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Dates to Remember

April 11	Leader Training
April 18	ExploraTalk
April 28	Potluck
April 29	Bulletin Deadline
May 3	Board Meeting
June 9	Summer Camp Rally

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Camp Funkhouser Update

John Jacobsen, Summer Camp Chair

THE 2017 OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP, CAMP FUNKHOUSER, will be Sunday, July 30–Saturday, August 5, along the Methow River in the North Cascades near Winthrop, Washington. Planning continues for what should be a great camp. Here are our latest updates:

Summer Camp Sign Up

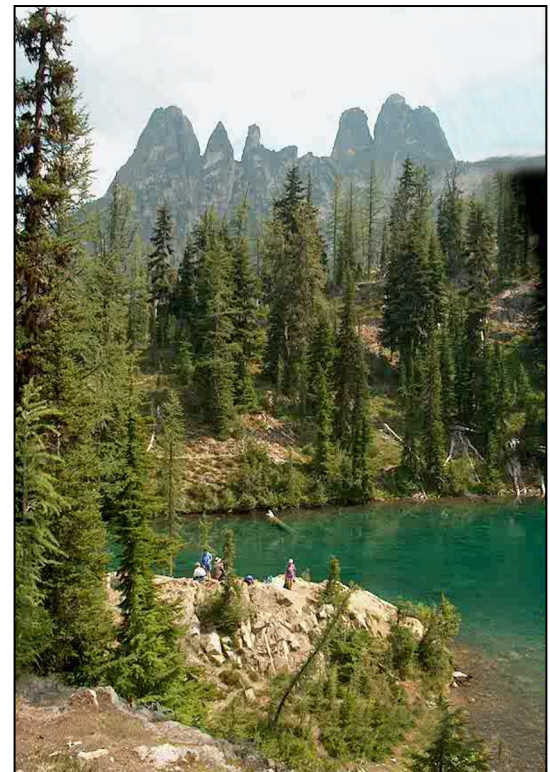
Registering for Summer Camp will be by online signup starting on Monday, April 17 about 7:00 AM, followed within five days by submitting by mail your registration form along with your camp fees. Obsidian members will have signup preference for the first week and nonmembers may sign up starting April 24. A registration form will be included as an insert with your April Obsidian *Bulletin* and will be available also as a download from the Obsidian website. See the back of the registration form for detailed guidance on signup, registration, payment and other details.

Summer Camp Fees

Camp Funkhouser fees will be \$270 for adult members and \$220 per child (6-12). Children five and under are free. Nonmember adults and children will be \$310. A hardship subsidy of \$50 is available to members only. Remember full fees are due within five days of online signup—we no longer accept an initial deposit followed by the balance later.

Summer Camp Rally

The Summer Camp Rally will be Friday, June 9 at 7:00 PM at the Obsidian Lodge. (This is not the June potluck, so don't bring food.) The Rally will include details about Camp Funkhouser including what to expect, what to bring, maps of the area, a slideshow of the area and a lot more. You will be able to pick up your Camp Funkhouser Booklet at the Rally and ask any questions you may have.



*Obsidians at Blue Lake with Liberty Bell and Early Winter Spires along the skyline.
 Photo by John Jacobsen at 2001 Summer Camp.*



Summer Trips Leader Training and Appreciation Night Tuesday, April 11

5:30 New leader focus group
 6:15 Social time and pizza
 6:45–8:00 Stay Safe: Decision making and hindsight
 Please RSVP by signing up online!

OBITUARIES

TOM GIESEN 1940–2017

Tom Giesen, an Obsidian member until recently, and one of the founders of GEARS, passed away peacefully on March 4. During his membership with the club, he led six hikes—his last trip was to Black Crater in 2014. In June of 2015 Tom gave an ExploraTalk at the Lodge about the effects of global warming. Tom was passionate about living in an environmentally responsible manner and was always willing to answer questions about how each of us could make simple changes in our lives to help the environment.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 15, from noon to 3 PM at the McKenzie River Ecolodge in Vida.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the April 6 issue of The Register-Guard.

BETTY SPECK 1923-2017

Former member, Betty Speck, passed away on March 5 at the age of 94. Betty and her late husband, Harvey, both joined the Obsidians in 1990 and especially enjoyed the bus trips the club offered. They went on a total of 22 bus trips, some of them being multi-day trips to out-of-state locations. They jointly led a memorable in-state trip to Florence, Paris, and London, serving foods that were typical of each European city.

She is survived by a daughter and a son.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the April 4 issue of The Register-Guard.

CHUCK MITCHELL 1926-2017

Chuck Mitchell, an Obsidian member since 1992, passed away on March 17 after a lingering illness. Chuck went on 58 activities with the club and participated in four summer camps, the last being to Yellowstone in 2007. He especially enjoyed winter cross-country trips. Chuck and his late wife, Clare Tucker, were avid photographers, and each submitted some photos in the note card competition of 2010. Both members were fortunate to have one of their photos selected for printing; Chuck's contribution was a photo of *Fog, Fireweed, and Firs* in the Mt. Baker area.

He is survived by three daughters and their families.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the March 31 issue of The Register-Guard.

Welcome New Members!

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Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting. There is no August meeting.

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New Sound System at Lodge

Lana Lindstrom and Dave Cooper

THANKS TO TWO VERY GENEROUS OBSIDIANS, WE NOW HAVE A GREAT SOUND SYSTEM AT THE LODGE! In November we were notified that Don Hunter died and had bequeathed \$2,000 toward audio visual equipment. Don founded and headed the University of Oregon's Audio Visual Department from 1946 to 1977. He had a massive tape collection and his specialty was documenting the decline of the steam engines. Long time Obsidians fondly remember his multi-screen, multi-media slide shows.

Ben Ross read the minutes of the Obsidian Board meeting where the bequest was announced, and was inspired to also generously contribute so that the new system would be top quality, "not a tinny sound." Ben was president of the Obsidians for three separate terms in the 1970s and 80s.

