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Dates to Remember

October 14	Annual Meeting
October 19	Board Meeting
October 25	ExploraTalk
October 28	Potluck
October 29	Bulletin Deadline
November 2	Board Meeting

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FWOC 2016: A Conservation Gathering with Friends

September 16–18

Jorry Rolfe

“THE TREES WERE OUR FIRST TEACHERS.” This quote by Skokomish tribal leader G. Bruce Miller is engraved on a sculpture I spied soon after arriving on the forested campus of IslandWood, a school in the woods on Bainbridge Island, this year’s site for the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) convention. I soon learned that this non-profit outdoor center in Washington is not only inspiringly beautiful, but also was sustainably designed and LEED certified at the Gold level in 2002. We all agreed that it was the perfect setting for the meeting which focused on climate change, water uncertainty, and resilience through conservation—the theme and program was conceived and set up by the NW Climate Action Liaison for the Great Old Broads for Wilderness.

What is the FWOC? It is an organization of outdoor clubs founded in 1932, whose members from eight states felt the need to “cooperate and coordinate their work to preserve nature.” Our club is a charter member along with clubs such as the Mazamas and Chemeketans. Now FWOC is made up of outdoor clubs and organizations numbering about forty. It was interesting to hear that Oregon Wild is presently applying for membership. FWOC puts out a quarterly newsletter, *Outdoors West*, and every summer delegates and members meet to learn about and discuss environmental issues and vote on resolutions brought forward by members.

As a first-time attendee I paid close attention as the agenda moved through presentations on the following topics: the proposed Douglas-Fir National Monument in Oregon, public lands and climate change (video interview with Naomi Klein), the future and contexts of the NW Forest Plan, the public lands transfer/seizure movement, the deterioration of the Delta and water self-sufficiency (CA), the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart project, and post-dam removal on the Elwha River (WA).

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Shirley Cameron, former club delegate to the FWOC and Jorry Rolfe, our new delegate

OBITUARIES

Walt Dolliver 1937–2016

FORMER MEMBER, WALT DOLLIVER, PASSED AWAY ON SEPT. 2 after declining health. Walt moved to Eugene in 1974 and even though he was an avid outdoorsman, he did not join the Obsidians until 2003. During his years of membership he went on 176 activities and led eight trips. One of his favorite hikes was to Vivian Lake, which he led from the Hills Creek Reservoir side. His last hike with the club was in 2010 in the south hills of Eugene.

Walt is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the Sept. 11 issue of The Register-Guard.

Joel McClure 1927–2016

ANATIVE OF KENTUCKY, JOEL ACCEPTED A TEACHING POSITION at the University of Oregon after receiving his doctorate in physics from the University of Chicago. He joined the Obsidians in 1963 and over the next 32 years he participated in 30 trips and 12 climbs. He led 27 trips, the last in 1995 with a trip to Little Belknap Crater.

He is survived by a son and a daughter and their families.

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Since the beginnings of FWOC and central to its mission, considering and adopting resolutions have played a significant role in deciding positions on issues of concern. This year seventeen resolutions were adopted by our coalition and show the breadth of issues concerning our federation's conservationists. I highlight some for your information: opposing new dams threatening National Forests, preserving and building on the NW Forest Plan, opposing activities despoiling wilderness on the Olympic Peninsula, supporting removal of Enchanted Valley Chalet in Olympic National Park, preserving the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, preserving wilderness for Devil's Staircase, supporting the establishment of the Douglas-Fir National Monument, supporting new regulations by EPA and BLM reducing methane releases, supporting bill to authorize buy-outs of grazing permits on public rangelands, and protecting the north side of Mt. Hood from urban-type development.

Interested in more details about these resolutions or the convention? If so, checkout the FWOC's website at

http://federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org/fwoc_resolutions.html

and/or contact me at Jorry.rolfe@gmail.com.

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you have already submitted your renewal—thank you! If not, please do. The renewal form is available online in *Members Only*. Once completed, mail to:

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Don't Miss the Awards Presentation at the Annual Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT THE LODGE

6:30 Social with Prince Pucklers ice cream and apple crisp

7:00 Program

The awards presentation is always the highlight of the annual meeting. Trip, Leader, Compleat Obsidian, Three Sisters Climb, and Trail Maintenance patches will be awarded to 30-plus members. The Special Awards conclude the meeting with surprises and laughter.

Two members who live in Lincoln City, Barbara and Paul Beard, led a week-long coast bus trip last month. It was their 100th trip! After they prepared a barbeque for twenty-three riders at the Cannon Beach Ecola Lodge, Janet Jacobsen surprised them with their 100-trip patches.

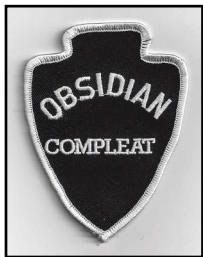
Come share an interesting and fast-paced meeting with the Obsidian Board and Committee Chairs and join in congratulating the awardees.

For more information, see the September *Bulletin*.



Paul and Barbara Beard

What is the Compleat Obsidian Award?



IT TAKES SOME PLANNING AND EFFORT to fulfill the requirements for the Compleat Obsidian patch. The award is a way to encourage members to become acquainted with a broad spectrum of club activities. During a twelve-month period, a member must complete ten different Obsidian activities. These are: attend a Potluck and Summer Camp; go on an extended trip, a summer trip, a winter trip, a trail maintenance outing, a bus trip, and a climb; serve on a committee and lead an activity.

With the Ruby Mountain Summer Camp on the schedule this past summer, Tom Rundle, Kathy Randall, and Darko Sojak were able to complete the requirements. They will each receive a patch at the annual meeting.

So far six Obsidians have received the award: Rick Ahrens, Marianne Camp, Jim Duncan, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, and Jim Pierce (twice).

Meet the New Winter Trips Chair—Dave Lodeesen

TWO YEARS AGO DAVE RETIRED and moved to Eugene from Dallas, TX. Eager to explore his new surroundings and keep fit, Dave joined the Obsidians. Since then he has participated in over two hundred trips including hiking, backpacking, extended trips, summer camp, and snowshoeing.

