the McKenzie summit will the area be available to skiers in the years to come.

The other areas are not quite satisfactory to those who live in or near Eugene. Crescent Lake on the Willamette has been visited, but the area is small, the runs are very rough, and the cross country trail a small possibility because of the heavy timber. Hoodoo in the Santiam area, a good ski ground in most respects, requires too much traveling time and not enough skiing for a one-day trip. Bohemia, with about 20 miles of mountain road and two or three miles of uphill skiing is not as accessible as most people would like.

TOW is running at HOODOO

December, 1945 *Bulletin*

WITH PLENTY OF SNOW FLYING AS THIS GOES TO PRESS, all Ed Thurston will have to say is that his TOW is running at HOODOO and there will be Skiers from all sides taking advantage of the good facilities at the top of the Santiam. The Lodge is scheduled to open December 15th.

Editor's Note: Funded by Ed Thurston, Hoodoo ski area was built in 1938. Willamette Pass opened in 1941 with Henry Korn as the second owner for 25 years. Rope tows and T-bar were used until 1947 when Ed Thurston received approval for a chair lift to the top of Hoodoo Butte. Ed Thurston and Henry Korn were charter members of the Obsidians.

At The Lodge

Friday April 22 at 6:30 PM



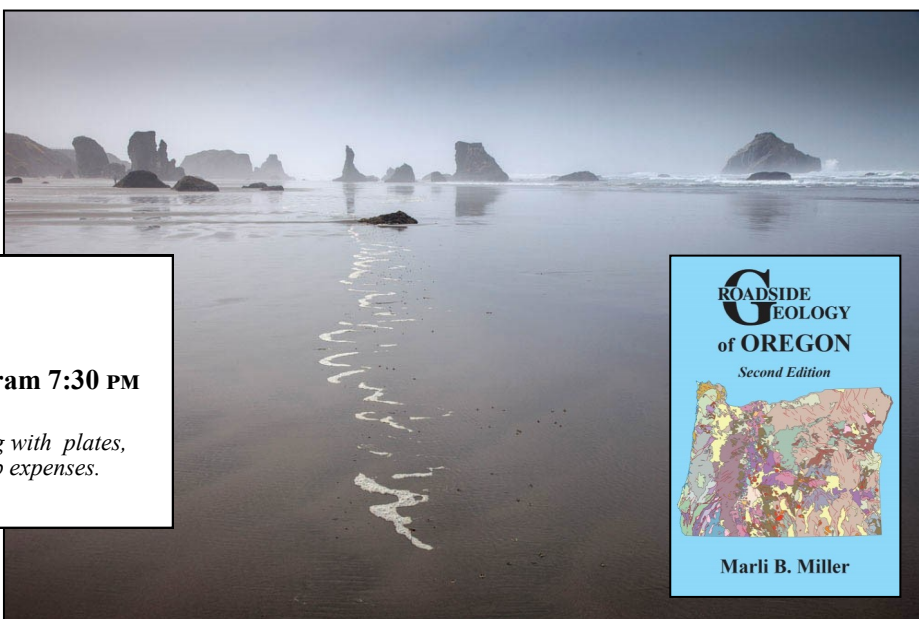
POTLUCK

Oregon Geology—One Road at a Time Dr. Marli Miller



OREGON HOSTS THE SHORTEST, yet one of the most interesting and event-filled geologic histories of any western state. This history includes the building of Oregon's foundation and its addition to the North American Continent, creation of numerous mountain ranges, and unimaginably huge volcanic eruptions. We see this history in Oregon's rock record, which underlies an equally interesting and diverse landscape, and which is exposed along Oregon's highways.

In this talk, geologist and photographer Dr. Marli Miller of the University of Oregon will describe Oregon's geological story as laid out in her book *Roadside Geology of Oregon*. She will have copies of the book for purchase and signing after the talk.



April Potluck
Friday, April 22, 2016
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 26 at 7:30 PM

Nutrition for Active Adults

Presented by Caitlin Goodman, BA Nutrition
Nutrition Operations Manager for the U of O Athletic Department

THIS PRESENTATION IS GEARED TOWARDS AVID OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS who want to get the most out of their training and outdoor activities. Whether you are training for an extensive back country ski trip or are a weekend adventurer, this will provide you with the information you need to help you take your outdoor pursuits to the next level. The talk will focus on bone health, protein requirements, energy needs during physical activity and changes in caloric requirements at higher altitudes. Changes to your nutrition can change your life.



Obsidian Calendar

April

9 Sat	Short Mountain Landfill Hike E Hougardy	505-7031
9 Sat	Blanton/Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
9 Sat	2016 Climb School-Snow Field Session Reiter ...	521-8472
10 Sun	North Bank Deer Preserve Hike M Jacobsen	914-1132
10 Sun	Amazon Creek Canal Hike E Soussan	345-3046
12 Tue	A Day at Wildlife Safari Bus Phelps	726-0118
12 Tue	Wetlands Bike & Birding Bike E Montgomery.	688-7025
13 Wed	Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper	868-5427
16 Sat	Rooster Rock Hike D Smith	357-5208
16 Sat	Blanton/Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
16 Sat	Unicorn Peak Climb Willhite	406-570-4514
17 Sun	Yachats to Waldport Hike M Sojak	525-1124
19 Tue	Summer Trips Leader Orient at Lodge Cooper	344-8517
20 Wed	Amaz Hd/Spencer Butte Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
21 Thu	Mt Pisgah under the Full Moon Hike M Smith .	357-5208
22 Fri	Oregon Geology: One road at a time	Potluck
22 Fri	EarthDay Spencer B Litter Pick-up M Jacobsen..	206-1251
23 Sat	Blanton/Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
23 Sat	Goodman Creek Hike E Hackett	953-7026
24 Sun	Hardesty Mountain Hike D Smith	357-5208
26 Tue	Nutrition for Active Adults	ExploraTalk
27 Wed	Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith .	357-5208
29 Fri	Marys Peak North Side Hike D Smith	357-5208
30 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maint M Bell	503-884-8829
30 Sat	Backpacking Rendezvous at Lodge Hougardy ..	505-7031
30 Sat	Blanton/Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303