Dave Cooper, Lodge Chair, and Lana Lindstrom, Entertainment Chair, agreed to solicit bids and purchase the equipment. We requested and received advice from several experts, including long-term member Jim Dotson. After considerable research and negotiation, we awarded the bid to Pro Sound and Video.

The equipment had its debut at the March 24 potluck and everyone agreed that it is a vast improvement. It includes three speakers mounted on the beams so that the sound is evenly distributed throughout the room with no feedback. Two cordless microphones allow the master of ceremonies and the presenter to easily switch between each other. No unsafe cords! Presenters who want to play music from their computer are able to easily connect to a wall jack so that everyone can hear. And all the components will be housed in a custom cabinet created and built by Bea Fontana. We are very grateful to all those who contributed and are thrilled with the result.

So come to the next ExploraTalk or potluck and judge for yourself!

The Obsidian Bulletin Board History & Trivia

Wayne Deeter (revised from the April 2009 Bulletin)

APRIL 7, 2017 MARKED THE 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OBSIDIAN BULLETIN BOARD AT THE YMCA on Patterson Street. But where was it before then? The original location may be lost in obscurity. The first issue of the *Obsidian Bulletin*, December 1936, was nine years after the founding of the club. On page one of that issue is mention of signing up at Hendershott's Gun Store. This location at 770 Willamette St., sometimes called Hendershott's Sports Shop but more often simply Hendershott's, was used until its closing in March of 1959. This location was used as Arthur Hendershott, owner of Hendershott's, was a long-time member. Harold Trotter, also a member, was a salesman at Hendershott's for much of the time the bulletin board was there and apparently maintained the board. For a few months after that the bulletin board was at 1361 Willamette St. In June of 1959 the bulletin board was moved to Gilbert's Shoe Store, 49 E. Broadway, as member Sterling Behnke was proprietor of Gilbert's. After Gilbert's closed in June of 1968 a temporary location was found at the Sport Haus, 724 Willamette St. and in the following spring, 1969, it was moved to the YMCA. In November 2010 the club started doing signups online. Since that time the board at the Y has been used to publicize our events. On April 22, 2017 the Y will celebrate its 130th birthday!

Dogs Welcome On Their Own Trips!

Chris Stockdale

THE OBSIDIAN BOARD HAS GIVEN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DOG-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES APPROVAL for a 3-month trial period to determine the success or failure of such events.

The Guidelines published in the January 2017 *Bulletin* will be followed, with an additional leash requirement: with the exception of beach romps and dog park visits, all dogs must be on leashes at all times, even in areas that permit off-leash dogs.

Our first outing will be scheduled in mid-May, and details will be included in the May *Bulletin*.

If you are interested in leading a dog activity, please email me at happyhiker2010@hotmail.com. I recommend that you also attend the Leader Training and Appreciation Night. New leaders are encouraged to come at 5:30 to meet with Mike Smith and John Jacobsen who will go over online signup and answer questions. I will be there to answer questions regarding dog activities. We'll have pizza and salad at 6:15 followed by the presentations and a raffle. Please sign up online to get a count for ordering pizza.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS SOLICITING APPLICANTS who would like to serve a three year term on the Obsidian Board beginning January, 2018. If you have any suggestions, please e-mail the names to president@obsidians.org.

Obsidians Connect with Spencer Butte and Ridgeline Trails: 1928–2017

compiled by Janet Jacobsen

THE OBSIDIANS HAVE HAD A LONG HISTORY WITH SPENCER BUTTE AND THE RIDGELINE TRAIL. Spencer Butte is mentioned in early *Bulletins* as one of the “usual” local walks with a reference to the rough Willamette road outside the city limits. Miss Kent led the first Spencer Butte hike March 24, 1928. Spencer Butte didn’t come under public ownership until 1939 when Eugene residents were asked to give \$5.00 each to “buy a piece of the butte.” This was followed by more purchases and easements that would eventually develop into the Ridgeline Trail System. Until the early 1980s there was no easy way to hike up Spencer Butte from the east side.



Returning from Spencer Butte, March 24, 1929. Leader: Miss Kent. Photo probably taken from Willamette Street at about 24th Avenue.

There was a sign at Hendricks Park: Spencer Butte 8 miles.

Sections of the Ridgeline Trail System were closed for several months because of the December ice storms. It was cheerful (exuberant) news when Dev Cochrane of Eugene Parks and Open Space emailed our club March 7th that the entire Ridgeline trail system was now open. He wrote, “There are still a number of repairs to be done, but the trails are all passable and the vast majority of the overhead hazards have been removed. You will still see some caution flagging around some areas that still need repair work. We will be continuing repair work through the spring and summer.”

Excerpts from Obsidian trip reports chronicle the amazing vision and hard work of Eugene Parks and Open Space to expand and improve the trails.

1/20/1974 Hendricks Park to Spencer Butte via conceptual Ribbon Trail

To make the trip more interesting we lengthened the approach by about five miles and started from Hendricks Park. This year there were a few more NO TRESPASSING signs, so we took a little different route. Our trek took us through Hendricks Park, past Obsidian Lodge, across 30th St., along some old logging roads, past a water tank, through a residential area with loud barking dogs and up old Dillard Road, past another water tank (no one could prove that it was the same tank). We continued on New Dillard Road, along power lines, down across the head-waters of the Amazon and up to Fox Hollow road. We climbed the butte from the north. This approach from the north was a better route than was planned. Marriner Orum, leader.

1/20/1975 Hendricks Park to Spencer Butte via conceptual Ribbon Trail

The Ribbon trail is more of a concept than a reality. It will take a lot of dedication, lobbying, and dollars before we will be able to make this trip on a defined trail, divorced from the city streets and the automobile. It won’t happen by itself and won’t happen unless there is a lot of action soon. We started out with quite a large party of 27, Old Baldy is posted land so we detoured on to Barber Drive and Old Dillard road. This year we followed the Skyline ridge from Dillard road to the top of the Butte rather than along the powerline. The prospectus sheet indicated six miles but Merle’s pedometer showed this estimate to be about as conservative as the preliminary cost estimate of a new bomber program. Hope to make this trip again next year and many years thereafter. In the meantime, it would be good to ‘buttonhole’ your local council member and start lobbying for the Ribbon Trail to the Butte. Marriner Orum, leader.