He will be responsible for the trip schedule starting November 15 until April 1. Expect an email from Dave or from someone on his committee about leading a Winter Trip. So start thinking about what you would like to lead. For ideas, check out the archived schedules in the Winter Trip link on the home page.

Dave says: *This can be the best time of year to get out there, so don't waste your winter sitting in front of the TV. Get out those snowshoes, skis, waterproof your boots, and find your warm clothing layers. Schedule a trip by emailing wintertrips@obsidians.org.*



TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

North Fork Willamette Upper Section

August 25, 2016

Leader: Dan Christensen

Asst Leader: Frank Lulich

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

THE NORTH FORK OF THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE WILLAMETTE TRAIL is divided into three unconnected sections. Our hike was along a portion of the upper section officially called the Shale Ridge Trail, although there is no ridge along the trail. The trailhead is 30 miles up Aufderheide Drive from Westfir. Sullivan briefly mentions the upriver portion of the trail as #166 in the back of his hiking book, but not the downriver portion, which is hiked from the same trailhead. Our hike might be best described as the Constitution Grove hike. Obsidians have done this hike two or three times in the past, but not for some time. Eleven of us set out on a beautiful day. Even though it was very hot in the valley, the forest canopy kept the temperature at a comfortable level for the duration of the hike. The trail follows the river downstream, although is often out of sight of it. The cedars and Douglas firs are enormous, maybe as large as any to be seen in the Oregon Cascades. The trail is mostly level, just 600 feet of elevation gain, and easy to follow. But it is not being maintained, so there are a number of required log crossings. The bridges are in various stages of deterioration but are still safe for crossing. Our objective was to hike downriver to Constitution Grove. The Forest Service direction sign said the distance to the Grove was 2 1/4 miles, but in fact Tom measured 3.9 miles with his GPS. The Grove itself has special historical significance. Thirty years ago plaques were attached to various trees in the Grove. These plaques honor



Frank, Victoria and Dan near the rock with Constitution Grove Plaque

each of the 39 signers of the U.S. Constitution. The Grove provided an excellent lunch and turnaround spot from which to complete an eight-mile hike. For anyone wishing to extend the hike, the trail itself proceeds further downstream, another 2 miles or so. Another significance of the hike was that it marked the celebration of Colleen's 90th birthday. She had no trouble in completing the hike. Members: Dan Christensen, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Frank Lulich, Colleen Milliman, Greg Milliman, Tom Rundle, Charles Thomas. Nonmembers: Victoria Ilovayskaya, Carl Milliman, Jennifer Milliman.

Matthieu Lakes

August 28, 2016

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

WE STARTED AT LAVA CAMP and went up the PCT at a leisurely pace, pausing several times for water and photography. After lunch at South Matthieu, five of us walked about another mile up the PCT on part of the Yapoah Cone basalt flows. The views of the High Cascades were spectacular. We returned via North Matthieu Lake and took a long break there before completing the loop back to Lava Camp. Members: Jane Hackett, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Deborah Sinnott. Nonmembers: Victoria Ilovayskaya, June Sutterfield, JoDee Martin.

Young's Rock, Moon Point

September 1, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 8 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

SEVEN OF US, INCLUDING VICTORIA FROM RUSSIA, hiked this relatively unknown place south of Oakridge. I scouted it twice and know the trail better than I probably should. Once both cars reached the very small parking area at the trailhead, we hiked in to the trail and immediately started climbing. The trail climbs about 700 feet in the first mile, 700 in the second 1.2, and does about 600 in the next. Young's Rock is visible but often not seen by hikers, who have their heads down as they approach. Moon Point is a little bit of a scramble, but everybody got up there and either ate lunch there or on the duff nearby. We had views of Mt. Thielsen and Bailey Peak. We then hiked back down to the cars and had an uneventful trip home. Members: Ben Brown, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Victoria Ilovayskaya.

Pisgah Obscura

September 2, 2016

Leader: John Jacobsen

Hike: 7 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

OCCASIONAL RAIN AND LIGHT SHOWERS accompanied us for the first half of this circumnavigation (sort of) of Mt. Pisgah, but sunny skies appeared for the last half. We hiked clockwise, heading around the north meadow on Trail 3, then cutting down to the newly built Trail 4 to Trail 46, around the east side, catching Trail 6 to 5 and through the south meadow

back to the parking lot. A good workout. We welcomed Sue, visiting from Wisconsin, on her first Obsidian trip. Members: Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Sue Meyer.

Butterfly Pavilion/Umpqua Days

September 3, 2016

Leader: Joella Ewing

Hike: 2 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

ROBERTA CHORD BROUGHT HER DAUGHTER AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, including toddler twins, to enjoy the Butterfly Pavilion and Ft. Umpqua Days celebration in Elkton. The day was glorious, sunny and 70s. People, butterflies, gardens, strolling trails, displays, pageant, food and events made for a pleasant, busy day. Dinner at Tomaselli's is always good. Members: Roberta Chord, Autumn Estes, Chyanne Estes, Trenton Estes, Joella Ewing, Yuan Hopkins, Noah Lee, Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers: Kimber Estes, Colt Estes, Elizabeth Estes.

Chucksney Mountain

September 3, 2016

Leader and Photographer: Randy Sinnott

Hike: 10.3 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

THIS TRIP WAS PROPOSED BACK IN JUNE, but rescheduled after discovering it was littered with blowdown trees from the previous winter. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of the trail clearing crew of Scorpions, we were able to fit it in this September. The weather was near perfect, i.e. sunny and scattered clouds. From the treeless summit ridge we might have seen the Sisters except that the scattered clouds seemed to have gravitated to surrounding the distant peaks. We lunched at the summit of Chucksney, a short hike from where the trail gains the ridge. We had to abandon our first choice of lunch sites due to agitated bees who managed to sting one member. Our earlier wildlife encounter was the bear that ran in front of us on our drive up Aufderheide Drive. Hopefully this trail will be open again next year, but I would advise finding out ahead if the blowdowns have been removed. Members: David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Lynn Meacham, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Cari Soderlund. Nonmembers: Victoria Ilovayskaya.