May

1 Sun	Yachats Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
4 Wed	Hiking the Columbia Gorge Ext Trip Martz	345-6229
4 Wed	Amazon Hdw/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen .	206-1251
5 Thu	Middle Fork Path Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
6 Fri	GoodmanCrk/AshSwale Sheltr Hike M Camp .	221-4429
7 Sat	Patterson Mountain Hike E Hackett	953-7046
7 Sat	Diamond Peak Graduation Climb Willhite .	406-570-4514
8 Sun	Macduff Mountain Hike D Smith	357-5208
11 Wed	Amazon Hdw/Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe	206-9501
13 Fri	Summer Camp Rally	Rally
14 Sat	Mt. Hood Climb Reiter	521-8472
14 Sat	Mt. Hood Climb Harris	521-5807
15 Sun	Owyhee Rafting Trip Ext Trip Schechter	687-1887
17 Tue	Ankeny Wildlife Refuge Bike M Hughes	933-5542
18 Wed	Amazon Hdw/Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper ...	868-5427
19 Thu	New Coastal Museum & Aquarium Bus West ..	343-5492
20 Fri	Alpenstocks to Ice Axes	Potluck
21 Sat	Mt.Thielsen Graduation Climb M Williamson ..	531-7305
22 Sun	Horse Rock Hike E Sojak	525-1124
25 Wed	Spencer Butte Trail Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
25 Wed	Amazon Hdw/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	357-5208
28 Sat	Dog Mountain Hike D Pierce	206-902-7326
28 Sat	Horsepasture Mountain Hike M Hackett	953-7046
28 Sat	Entire McKenzie River Trail Hike D Johnson ..	520-2470

June

1 Wed	Amazon Hdw/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	357-5208
3 Fri	Smith Rock Ext Trip D Sojak	525-1124
4 Sat	National Trails Day Trail Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
4 Sat	Ridgeline Trail Celebration Hike E	TBA
5 Sun	Crescent Mountain Hike D Smith	357-5208
6 Mon	Vivian Lake Hike M Cooper	868-5427
7 Tue	Birding at Summer Lake Bus Cutsforth	746-4929
8 Wed	Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith ...	357-5208
12 Sun	DarkGrove/Devil's Staircase Hike D Hougardy..	505-7031
12 Sun	Tire Mountain Hike M Jost	485-1612
15 Wed	Amazn Hd/SpencerButte Hike M Lodeesen ..	214-709-0352
17 Fri	Mt. Adams Climb Reiter	521-8472
19 Sun	Crabtree Valley Hike M Sojak	525-1124
20 Mon	Mt Pisgah Solstice Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
22 Wed	Mt. Whitney Climb Hamilton	343-6550
22 Wed	Amazon Hd/Spencer Butte Hike M Gunther	654-3576
24 Fri	Southern California Coast Walk.....	Potluck
25 Sat	North Sister Climb Willhite	406-570-4514
26 Sun	Dome Rock & Tumble Lake Hike M Randall ...	844-5916
28 Tue	Macduff Mountain Hike D Johnson	520-2470
29 Wed	Spencer Butte Trail Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
29 Wed	Amazon Hdw/Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper	868-5427

July

2 Sat	Mt. Jefferson Climb Ellis	917-880-6744
6 Wed	AmaznHd/SpencerButte Hike M Lodeesen ...	214-709-0352
9 Sat	Crater Lake Hiking/Cmp CarCamp Hougardy	505-7031
9 Sat	Mt. Adams Climb Huseman	743-3658
10 Sun	Middle Pyramid Hike M Adkins	344-4163
13 Wed	Amazon Hd/Spencer Butte Hike M Gunther	654-3576
14 Thu	More Food V Bus West	343-5492
16 Sat	Hwy. to Hwy. Hike D Cooper	868-5427
16 Sat	Hwy to Hwy Support-Metolius Hike E Cooper .	517-6785
16 Sat	Middle Sister Climb McGlinsky	232-0421
17 Sun	Browder Ridge Hike D Randall	844-5916
19 Tue	Mt Pisgah under Full Moon Hike M Smith	357-5208
20 Wed	Amazon Hd/SpencerButte Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
23 Sat	Ingalls Peak Climb Reiter	521-8472
27 Wed	Amazon Hdw/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	357-5208
29 Fri	Sky High Lakes Bk Pk D Sullivan	683-6837
29 Fri	Thousand Creek Gorge Hike E Sojak	525-1124
30 Sat	CampRobertson-RubyMtns SmCmp Jacobsen .	914-1132
30 Sat	Glacier Peak Climb Ellis	917-880-6744

Companion Wanted: To Backpack the Wonderland Trail



I'M AN AVID BACKPACKER WHO PLANS TO HIKE THE WONDERLAND TRAIL THIS SUMMER. At age 80, this will be my last hurrah. Although I hiked most of the PCT on my own, I don't feel it's wise to go solo on this one. A friend will be joining me for the last half, but I'm looking for company the first six days (or longer, if interested). I plan no more than eight miles a day at about 1 MPH. Because my friend still works, the dates are non-negotiable—from July 26 through August 8 (includes transport to and from the trailhead). I would LOVE to hear from any seasoned adventurers! You can contact me, Jane Dods, at 741-3020 or runkitty35@pacinfo.com.



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Leap year leaping on Skinner Butte –photo by Carla Cooper (See trip report on page 8)