12/28/1983 Ridgeline Trail from Dillard to 52nd & Willamette

The (first trip on new section) was cancelled because no one signed up. The weather preceding the trip was severe—Temperatures down to 14°F and 3”–4” of snow on the ground—so people were probably not able or interested in going all the way to the YMCA to sign up. Mary Ellen de la Pena, leader.

2/4/1984 Ridgeline Trail from Dillard to 52nd & Willamette

Ten members and 5 nonmembers departed at 9 a.m. from the parking lot. Heavy fog blanketed Eugene but within a few miles up Dillard Road we were in brilliant sunshine and at the trailhead. One member was waiting here and soon we started on a leisurely hike along this newly constructed trail. About ½ hour later we reached Fox Hollow Road. Crossing over to the next section of trail we enjoyed occasional views of our city and a surprisingly varied forest terrain. About halfway a trail leads off to Spencer Butte but our party proceeded on to the Willamette Street end of the trail. Soon everyone was ready again to retrace the lovely woodland trail, concurring what a delightful little jaunt this can be at any time. Paula Vehrs, leader.

4/1/1984 Ridgeline Trail from Willamette & 52nd to Dillard

Occasionally teased by the sun peeking through leaden clouds, our enthusiastic group slogged the length of the Ridgeline Trail—and thus was dubbed the “Mudluggers”. From Willamette Street to Dillard Road we gingerly made our way over the least-muddy portions of the path, stopping only to exclaim over views of the city and to identify the lovely spring wildflowers. Overlooking Dillard Road and the hills to the South, we found a nearly-dry lunch site. Now with leaden boots, we slogged and slid our way back toward Willamette Street. We arrived at our cars with ample time left in the late afternoon to meet the next challenge—boot restoration. Judy Hammitt, leader.

9/5/2005 Amazon Headwaters Trail

It was Labor Day and 22 people signed up to hike the new Amazon Headwaters Trail, which officially opened September 3rd. From the gate at the end of West Amazon and Martin Street, we walked up an old road, turned east, hopped over a few rocks in the creek bed and eventually intersected the powerline road. After a short downhill stretch, we found the new Amazon Headwaters Trail on our right. We continued on the mile-long trail with a 430 feet elevation gain to the Fox Hollow Parking Lot. It is a beautiful forested trail with two new bridges and several boardwalks. Until a bridge is built over Amazon creek allowing access to the trail from Canyon Road and Martin St., the powerline road is the best way to access the new trail. Janet Jacobsen, leader.

2005/2006

Trails Committee member, John Cooper, made contact with the Eugene Parks and Recreation to ask for input on local projects. The City was enthusiastic at the prospect of a group who would commit to improving trails in the urban "wild areas" in particular Spencer Butte and the Ridgeline Trail. During the year of 2005 Obsidians volunteers provided a laudable effort to improve the trails in Spencer Butte Park. Peter Asai, Trail Maintenance Chair

4/1/2006 Muddy Conditions: Ridgeline Trail from Blanton to Spring

The downpour the night before made quagmire of the muddy trail. Perhaps bog is more descriptive. The worst part was the Blanton Heights section. So much for clean boots. Even with the swampy conditions, this was an excellent spring wildflower hike. Janet Jacobsen, leader.

2/4/2009 Mt. Baldy Trail

Six of us hiked the new graveled trail from the end of Spring Blvd. to the top of Baldy. Rerouted and designed with many switchbacks, the trail is an impressive replacement of the steep rutted path. Janet Jacobsen, leader

Summer 2009 Ribbon Trail Construction

Thanks to funding received through the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC), the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division will reconstruct the Ribbon Trail this summer. The Ribbon Trail connects Hendricks Park to the Ridgeline Trail system, and has been used sporadically for decades. For more information, read the article in the July 2009 Obsidian Bulletin.

11/13/2014 Dillard Connector Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

With the background pitter patter of rain on the tent, Mayor Kitty Piercy, City Parks and Open Space representative, and President of the Disciples of Dirt shared greetings and praise for the Open Space Staff who worked on the trail. Matt Bell and Obsidians were acknowledged for their trail maintenance work on the Ridgeline Trail. Honors go to those who had the dream for the .4 mile missing link connecting trail so that trail users do not have to walk on Dillard Road.

8/12/2015 New Steps: Spencer Butte

This was my first time to the top since the work began four months ago, and there were somewhere between 128 and 143 steps, depending upon how one wishes to count them. In any case, the top looks very well done, and we had a nice view of the valley and a much safer walk down. It is interesting that the steps make the last part to the top somewhat more taxing, since there is vertical climbing rather than 30-40 degree climbing. Nevertheless, the work done needed to be done, and we are all better off for it. Mike Smith, leader.

3/16/2017 Amazon Headwaters Trail/Spencer Butte

A staff person from Eugene Parks and Open Space greeted us at the Amazon Headwaters Trail. He was counting the number of hikers and also waiting to show a FEMA representative that the major repairs on the neighborhood trails fit their guidelines. We hope our fifteen hikers made a difference. Conversation with Darian Morray, leader. (FEMA did approve \$.)

Author's note: Last summer long before the ice storm, I started researching trip reports and *Bulletins* for this article. The December closure was a wake up call for all of us how much we appreciate the convenience of neighborhood trails. My thanks to Eugene Parks and Open Space staff, Matt Bell and Obsidian Trail Maintenance volunteers, and Obsidian leaders' entertaining trip reports. credit should also be given to the Lane County Youth Corps volunteers who have been referenced in many trip reports since 2008 for their efforts to haul and spread gravel week-end after week-end on those muddy trails.