Chucksney Summit

Maiden Peak from Gold Lake Rd.

September 3, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 12 miles, 2,850 ft. (Difficult)

SINCE BOTH OF US ARRIVED WELL BEFORE THE START TIME, we got up to the trailhead by 8:50. We were about 2 1/4 hours to the top, taking one break at about 1,000 feet below the summit. We were joined there by one mountain biker from Veneta, with whom we spoke for most of an hour. I liked his attitude of not going down anything he hasn't gone up under his own power. After the first 1.8 miles, one doesn't do much riding uphill on Maiden Peak. The slight rain did a great deal to dampen the dust, and there was even frost above 6,500 feet. The views were excellent of Diamond Peak and Fuji, Waldo, Bobby, Davis, Crescent, Odell, Lower Rosary, and Summit Lakes. After an hour on top, we came straight down without incident. It was the first time in a long while that I needed a jacket at high elevation. It felt good. Dave and I both hiked at a similar, comfortable pace, and for a Labor Day weekend, we saw two other hikers and four mountain bikers. Members: David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

Divide Lake

September 4, 2016

Leader: David Cooper

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 8 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

IT TOOK AWHILE FOR THE CLOUDS TO CLEAR, but it was still a very pleasant day. The clouds began to break up when we reached Divide Lake giving us nice views of Mt. Yoran. We looked around the beautiful, green lakes and four members



Mt. Yoran from Divide Lake

went up to the crest to look down onto the eastern side of the Cascades. That's where the sunshine seemed to be. By the time we reached Notch Lake on our return to the trailhead, the temperatures had warmed and we took a leisurely break. The best, cloud-free view of Diamond Peak was on the trail about 100 yards from the parking lot. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Rebecca Eastwood, Laurie Funkhouser, Debbie Krakauer, Sam Miller, Evelyn Nagy, Randy Sinnott. Nonmembers: Lamonte Smith.

Scott Trail-PCT-Matthieu Lakes

September 5, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 10 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS A GREAT HIKE. Five of us in two cars got to Scott Trailhead where we unloaded everything. Then Dave Lodeesen and I drove our cars to Lava Lake-PCT Trailhead. I left my car and went back with Dave to Scott, and all of us started before 10. We hiked on a cool, delightful day up to Four-In-One Cone, where three of us went up, joining the other two for lunch on the top of the hill where Scott Trail descends to join the PCT. After lunch, we continued north on the PCT, around Yapoah Crater, where we had excellent views of Belknap Crater, Mt. Washington, Three-Fingered Jack, and cloud-shrouded Mt. Jefferson. To our south, clouds were on North Sister. We then passed by the Matthieu Lakes, ending at the previously left car, where I drove the five of us back to the trailhead. It was my first shuttle, and it worked great. Strong group of hikers, but we kept a moderate pace, as befitted such a hike. Members: Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, David Lodeesen, Toresa Martell, Mike Smith.

Dorris Ranch/Middle Fork Path

September 8, 2016

Leader: Karla Rusow

Hike: 5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

SINCE IT WAS ONLY THE THREE OF US, we had a nice five-mile stroll on a beautiful fall day and then went to lunch. Members: Virginia Rice, Karla Rusow, Judy Terry.

Secret Spot/Big Bear

September 10, 2016

Leader and Photographer: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 8 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

VISITING BIG BEAR CAMP is like inhaling a fresh breath of



Camp host, Hal, giving directions

forest air; it's invigorating. The lodge owners, Hal and Tonia, quickly welcomed us as we arrived at their retreat/garden/camp in the woods. Hal offered us delicious honeycrisp apples directly off the tree to enjoy on our hike. Our eight-mile hike started up a reclaimed forest road, past cedar trees used by mountain lions for scratching, across the deep ravine where a rope was needed, and finally to a deceptively steep

forest road. After a good heart-pounding climb, we arrived at the Secret Spot, the highest location within the Coast Range in Lane County. We had climbed roughly 1,600 feet from where we started but the view made up for it. Looking east we could see 130+ miles in the distance: in the north, Mt Hood, followed by Mt. Jefferson, Three-Fingered Jack, North, Middle and South Sisters, Mt. Bachelor, and finally 125 miles further south, Diamond Peak. We rested, enjoyed some lunch, and then traversed back down the forest road to several turnoffs, and a forest trail that deposited us back at Big Bear. That evening we shared a potluck with neighbors; everyone's gardens were abundant and we enjoyed the bounty of harvest time meals. Later that evening we enjoyed guitar folk music by the fire and enjoyed freshly picked grapes. In the morning we hung out, explored the local creek, enjoyed the garden, and planned a route for a 42-mile, 4-day backpacking trip to the coast for next spring. Members: Keiko Bryan, Laurie Funkhouser, Anna Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Becky Lipton, Judy Ness, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rust, Darko Sojak.

Full Ridgeline Out and Back

September 10, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 11.6 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

I SAID I WOULD NEVER DO THIS HIKE AGAIN after having done it once. I lied. We had a good, strong group and went out and back on a cool Saturday morning. Janet cleaned a graffiti-spoiled sign at Dillard and picked up a bag of litter and a lot of dog poop in the parking lot. Then she carried it to Fox Hollow's trash receptacle, thanking me for taking it out of her pack and walking 15 feet to dump it. Janet: you did the work. Thank you! Steve took me up on the chance to climb Spencer Butte on the way back and was last seen heading up the Tie Trail. Amazing. Everybody else returned to the cars just before noon. At least, I got that part right. It's a decent conditioning hike, and I don't feel the same way about it now. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Dave Cooper, Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Adam Bell.