For more information:

- The Report Page on Obsidian website for complete trip reports
- Obsidian Trail Maintenance history: http://www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2009_Bulletins/2009_03_Bulletin.pdf
- Ribbon Trail: http://www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2009_Bulletins/2009_07_Bulletin.pdf (page 4)
- Ridgeline Trail/Arlie property: http://www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2008_Bulletins/2008_07_Bulletin.pdf
- Adopting Ridgeline Trail: http://www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2012_Bulletins/2012_01_Bulletin.pdf



Checking out the Ridgeline Trail System map

APRIL BOARD NOTES

April 5, 2017

By David Cooper

President Laurie Funkhouser called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, Dave Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, John Cooper, and Todd Larsen. Also present were: Stewart Hoeg, Kathy Hoeg, Matt Bell, Dave Hawkins, Wayne Deeter, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Dave Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Chris Stockdale, and Carla Cooper.

The Board approved the minutes for February and March.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses. The Board approved payment of bills for a two-month period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): To date there have been 77 activities scheduled for the Summer Trips season which started April 1. The committee has been working hard at organizing the Leader Training and Appreciation night set for April 11. Thanks to Janet Jacobsen and her subcommittee for setting up this program. The summer trips committee has also begun recruiting leaders for the 2017 season. Thanks also to Dave Cooper and Kathy Randall who have completed the revision of the Leader Packet.

Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen): Twenty-three trips have been completed for March: 19 hikes and 4 snowshoe trips with 182 member participants and 22 nonmembers.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee continued to prepare for Climb School 2017. The first class is April 10. Brian Hamilton and Juli McGlinsky have worked hard on securing volunteers to help with the classes; their effort is greatly appreciated.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There were two outings this past month to continue to clear storm debris from the trailsides in the Ridgeline system.

Highways and Byways by Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): The Birding in the Klamath Basin bus trip was enjoyed by 27 members and six nonmembers. On March 5, the Bus Rally at the Lodge was attended by approximately 45 people. We have seven more trips scheduled for the year.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): A registration form for Camp Funkhouser will be included with the April Obsidian *Bulletin* along with details about camp fees and other camping information. The camp is planned for Sunday, July 30, through Saturday, August 5. Online signup will be available on April 17. The Summer Camp Rally will be June 9.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Chris Shuraleff led a very successful Extended Trip to Shelter Cove in early March—excellent food, playing in the snow and weather.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe): The March ExploraTalk with Matt Peterson from the Forest Service was about wilderness management in the nearby Cascades. He highlighted potential strategies to deal with issues as a result of increased visitation to popular areas. Much feedback and many questions made for an interesting evening. Twenty-nine people attended.

Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom): The program at the

March 24 potluck had a huge turn-out. Doug Crispin presented the history of the National Park service.

Membership (Laurie Funkhouser): Seek approval for membership of the following new applicants: Michael Bredfield, Barbara Kay Cosby, Christine Martin, Rachelle Masin. The committee conducted a meeting February 22 at which time current written material was discussed. We will be working to review and revise all forms and materials of the membership committee.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): The Publicity Committee is accepting the invitation from Robyn Anderson (Education Coordinator for Museum of Natural and Cultural History) to participate in their first summer solstice celebration on Tuesday, June 20 from 4–7 PM. The goal is to get people excited for summer and encourage them to get outside, as well as promote stewardship of the natural environment.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Concessions was present at three events in March—the Bus Rally, ExploraTalk, and Potluck. Our sales for the month totaled \$237.22.

Online (Wayne Deeter): We have worked on a long-range plan for the maintenance of Online Committee services.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Via email, the Finance committee has begun putting together its annual audit schedule and has discussed possible changes to the committee's bylaws.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All the activities in the March *Bulletin* have been posted on the member's activity sheets.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): We've started verifying the electrical circuits and labeling the panels and wall plates. Thanks to Cari Soderlund and Carla Cooper for their help.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ad Hoc Canine Committee (Chris Stockdale): An article about hikes with dogs will be in the April *Bulletin*. Chris Stockdale will lead the first dog hike in mid-May.

Sound System: On March 9, the Board approved up to \$4800 for a new sound system via an email vote. \$3000 of this would come from generous donations we have received.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board approved an ad hoc committee to organize the 90th anniversary celebration of the Obsidians. The main event will be an Open House at the Lodge, November 5. Janet Jacobsen will chair this ad hoc committee and be joined by Rick Ahrens, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Joella Ewing, John Jacobsen, Gary Kirk, Bert Ewing, Lenore McManigal, and John Pegg.

The Board approved four new members presented by the Membership Committee.

David Hawkins updated the board on the renewal of the insurance policy. Insurance increased 4.3% for 2017.

A nominating committee for the selection of new Board members has been formed. Its initial members are Lana Lindstrom, John Cooper, and Dave Cooper. Anyone interested in being on this committee should email Laurie Funkhouser at president@obsidians.org.

Adjournment

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Trail Maintenance

Trail Maintenance

February 25, 2017

Leader: Matthew Bell

Tri Mt: 1 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING, we worked in Hendricks Park to help to ready its trails for re-opening. Jim, Dave, and Dan worked with Dev to re-plant the root wad of a downed tree. Meanwhile the rest of our groups broke into smaller groups to clear the trails, trailsides, and drainage features of three separate trails. We made progress but the work is still far from over. Members: Matthew Bell, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop, Dave Predeek, Tom Rundle, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Azara Tilt, Blaise Shellman, Chloe Safer, Iinigo Snejk, Laurel Fricke.



Snowshoe Trips

Mountain View SS/Bk Pack

February 18, 2017

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographer: Darko Sojak

SShoe: 6.8 miles, 700 ft. (Difficult)

DESPITE SLEET AND BAD TRAIL MARKERS, we found our way to the Mountain View Shelter just in time to grab the last two unoccupied cots. By mid-afternoon the shelter



Evening games and more

was packed with 17 friendly campers, plus two hardy souls in their nearby tent buried in snow. The lively atmosphere lasted up to 10 PM when chitchat was replaced by simultaneous and thunderous snoring. The morning descent in a light snowy blizzard was uneventful. Members: Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak.