Charlton Lake and Beach Clean-up

September 11, 2016

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 5.1 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

THREE OF US ENJOYED THIS BEAUTIFUL LAKE on a breezy sunny day. A couple of pounds of garbage was collected along the trail. Members: Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Adam Bell.

Black Crater

September 11, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

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

THE PARTY OF TWO HAD A PROMPT START up the McKenzie Highway with a temperature of 49 degrees and views of dark clouds to the east. As we safely wound our way up to Dee Wright Observatory, the clouds dissipated and the temperature increased by 10 degrees. The trail was in good condition, a steady incline to the final zigzags to reach the ridge for spectacular views of North Sister, Broken Top, Mt. Washing-

ton, Three-Fingered Jack and Mt. Jefferson. Our encounters on the trail were limited, but included 15 people, four horses and four friendly dogs. Fall colors were beginning to show with tinges of red. Returned to our vehicle under blue sky and a temperature of 69 degrees. Members: Jennifer Baer, Laurie Funkhouser.

Opie Dilldock Pass

September 11, 2016

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Daphne James

Hike: 14 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

THE OPIE DILLDOCK LOOP FROM THE OBSIDIAN TRAILHEAD is one of the Oregon Cascades' most scenic hikes. Combine that with one of the clearest days I've had hiking in many years gave us a spectacular hike with clear views all the way



On Collier Glacier Viewpoint

to Mt. Adams. We began our loop hiking the Scott Trail where we made a short side trip up Four-in-One Cone. We then joined the PCT and headed South to Collier Cone where we had our lunch. After lunch we continued our 15-mile loop by hiking down the zigzag trail from Opie Dilldock Pass, where we joined the Obsidian Trail back to our vehicle. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Jorma Meriaho, Laura Osinga.

Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Harvest Moonrise

September 16, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

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

EIGHT OF US, INCLUDING THE ANDERSONS, a retired couple two years in Eugene, walked up Mt. Pisgah for the harvest moon, which was unfortunately clouded out. I spoke about the harvest moon and the harvest moon phenomenon, which is that the nearly full moon rises only a short time later each night for several nights, beginning before full and lasting a few days after full. I got some of the best questions about the moon I have ever fielded, and we had a little demonstration with Mr. Anderson being the sun, Dave Lodeesen being the earth, and I was the moon. We then walked down without moonlight. The clouds made it one of the darkest descents I've had on Pisgah. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Mark Hougardy, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Kathy Anderson.

Coffin Mountain/Bachelor Mountain

September 20, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

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

BACHELOR MOUNTAIN IS NOT MT. BACHELOR. We left Springfield at 7:30 AM for the two-hour drive to the Coffin Mountain Lookout Trailhead on Straight Creek Road off of Highway 22. The 1.5-mile trail on an open ridge has spectacular views of the Cascade mountains. Up at the lookout around 11:00, we visited with the friendly fire lookout staff, Ann Amundsen, who has held the job for 28 years. Back down to our car, we drove the .7 miles to the Bachelor Mountain Trailhead for two more miles of mountain peaks and fall colors. We lingered on top for lunch and were back down at our car by 2:30. It didn't take much persuasion from Steve and Keiko for us to stop at Fish Lake to explore the Santiam Wagon Trail kiosks and historic buildings. Note: Directions and mileages in Sullivan's *Central Oregon Cascades* hiking book were much appreciated! The dead end road to Bachelor Mountain has no trailhead signs. Members: Adam Bell, Keiko Bryan, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson.

Fuji Mountain

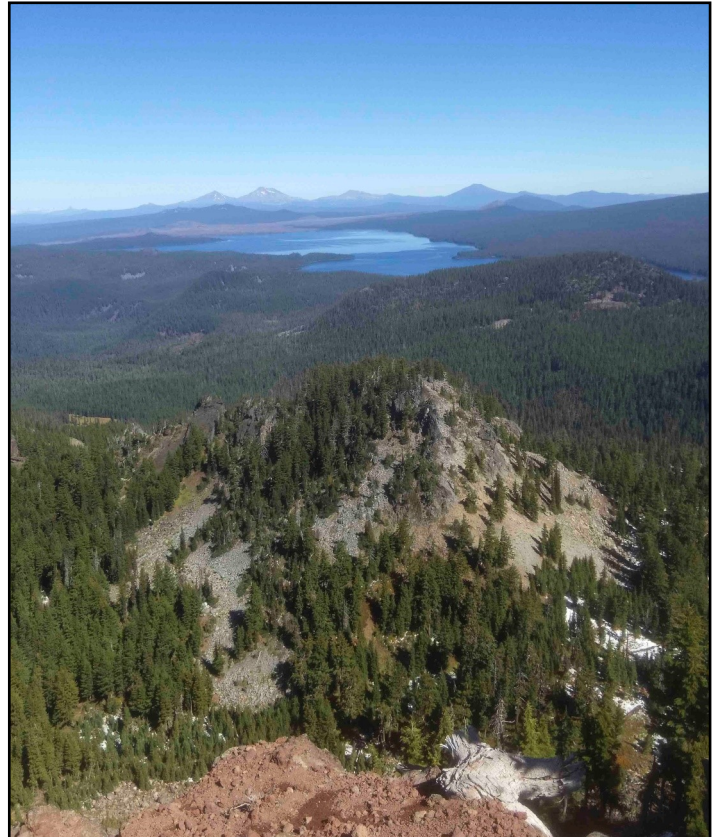
September 24, 2016

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

Photographer: Dave Cooper

Hike: 12 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

WE BEGAN WITH COOL MORNING TEMPERATURES which warmed into the 60s by lunchtime, perfect fall weather for an uphill hike to Fuji Mountain. Snow was encountered near the



Waldo Lake from summit of Fuji Mountain

top on the shady parts of the trail but did not slow us down as this was a group of fast-moving hikers. We had the top to ourselves for lunch with crystal clear views of Waldo Lake

and the surrounding Cascade Peaks, which had a blanket of snow making us think maybe an early winter season. On the way down we cautiously crossed through the snowy sections and were glad of our early start as we passed lots of people heading to the top. Everyone was thankful for such a perfect day of hiking and we celebrated the end of the hike with a stop at the brewpub in Oakridge. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Becky Lipton, Cari Soderlund, Fumiyo Tao, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Teresa Bowen.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

August 31 - September 14, 2016

Various Leaders: Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith

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

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: August 31: Members: Jennifer Baer, Kathie Carpenter, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, David Schroeder, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young. **September 7:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Kathie Carpenter, Steve Cordon, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Adam Bell. **September 14:** Members: Jennifer Baer, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

August 27 and September 17, 2016

Various Leaders: Mike Smith, Laurie Funkhouser

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

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: August 27: Members: David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Toresa Martell, Caroline Moore, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: June Sutterfield. **September 17:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Cari Soderlund.



Kayak Trips

Waldo Lake Kayak Overnight

August 26, 2016

Leader: Randy Sinnott

Photographers: Randy Sinnott and Lana Lindstrom

Water: 14 miles (Moderate)

THE SUCCESS OF THIS ADVENTURE relied on both the weather and the spirit of the participants. Both proved to be bright and sunny. We met at LCC at 8 AM and were on the



The bright and sunny group. Photo by Randy Sinnott

boat ramp packing kayaks at North Waldo by 10. Before 11 we had set out on the first shakedown paddle, a brisk one hour, 2.86-mile cruise over to a campsite at the north outlet of Waldo. Despite the presence of many lake users, we found a commodious campsite with plenty of spreading out space to set our tents. **DAY ONE** weather was sunny with brisk winds from the southeast that came close to whitecaps, but ultimately made for some swells that pushed our heavy laden boats along. As we had arrived very early to camp, seven energetic souls hiked north into the burn on Waldo's north shore and completed a loop of Rigdon Butte and the lakes. A flotilla of nine paddlers from Portland, members of Oregon Ocean Paddlers (OOPs), visited briefly as well. Two members of our party paddled out of our bay to the open lake at sunset to enjoy the now placid surface of the water. **DAY TWO** we woke to calm weather and all were ready for the agreed upon 8:30 start. Waldo is known for its afternoon winds that often produce whitecaps and we had planned to make best use of the early hours. Had it been blowing, we would have been all right to spend a second night at this sheltered site. After all, there were more nearby hikes to try and the camp we had established was very comfortable. We paddled south along the west shore of the lake, cutting off the larger bays by steering from one projecting cape to the next. The wind came up on our one hour long crossing, creating swells to negotiate but not formidable enough to force a retreat to the shore. This crossing put us at Rhododendron Island and we found a beach on the mainland nearby to have a snack and stretch our legs. Our next objective was Klovdahl Bay where an ambitious irrigation and hydropower project was attempted in 1914. The standing concrete headgates of this failed attempt to exploit pristine wilderness are still in evidence. It's estimated that the project would have dropped the lake's level 40 feet which would have taken ten years of rainfall to replenish. We then found a campsite on the south end of the lake. Overall, the morning paddle to cover the length of the lake took three-and-a-half hours including two stops of more than half hour total. A really great effort on everyone's part. I was unable to get accurate mileage due to a malfunction of my GPS but it was probably six miles. The afternoon was spent doing short hikes, relaxing and playing in the incredibly clear water, which was comfortable for short swims. Most were in bed early. **DAY THREE** was again calm. We made a 9 AM start calculating that if the wind did make the paddling risky, we could always bail by heading to the Shadow Bay boat launch a mile away. In the end, day three was as placid as it is

possible to encounter on Waldo, the water glass smooth for our final jaunt, six miles more or less along the east shore and back to the North Waldo boat ramp. Here we spent another hour relaxing on the island across from the ramp which was congested from the crowds of kayakers, paddle boarders and fishermen putting in and taking out their boats. Ultimately we were able to paddle over, finding some room to extract our own fleet of eight boats. Depending on which part of the lake we traversed, we saw various familiar peaks including South and Middle Sisters, Broken Top, Mts. Ray and Fuji, the Twins and Diamond Peak. The mosquitoes were absent during the daylight hours but a few still visited after nightfall. Not enough to dampen anyone's spirits judging by the group's obvious enjoyment from trip's start until the finish. Thanks to all for their spirits of adventure, helping one another and unflagging appreciation of a great adventure. Members: Roberta Chord, John Cooper, Lana Lindstrom, Cindy Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Emily Rice.



How many Obsidians does it take to set up a canopy?



Sunset at Waldo Lake. Photo by Lana Lindstrom

Women's Kayak/Little Cultus Lake

September 8, 2016

Leader: Patricia Esch

Photographer: Pat Soussan

Kayak: ? miles (Easy)

WE ARRIVED AT OUR SPACIOUS BUT DUSTY CAMP SITE on Little Cultus Lake after negotiating three miles of very washboardy gravel road. Although Little Cultus is a small lake, the wind blowing straight across kicking up waves discouraged us from launching our boats after lunch, so we busied ourselves with setting up camp. The only source of water was a nearby hand pump with the longest handle that I have ever seen. With three of us working the handle, it took nine pumps just to prime it. The screened canopy was perfect for keeping the bees from eating us and our food when we gathered to eat, play games and relax. After a trying day just getting to the lake that afternoon, Jane gamely cooked our salmon burgers while fending off the bees in the unprotected outdoor

kitchen. Since the camp faced west across the lake, we were treated to great sunset views, and the bees retreated at dusk so we came out of the screen sanctuary and enjoyed a campfire. On the first morning we discovered frozen socks, a washcloth and ice in the dish tubs. Fortunately it warmed up and we decided not to drive out that bumpy road to a different lake, but paddled Little Cultus three times: after breakfast, after lunch and after dinner. Second night, Yum bowls, time for sunset and dominoes. Nancy was the champ. One last paddle on Little Cultus after breakfast the next morning, breaking camp and lunch went well, but when we tried to leave, Jane's car failed to start and Clara's 1970's Datsun refused to go into gear. Rats! At first we didn't have cell reception, but a short walk away someone found a spot and a call for help went out to AAA. Since help was going to take a while, we agreed to leave the two drivers hoping they could depart before the next campers arrived and needed the parking area. Turns out Jane's car needed a new battery and Clara's needed fluid. Clara and the Datsun got a ride all the way to Springfield with her AAA coverage! Hurray. Members: Jake (Gail) Bradshaw, Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Jane Hackett, Helen Martz, Judy Newman, Pat Soussan, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Emily Rice.