Waldo Lake (Novice XC-Ski)

February 19, 2017

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Holger Krentz

SShoe: 5 miles, 450 ft. (Easy)

SIX WITH SNOW SHOES AND ONE WITH SKIS, we took off for Waldo Lake Road with some concern for the conditions we would find. No problem—a little packed snow and ice on the



Downhill was much easier than uphill, especially for skier Nancy.

road, and six to eight inches of new snow on the ground. After giving everyone a chance to break trail, we were able to make use of the snowmobile tracks to ease our way. We had overcast skies and light to moderate snow throughout the trip. No melting snow or rain interfered with a good day. Members: Julie Barnas, Steve Cordon, May Fogg, Jane Hackett, Holger Krentz, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Heidi Zola.

Prairie View Loop (Exploratory)

February 23, 2017

Leader: Jane Hackett

SShoe: 5.7 miles, 450 ft. (Moderate)

THIS TRIP TURNED OUT TO BE EXPLORATORY in all aspects. Mike Smith had his GPS which was very helpful. We were breaking trail through a few inches of new snow at the beginning and about two and a half feet later on; on average it was about a foot deep. At the first road turning right out of the sno-park, we followed the blue diamonds with black arrows and ski tracks. Road 651 dead-ended, so we backtracked following tracks into the trees. We came out in a meadow and found more diamonds (not indicated on the map). We followed these, then reached a connecting road with diamonds that led off to the right. We continued until the GPS indicated that we should be turning left, going

through trees and connecting to a road that would lead us back to the sno-park. Not seeing any diamonds, we nevertheless entered the trees for a short distance. Turning back to the road, we found a diamond, then we went back into the trees finding another one. We crossed a creek and located a pole lying in the snow with a diamond. After searching in thigh-deep snow in a few directions, that was the last diamond we saw. We retraced our steps to the road, returning to the connecting road where we ate a brief lunch. We followed this road then the road that took us back to the sno-park in about three miles. Perfect weather for wandering in the snow. No views found. We stopped at the Forest Service office to give feedback. Members: Steve Cordon, Jane Hackett, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield.

Clear Lake

February 25, 2017

Leader: Daphne James

Photographer: Daphne James

SShoe: 6 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

IF YOU LOVE HIKING AROUND IDYLIC CLEAR LAKE in the summer, you would love snowshoeing it on a perfect winter morning. There are no blue diamonds, but you can follow the trail hugging the shoreline. The snow was deep so we snowshoed out and back, avoiding the north footbridge over Fish Lake Creek. As we set out counterclockwise from the resort, the trees were reflected in the still water and Mount Washington could be spotted in the distant sky. After a little over a mile we reached the south footbridge. People employed interesting techniques to get across. We made it around to the east shore, emerging out of the trees to the dramatic and beautiful sight of the lava fields. The sun beat down, illuminating the snow-covered lava. The lake



Bridge crossing

sparkled. We continued over the open lava fields then stopped for lunch. Some Obsidians enjoyed lunch at water's edge where families of ducks could be seen swimming by. Others took lunch perched on a rock where they basked in the sun with views of, what Mike identified as, Browder Ridge. It was a wonderful day and several members of the group have become fans of Clear Lake in the winter. Members: Brad

Bennett, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Cindy Rice, Deborah Sinnott, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg.

Fish Lake

March 4, 2017

Leader: Scott Hovis

Photographer: Kathy Randall

SShoe: 4 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

THE DAY STARTED OUT OVERCAST with off and on snow which got heavier as the day progressed. The temperature stayed at 34 degrees from start to finish. There was a fresh 4–6 inches of powder on top of a packed base of 4–6 feet. From the Lava Camp Sno-Park, we hiked across Highway 20 before putting on our snowshoes. Tom took the lead down the Old Santiam Wagon Road that dropped about two hundred feet of elevation over the first 1½ miles. Breaking trail wasn't an issue since a skier or two had been down the trail before us. We stopped at the first trail junction for a break before heading another ½ mile to the shore of Fish Lake. We visited the historic Forest Service cabin that has been preserved and



Tom Rundle and Scott Hovis admiring a huge tree during lunch

saw a couple of rustic cabins for rent by the Forest Service that overlook the lake. Fish Lake was ice covered but not thick enough to walk on, although Mike ventured out a few feet before he lost his nerve. We then hiked back to the junction and took the other fork out about a mile through heavier unbroken snow. We stopped for lunch while chatting, telling stories, and joking around. We hiked a little further into the woods where we came upon Hackleman Creek that flows out of Fish Lake. After exploring the steep slopes for awhile, we headed back uphill to the cars. Overall we hiked five miles staying together through varying depths of snow. We had a couple of trips, falls, and snowshoes stuck in snow. As the snow started falling harder on our way out, the quiet forest became even more enchanting. Members: Marguerite Cooney, May Fogg, Scott Hovis, David Lodeesen, Diana Masarie, Lynn Meacham, Darian Morray, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Scott Elstad.

Tait's Loop - Exploratory

March 14, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith Ass't Leader: David Lodeesen

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

SShoe: 8 miles, 1484 ft. (Difficult)

FIVE OF US WENT UP TO WILLAMETTE PASS to do Tait's Loop on snowshoes. Two weeks ago to the day, two of us on this trip were part of a group of three who bailed after three strenuous miles uphill in heavy snow, and after three hours were still 3/4 of a mile from the chairlift. Had we even succeeded, there would have been no way we would have found the trail past that point since the blue diamonds would have been buried in snow, and there wouldn't have been any views. Today was different. It was in the 40s, headed for the 50s, and the graders had been at work on the trail upward.



Steve, Darian, and Mike heading uphill through the woods

We got to the chairlift in about an 1 1/4 hour, took a break, then headed up the somewhat difficult grade doing a lot of sidehilling in moderately deep snow. We topped out and had lunch shortly afterwards. We took Tait's Loop past beautiful views of Middle and Lower Rosary Lakes and Pulpit Rock before looping back into the woods and to the ski area. We had great views of Diamond Peak and saw only one other person. Because Lyndell Wilken had given me good directions, we had no problem doing this very nice trip. Members: Steve Cordon, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Jade Isa.