Morning paddle on Little Cultus Lake



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte

August 31, 2016

Leader: Matthew Bell

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

FOR THE LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING OUTING of our summer schedule we met up at the main Spencer Butte parking lot to repair drainage on the West Trail and ready it for the coming fall, winter, and spring weather. Our group diligently went about repairing and replacing the rocks that are used to armor the outside edge of the drainage ditches along the cobble section of the West Trail. Everyone worked so quickly that we were even able to transplant some native rocks along the trail's sides and place debris along with them to encourage people to use the cobbled pathway. This is a continuation from last August's and many projects' work to bring the West Trail back to the width of the cobble section. The Daves re-armored the longest drainage. Dan planted the most artistic as well as deceptively deep rocks. As always our group was treated to immaculately cleaned steps upon our return courtesy of the diligent efforts of Clara. Members: Matthew Bell, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Dave Predeek, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith.

Extended Trips

Smith Rock

September 8, 2016

Leader: Tom Rundle

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Car Camp: 19 miles, 2,640 ft. (Difficult)

THURSDAY, AFTER LUNCH IN SISTERS, we set up our tents in the Smith Rock bivouac area. Then we went for a 2.5-mile hike on the Canyon Trail beside the lovely Crooked River. We saw several species of birds including American magpies and a great blue heron standing on a rock in the river. After dinner in the cooking area, we were treated to a spectacular, blazing sunset over the Cascades. Friday morning we hit the



trail again for a 10-mile loop around the entire Smith Rock complex, including a mile-long side trip to a lookout point on the north side of the main ridge. We gained about 1,300 feet of elevation that day and hiked through many, many switch-backs on the north side of the ridge. We crossed the Crooked River Canal and had lunch near the river. We returned to camp via east end of the River Trail. We took showers and relaxed with beverages under Brad Bennett's huge awning. Next morning we did the Misery Ridge Trail, up more than a hundred steep steps of rock and wood, to the summit of Smith Rock. We climbed 1,012 feet in 1.1 mile according to GPS. We followed the Summit Trail around to Monkey Face tower. There we watched a man walking on a tight rope across the chasm between



Bike Trips

Creswell Environs

September 2, 2016

Leader: Patricia Esch

Bike: 22 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

THOUGH IT STARTED OUT COLD AND MISTY IN EUGENE with the threat of showers, it was sunny and warming up in Creswell. After introductions and naming our favorite sandwiches (anticipating lunch!), we rode north past the Emerald Golf Course and met our first hill over I-5. Going south from there we passed through the western edge of Creswell and enjoyed fields and horse ranches on our way to the funky section of the city on the other side of I-5 and bounded by the Coastal Fork of the Willamette. Returning, we experienced the 15% chance of rain just before reentering the city on the way to the Creswell Bakery for lunch, the real purpose of the ride. It was sunny when we emerged from lunch, with lovely clouds. With one flat tire, one dropped chain, four crossings of I-5, and full stomachs, we returned to our cars and good-byes. Members: Barbara Bruns, Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Kathy Hoeg, Don Kindt, Greg Milliman, Eric Swegles. Nonmembers: Caryl Smartt, Joe Sanders, Ronald Bucher, Joe Evans, Marilyn Milne.

Monkey Face tower and the summit massif. We came down a very steep trail with many more switchbacks to link up with the River Trail and returned to camp. After lunch, Tom finally packed up his tent and we headed home. Members: Brad Bennett, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Cari Soderlund. Nonmembers: Victoria Ilovayskaya.

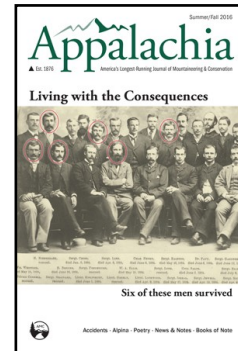


Brad and Cari head up the trail

Appalachia

WE WOULD LIKE TO FIND A HOME for twenty back issues of *Appalachia* from the 60s and 70s. Published by the Appalachian Mountain Club since 1876, it is America's longest-running journal of mountaineering and conservation.

Contact Laurie Funkhouser at
funkhouser5605@gmail.com



Byways By Bus

Upcoming Bus Trip

Willamette Queen Dinner Cruise

Date: December 1 (Thursday)
Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard
Cost: \$98 (\$100 nonmembers)
Judy Phelps, 726-0118

(Please make checks payable to Obsidian Bus Trips Account)

THE WILLAMETTE QUEEN STERNWHEELER has been in operation on the Willamette River for over twenty years. Come with us for a great start to your Christmas Holiday season with a ride and dinner aboard this marvelous replica of shipping and travel on the Willamette. We load the bus at 1:45 and leave Shopko parking lot at 2 PM. We will travel I-5 to Salem with a little time to shop and tour the Willamette Heritage Center and historic woolen mills. There you will find a gift shop, antiques, fantastic holiday decorations and much history. The River Queen is docked at Riverfront Park; other attractions located there are the famous carousel, historic homes, and the Gilbert House Chil-

dren's Museum. Access to the sternwheeler is level and handicapped accessible. Depending on weather and river levels, we will either travel downstream to Independence or upstream to Keizer, all the while enjoying a wonderful dinner. The captain is very experienced and will have some tales for us. The ship holds 80 people for dinner, is heated for everyone's comfort. After our ride and dinner, we will take a short walk around the attorney offices at Liberty and Commercial Streets in Salem to view their array of fantastic lights. Hot wassail and Christmas cookies will be available to snack on. We will return to Eugene approximately 9:30-10:00 PM. Carpooling or taxi to the Shopko parking area is suggested for those not wishing to drive after dark. Let us know if you need help with transportation (in town). We hope you will start your holidays on December 1 with Obsidian friends.