Big Lake

March 17, 2017

Leader: Daphne James

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

SShoe: 7 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

THE TEN-DAY FORECAST GAVE HOPE FOR CLEAR SKIES for our snowshoe to Big Lake; although, as the day approached, a storm was moving in and we were given a 90% chance of rain. I emailed the group to see if people were wanting to be on the snow on what was looking to be a rainy day. The response was a resounding yes. It was a good decision. Everyone showed up with good rain gear and great attitudes. While there was light snow and rain on and off throughout the day, conditions were surprisingly good. There was little wind and plenty of packed snow on the trail. As we arrived at the



The outhouse at Big Lake was under 6 feet of snow.

lake, Mount Washington could just be seen through the mist. Big Lake was beautiful. We lunched by the shore and a couple of people explored around the lake. I would recommend a winter trip to Big Lake rain or shine. Members: Brad Bennett, Betty Grant, Daphne James, David Lodeesen. Nonmembers: Meg Kieran, Kelly Bradetich.



Extended Trip

Shelter Cove XC

February 28, 2017

Leader: Chris Shuraleff Ass't Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Chris Stockdale

Ext Trip: (Easy)

NINE INCHES OF FRESH POWDER THE NIGHT BEFORE on an incredible base, blue skies, and lots of sunshine awaited 15 Obsidians for three glorious days at Shelter Cove on the west side of Odell Lake. Only presenting problem, with all



Karen, David, Mike, and Lynn on Odell Butte Road

that fresh snow and the trails to ourselves, is that someone has to break trail. But we are Obsidians, right? Taking turns in front positions, skiers and snowshoers enjoyed Lower Rosary Lake, Fawn Lake and Midnight Lake. Some of the trails at Shelter Cove were cleared, but during our stay the snow-

mobile became disabled. Oh well, on that first day even the road in was a good ski. Accommodations on the second floor of the lodge gave everyone a picture-perfect view of the lake. Otters and bald eagles were spotted on the ice and colorful sunsets ended perfect days. There was plenty of room for all in clean, well-equipped units. Definitely a repeat stay for future outings. Thanks to all who came for their enthusiasm and help in making this member's first extended trip as leader go



Sunrise over Odell Lake from Lodge

so smoothly. Special thanks to chair Lana Lindstrom for all her help in my learning curve. I encourage other members to give an extended trip a try as the friendships formed during longer stays are priceless. And do try leading, as lots of help is available, and it is a great opportunity to give back to a club who gives so much to each and everyone of us!! Thank you. Members: Patricia Esch, Consuelo Gomez, Jane Hackett, Sandra Larsen, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Evelyn Nagy, Chris Shuraleff, Mike Smith, Chris Stockdale, Charlie Van Deusen, Nancy Whitfield, Sue Wolling.



Hikes

Eel Creek

February 26, 2017

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Kathy Randall

Hike: 6 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

SIX OF US STARTED FOR THE COAST from Eugene in a driving rain. It was still raining when we arrived in Elkton where we stopped at the bakery to get coffee and snacks. When we left Elkton, the rain turned into heavy snow. When we stopped at Dean Creek Elk Reserve, it was just sprinkles. At the trail head, we had a brief bout of hail. The hike itself was under broken blue skies and a little sun with good views. We never made it to the beach because the deflation plane was full of water right up to the edge of the sand. We spent time trying to find the trail across without success, so we hiked further south and found a sheltered place high on the side of a tree island for lunch with a view of the ocean.



Water obstacles in the deflation plane

Leaving the trailhead in a larger hailstorm, we headed for Florence for refreshments. Members: Jane Hackett, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Leigh Williams.

McDowell Creek Falls

February 26, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Keiko Bryan

Hike: 1.7 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

WITH SNOW A DEFINITE POSSIBILITY, we decided to take a chance and drove to Lebanon and the 13 miles to the McDowell Creek Falls County Park. We encountered light snow a mile from the park entrance. Serge and Denise decided it would be better with their car to turn back. On the loop trail, the wintry landscape gave us silence mixed with sounds of rushing waters. Snowflakes fell quietly on us and framed the waterfalls. Ten-year old Tatum sparkled even more. Back at the parking lot, we noted that there were now four cars.



Royal Terrace Falls

Within a few minutes down the road, the snow had disappeared. Tatum counted 11 deer in a farmer's pasture and even more llamas on down the road. We ate lunch at Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant in Lebanon. The trip took 5 ½ hours. Thanks

to Keiko for driving! McDowell Creek Falls County Park was featured in *The Register Guard* the day before. Check out the video of the falls on the RG site: <http://registerguard.com/rg/life/weekend/35207001-289/step-up-to-the-falls.html.csp>. Members: Keiko Bryan, Denise Egri, Patricia Esch, Serge Faumont, Janet Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Heidi Zola, Tatum Zola.

Blanton Heights—Spencer Butte

March 11, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 9 miles, 2000 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME WE DID THIS HIKE since the ice storm nearly three months ago. One can now see many houses easily: whereas, prior to the storm, they were rendered almost invisible. We had some rain at the beginning and it was a warm, humid hike up to the top. There are a few very muddy spots, but the trail was otherwise in good shape, and the culverts well cleaned out. There was the usual Friendly Street Market stop after the hike! Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Mike Smith.

Pisgah Moon Hike

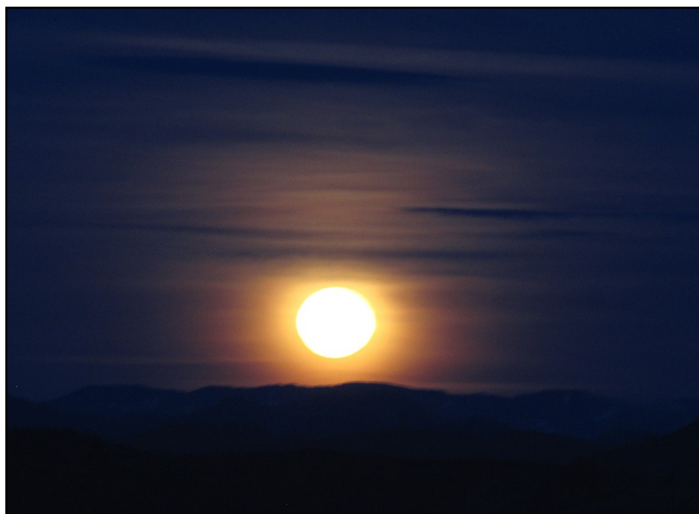
March 12, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Kathy Randall

Hike: 4 miles, 1000 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD EIGHT PEOPLE SHOW UP for the Mt. Pisgah hike, each of us walking wearing the fewest layers we have had on in a long time! Between sunset and moonrise, we had good



Moonrise from Pisgah

views of Middle and South Sister, with Diamond Peak and a little bit of Mt. Yoran also present. While the Sun disappeared behind thick clouds to the west, the moon rose just south of South Sister with only a few thin clouds present. Due to the time delay between sunset and moonrise, it was very dark going down. The trail was not too muddy, and about 15 people altogether saw moonrise from the summit. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Denise Egri, Serge Faumont, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Mike Smith, Meg Stewart Smith.

Pi Day

March 14, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 6.3 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THE PI DIGITS THAT INSPIRED US WERE 3.14159. Paul planned the route to lead us on a 3.14-mile hike from the Senior Campbell Center to Sweet Life Patisserie on Monroe to eat pie at 1:59 PM. On the way back five of us took an alternative route up Skinner Butte and the rest returned on the river path. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, May Fogg, Dick Hildreth, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Evelyn Nagy, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg.



Nancy, Dave, Janet, Tommy in front of the old oak on Skinner Butte—it took a real hit in the ice storm.



Someone added their sentiments to the sign. ("Because we care.")

Mt. Baldy

March 19, 2017

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 5.8 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A NICE GROUP OF NINE HIKERS, including one non-member on her first Obsidian hike. We started from the Martin St. Trailhead. The number of downed trees from the winter storms is staggering! We were able to fully appreciate all the hard work the city and volunteers have done to clear this trail. We enjoyed the numerous trilliums in bloom along the route. The morning was cold (36 degrees) but the weather cooperated. We had no precipitation with clouds giving way to sunshine and warmer temps as we returned to our vehicles. Members: Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Michael Heidelberg, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith, June Sutterfield. Nonmembers: Sarah McKrola.

South Willamette Trail

March 25, 2017

Leader: David Cooper

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 5.4 miles, 1300 ft. (Moderate)

RAINING AS WE STARTED AND TOWARDS THE END but not bad in between. The spring rains had left many sections muddy. It was a good day for finding mushrooms and seeing some of the early spring flowers. Our last stream crossing at North



Rebecca and Esme crossing Crale Creek

Creek was a little different. With a lot of water flowing, the usual stepstone causeway was really not the best choice. Fortunately just a few feet away were some downed trees in the creek. After this relatively easy crossing, we were soon at the Eula Ridge Trailhead where cars had been left to take us back to the Hardesty Trailhead parking lot. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Noah Lee, David Lodeesen, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Leigh Williams.

Amazon Headwaters Wednesday Hikes

February 22-March 22, 2017

Various Leaders:

Tom Rundle (2/22), David Cooper (3/1), David Strutin (3/8), Darian Morray (3/15), David Lodeesen (3/22)

Hike: 4.4-6.2 miles, 680 ft.-1530 ft. (Easy-Moderate)

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: FEBRUARY 22: Members: David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Blue Wesley. **MARCH 1:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Dorene Steggell. **MARCH 8:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Mari Baldwin, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, David Strutin. **MARCH 15:** Members: Mari Baldwin, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Koester, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Jim Northrop, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. Nonmembers:

Michael Bredfield. **MARCH 22:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Mari Baldwin, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young.

Pisgah Trails

February 24-March 24, 2017

Various Leaders:

Janet Jacobsen/Ass't Leader: Dorene Steggell (2/24), Janet Jacobsen (3/4), David Cooper (3/11) Janet Jacobsen (3/18), Janet Jacobsen (3/21), Janet Jacobsen (3/24)
Hike: 5-6.8 miles, 1000-1420 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: FEBRUARY 24: Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Dorene Steggell. **MARCH 4:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak, June Sutterfield. Nonmembers: Meg Kieran. **MARCH 11:** Members: David Cooper, May Fogg, Betty Grant, Lucy Nelson. Nonmembers: Yuling Zhou, Christine Martin. **MARCH 18:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Darian Morray, Karen Morray. Nonmembers: Christine Martin. **MARCH 21:**



*It's wet but we're contented, having polished off Janet's awesome muffins!
Christine, Janet, Carla, Dave, and Karen.*

Members: Brad Bennett, May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. **MARCH 24:** Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, May Fogg, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Nola Nelson, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott. Nonmembers: Leigh Williams, Larry Winiarski.



**Byways
By Bus**

Birding in Klamath Basin

March 1, 2017

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER, GREAT PEOPLE, AND LOTS OF BIRDS made this trip really special! We welcomed several first-time bus riders and enjoyed getting to know them. The bright sunshine as we traveled over Willamette Pass and on High-

way 97 gave us wonderful views of snow in the forests and on the mountain tops. Diamond Peak, Mt. McLoughlin and Mt. Shasta were especially lovely. It was interesting to see the great mounds of snow that had been removed from roads



Bird watching from our mobile hide



Link River Trail, Klamath Falls

and parking lots around the Chemult area. As always the Olympic Inn in Klamath Falls was a lovely place to stay, even allowing us to eat our sack lunches in the breakfast area before we went out to the wildlife refuge on Wednesday. Lunch at the Black Bear Restaurant on Thursday was a great

hit also. BUT, the highlight of the whole trip was the great numbers of birds we saw, both out on the Lower Klamath Wildlife Refuge and along the Link River in Klamath Falls. While we were disappointed not to see the night herons, we were treated to great viewing of both common and Barrow's goldeneye ducks on the river. At the refuge we saw bald eagles, tundra swans, snow geese, white-fronted geese, red-winged blackbirds, and many other species of water birds and raptors. Special thanks to Rick Ahrens and Charlie Thomas for sharing their knowledge of birds and bringing their scopes for close up viewing by all. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Bill Arthur, Barbara Aten, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Barbara Bruns, Keiko Bryan, Sharon Cutsforth, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Clara Emlen, Sharon Gadowski, Judy Garwood, Diantha Hull, John Jacobsen, Ruthy Kanagy, Ed Lichtenstein, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Tom Rundle, Cari Soderlund, Charles Thomas, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Peggy Funkhouser, Jeanette Kimball, Lois Taylor, Betsy Huffsmith, Michael Mortland, Bernadette Yap Sam, Debra Schwartz.