Historic Climate Change Court Case

Jennifer Baer

Editor's note: Obsidian member, Jennifer Baer, highlights the September 12 meeting, "Climate in Court: A Convening of Renowned Climate Experts" at the University of Oregon EMU Redwood Auditorium. The information about greenhouse emissions comes from her training as a Climate Master at the University of Oregon.

Where do we go from here?

ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 AN HISTORIC CASE WAS HEARD by Judge Ann Aiken in Federal Court here in Eugene; her decision is expected within 60 days of that date. I would like to highlight a few important arguments from that case, discuss one aspect of climate change, and offer suggestions to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

The Case

The plaintiffs suing the government are 21 youths and renowned climate scientist, Dr. James Hansen, who assert that the government is not safeguarding their constitutional right to a stable, livable atmosphere. Representing them is Julia Olson, from Our Children's Trust. The fossil fuel industry has intervened through trade associations.

The government and intervenors' (fossil fuel industry) position was that this case does not belong in the court system, that it is the responsibility of the legislative branch of government. The intervenors stated that the Clean Air Act represents that legislative response and "provides a remedy." Olson presented a compelling argument loaded with historical facts demonstrating that the government has known about the consequences of greenhouse gases and climate change for over 50 years but has shown "deliberate indifference." She explained that even with Obama's Clean Power Plan, the levels of greenhouse gases will flatline at unacceptably high levels, not decrease to a manageable level that would prevent catastrophic climate change. The judge commented that climate crisis has been heard in Congress, but Congress "has not adequately responded."

Perspective

The relationship between greenhouse gases and increased global temperatures is well established. We are only seeing the beginning of consequences from runaway greenhouse emissions that have occurred in recent times. The temperature increase requires some decades to catch up with the levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. This may seem like a long time to some humans, but in terms of earth's history, the rapidity of this change is unprecedented. The current increase in temperature is already 1.06 degrees Celsius (that's 1.9 degrees F); a one degree Celsius change in temperature is expected to raise sea levels by 6-9 meters (about 20-30 feet) before the end of this century. (Think how many cities are located near sea level.) There are many other consequences of climate change as well.

Solutions

The United States constitutes only 5% of the population yet accounts for 25% of global greenhouse emissions. Here are a few suggestions to decrease your personal greenhouse gas emissions and help reduce this imbalance.

1. **Personal travel.** Drive less, a lot less. Make that next car an electric one. Bike, bus, train, walk, carpool. Plan ahead and combine errands.
2. **Air travel.** Huge emissions here. Do you really need to make that trip?
3. **Home heating/cooling.** Ductless heat pumps are very efficient (can cut that energy bill in half) and quiet; with current rebates and incentives they are very affordable and can pay for themselves within a couple of years. Lower the thermostat for winter and grab a sweater; encourage the same at your work place.
4. **Food.** Eat local foods that are grown sustainably. Consider the emissions required to transport food to your table. Move towards a plant-based diet. The beef industry especially is energy intensive and generates significant emissions. Avoid products containing palm oil as production entails mass deforestation. Deforestation reduces the Earth's ability to absorb carbon dioxide emissions.
5. **Consume fewer goods.** How do your purchases affect the planet? How much pollution was generated to create and ship that product? Buy used. If you are concerned about China's role in emissions (and pollution which drifts to our coastline and beyond), stop buying their products.
6. **Reduce, reuse.** Recycle as a last resort. There is a huge reusable market in Eugene/Springfield. Check the BRING website for places that will reuse your unwanted items.
7. **Yard care.** Avoid synthetic nitrogen fertilizers—they are very energy intensive to produce. Lawn mowers and blowers typically do not have adequate pollution controls. Move towards native plantings (remove energy intensive lawns) and mulch extensively for plant nutrition and irrigation reduction.

The grandchildren may ask, "They knew about it—why didn't they do anything about it?" How will you respond? The choice is yours.

Upcoming: Forest Treasures

Date: 7 PM, Oct 20, 2016

Location: U of O LAW at 1515 Agate

Sponsored by LAW and the Many Rivers Sierra Club

Presented by Bruce Newhouse and Peg Boulay

DIVE INTO THE FANTASTIC WORLD OF FUNGI AT YOUR FEET. Go from forest floor ecology—where to look—and discover the edible and inedible choices available, then how to make the right choices. Lastly, learn how to prepare the goodies that you find. Bon appetite!



Glacier Bay National Park

Brenda Kame'enui

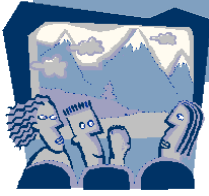
FELLOW OBSIDIAN JACQUE DAVIS AND I enjoyed a Sierra Club trip to Glacier Bay National Park in July. We toured bays and inlets by the Snow Goose, a 65-foot fishing yacht, and by kayak, and reached the shore by skiff. On shore we walked beaches of glacial silt and enjoyed meadows of wildflowers, all while keeping an eye out for grizzly bears and the more elusive wolf. Glacier Bay is a product of the Little Ice Age of the early 1700s, making the area a dynamic force of young forest of Sitka spruce, hemlock, and alder, and several remaining glaciers. Glacier Bay has wilderness protection in addition to national park status, and it is doubtless the wildest landscape I will ever visit. The mountains are a mighty backdrop to the bay, which sports little human traffic and much wildlife, from humpbacks to Steller sea lions and tufted puffins. It's a remarkable experience to be in this quiet wilderness teeming with life. An exciting feature of watching glaciers calve is the noise produced in the massive glacier. It sounds like a continual thunder and lightning storm.

Captain Dan bought the beautiful Snow Goose ten years ago in Bellingham, WA. As a middle school teacher, Dan was active in getting students to the water to study marine life, but he wanted a floating lab to enrich the 7th-graders' experience. Dan now takes hundreds of Whatcom County students into Bellingham Bay on the Goose. Dan has restored and serviced his boat to gleaming perfection. In the summer Dan takes guests on a variety of routes in the Inside Passage of southeast Alaska and into Glacier Bay. Our once-in-a-lifetime experience in some of America's most spectacular and wild country was grand. We were 12 Sierra Club guests and four crew on the trip, including a terrific naturalist and a gourmet cook. Being off the grid for a solid week reinforced the vacation. Visit Dan's boat and itinerary maps on the Snow Goose website: snowgoosealaska.com



Photos by Brenda Kame'enui

AT THE LODGE



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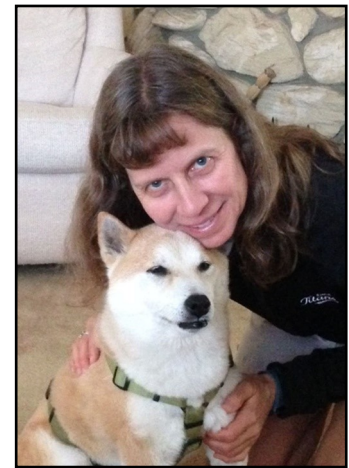
Friday, October 28 at 6:30 PM

Staying Active, Staying Strong

by Wendy Simmons, LCC Employee Wellness Coordinator



MOVEMENT IS THE KEY TO HEALTHY AGING. Do you want to be hiking at age 90? Get ideas to maintain strength, agility, and balance. Learn how to continue to stay motivated and energetic by doing the activities you enjoy. This talk is for all ages and fitness levels.



Wendy and Kahu

Friday, October, 2016
Obsidian Lodge
Potluck, 6:30 PM, Program, 7:30 PM
Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along
with your own plates, utensils and cups...
and \$1 to help cover club expenses.



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 PM

Whilamut Natural Area

CHARLOTTE BEHM AND VICKY MELLO WILL GIVE AN ILLUSTRATED TALK on the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park. Learn how the area created a Kalapuya cultural legacy, red fox habitat, and changed ODOT manager projects statewide. Learn what the area has for you!



Photo by Holger Krentz

Obsidian Calendar

October

7 Fri	Mt. Pisgah New Trails Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
8 Sat	Yoran Lake-Lils Lake Loop Hike D Anselmo	285-7596
8 Sat	Patterson Mtn/Lone Wolf Shelter Hike M Hovis ..	731-3412
8 Sat	Gwynn Creek/Cooks ridge Loop Hike M Sojak	525-1124
8 Sat	Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
8 Sat	Deterring Orchard Bike M Esch	338-8280
9 Sun	Clear Lake Hike E Ewing	344-9197
12 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Strutin	221-9015
15 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hamilton	343-6550
15 Sat	Smith Rock Climb Reiter	521-8472
15 Sat	Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
15 Sat	Sunset/Hunter's Moonrise Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
16 Sun	Jefferson Park Hike D Funkhouser	206-2303
19 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
21 Fri	The Twins Hike M Lindstrom	683-1409
22 Sat	Silver Falls State Park Hike M Pierce	206-902-7326
22 Sat	Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
23 Sun	Mt. McLoughlin Climb Hamilton	343-6550
25 Tue	Wilamut Natural Area	ExploraTalk
26 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper	868-5427
28 Fri	Aging and staying fit	Potluck
29 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance M Bell	503-884-8829
29 Sat	Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
30 Sun	Obsidian Loop Hike D Smith	520-488-9569

November

1 Tue	Delta Ponds Hike M Rundle	653-0741
2 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Lindstrom	683-1409

5 Sat	Emergency Preparedness Class Wilken	343-3080
8 Tue	Kettle Valley BC Bike Tour	ExploraTalk
9 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper	868-5427
12 Sat	Tahkenitch Creek Exploratory Hike M Rundle	653-0741
13 Sun	Mt. Pisgah/ Full Moon Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
16 Wed	Spencer B Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
18 Fri	PCT Trail, Washington Welch	Potluck
19 Sat	Larison Rock Hike D Smith	520-488-9569
23 Wed	Spencer B Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
26 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance M Bell	503-884-8829
30 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251

December

1 Thu	Willamette Queen Dinner Cruise Bus Beard	994-2337
7 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
14 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper	868-5427
21 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
27 Tue	Skinner Butte/Gillespie Butte Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
28 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	520-488-9569

January

1 Sun	New Year's Day Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
4 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper	868-5427
6 Fri	EMX-Springfield Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251

February

2 Thu	Groundhog Day Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
14 Tue	Oregon B'day - Dorris Ranch Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251

Shopping for trips? A few tips...

TO SEE THE LATEST UPDATES TO OUR TRIP SCHEDULE, be sure to visit the Obsidian Online System Login at: www.obsidians.org/onlinesignup/index.htm. There you will find the necessary links to retrieve your password, if you have forgotten it, or to register if you are a nonmember.

Can't spot the trip you want? Be sure to scroll down through the entire list to view all current selections.

On the Obsidian home page www.obsidians.org—you will find a handful of links (Summer Trips, Climbs, Bus Trips, and many more) taking you to expanded descriptions of upcoming trips and events.

Book Presentation

The Pacific Crest Trail: Exploring America's Wilderness Trail

Thursday, November 10, 5:00 PM

University of Oregon, Knight School of Law, Room 11

JOIN BARNEY SCOUT MANN for tales, photos and videos straight off the Pacific Crest Trail. This is the Oregon Launch Party for the book by Mann and co-author Mark Larabee. It has twice been a No. 1 New Release on Amazon. *The New York Times* dubbed Mann "the informal historian of the trail" while *Backpacker* magazine labeled him "a geek for trail history." This saga of the Pacific Crest Trail includes rarely seen archival photos, maps and stunning contemporary photography. You will experience the trail as if you were striding the path yourself—making the 2,650-mile journey from the Mexican to the Canadian border. Mark Hougarty will staff the Obsidian table at the event.



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