Bus Trips Rally

March 5, 2017

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

DESPITE THE RATHER WET AND CHILLY DAY, we had a very good attendance at the Rally. Including the Bus Committee and members from the Concessions Committee there were approximately 45 of us in attendance. We appreciated the assistance of the Concessions crew; they not only displayed the great Obsidian items available for purchase but also donated several really nice door prizes. It was a cheerful, fun afternoon at the Lodge. Bus trip leaders presented their trips this year, trip schedules were available, and a brief report was given about the recent Birding in the Klamath Basin trip. As always the Bus Trips Hospitality Committee provided a great array of goodies. Special guests Augie and Char Bergman gave a detailed description of the Southwest National Parks Tour that they will be leading September 10-22. Response to this trip is really positive and we are looking forward to this grand adventure. The efforts of all trip leaders are greatly appreciated; we feel we have a good variety of trips planned for 2017. Initial signups for all trips are very encouraging.

Visit the Scherer Room

PATTY MACAFEE'S ART JOINS SKETCHBOOKS by Anne Bonine and Barbara Aten, and watercolor paintings by Shirley Froyd and Sheila Ward. Patty's collage book titled *The Book of Trees*, along with two collage journals, has an invitation to touch.

Member artists should contact Janet Jacobsen, bjjacobsen@comcast.net for information about displaying their framed paintings or photographs.



Upcoming Trips



Bristlecone pine

Extended Trip White Mountains, California August 23–30, 2017 Leader: Alan Curtis

THE FOCUS OF THIS TRIP IS EXPLORING THE WHITE MOUNTAINS, that are located in central California near the town of Bishop, about 625 miles from Eugene. We will be based at the University of California's Crooked Creek Research Station (CCRS) where we will spend four nights (<http://www.wmrc.edu/facilities/cc>). The focus of this trip is hiking 5–7 miles per day and learning about the area. Note: the elevation is 10,150 feet. Some people feel the effects of the altitude by experiencing headaches, but this usually abates in a day or so.

The Inyo National Forest is the home of the bristlecone pines, one of which has been dated at more than 5,000 years. There is a visitor center nearby that will help us understand these trees and the perilous existence they have. There are many trails to hike, with the ancient trees all around, including an optional hike to the summit of White Mountain Peak (14,252'). All areas are very scenic with unlimited photographic opportunities. After four nights at CCRS, we will drive west of Bishop for a day hike in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to beautiful lakes.

Our first overnight will be in Reno, Nevada. On our return to Eugene, we will stay in a hotel in Bishop and possibly a second night elsewhere. Hotel costs are approximately \$50 per person per night in Reno and \$70 in Bishop. Participants will pay the motels directly. We encourage car pooling and each passenger will pay the driver the standard 9 cents per mile.

The cost of \$240 for members (\$245 for nonmembers) includes four nights of dorm room accommodations at CCRS and three meals per day. Not included are at least two nights of hotel costs and meals traveling to and from the center.

Registration for this trip will begin April 17. Within five days of signing up online, mail a check payable to Obsidians for the full amount to Alan Curtis, 2370 Douglas Dr., Eugene, OR 97405. If you cancel prior to July 31, you will receive a full refund, minus \$20. If you cancel thereafter, no refund.

If you have further questions, contact Alan Curtis, 345-3571 (no answering machine) or email at abcwoods1@gmail.com

Summer Trips Update 2017

John Cooper, Chair

SUMMER TRIPS HAVE BEGUN! A variety of trips are already on the calendar. This season will offer an array of activities for members including hiking, biking, boating, backpacking, car camping, birding, and more. Two presentations are scheduled. The first will be on April 7—the Backpacker Rendezvous. Leader Training and Appreciation Night is set for April 11.

Along with regular hikes on Spencer Butte, there will be sunset and sunrise hikes organized by Mike Smith. Members are needed to share the leading of these hikes. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the night sky and hone leadership skills. Please contact Mike Smith. An August Eclipse trip has been scheduled as well. More trips are needed to round out the season. Take a look at your summer plans and sign up to lead one of your favorite outings. Please send your trip details to: summertrips@obsidians.org

Include:

- name of trip
- date of trip
- type of trip—hike, bike, etc.
- round trip mileage of hike
- round trip mileage of drive
- elevation gain of trip
- skill rating: easy, moderate or difficult

There are also opportunities for new leaders to pair up with an experienced leader to learn the ropes. Contact John Cooper if you would be willing to assist a leader.

The Leader Packet has been revised by Dave Cooper and Kathy Randall. A copy can be read online or the packet can be downloaded. Copies will be available at the Leader Training and Appreciation Night.

The Nature Conservancy 

Join Nature Conservancy for a Hike.

The Nature Conservancy offers free guided naturalist hikes of some of our most special preserves. Each hike features natural resource history, preserve information and fun facts. Head to www.nature.org/OregonEvents to learn more and to register. From Oregon Nature newsletter, Spring 2017.

Hikes in the Eugene area are Willow Creek Preserve on May 6, Willamette Confluence on June 25, and Coburg Ridge Preserve, September 23. Sign up early with the Nature Conservancy to see these nearby preserves.

Upcoming Bus Trips



Springtime in the Country

May 18 (Thursday)

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$65 (\$67 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Tom & Judy Adamcyk, 302-8160

SPRINGTIME IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY is beautiful, so why not come along with Obsidians and guests on a slow-paced day to enjoy that beauty? Keep an eye out for animals and birds as we travel up backroads to Corvallis for our coffee stop at Avery Park. While there we can view the ninety-three-foot-long picnic table cut from a single Douglas fir log; perhaps the rhododendron garden will be in bloom too. Then we make our way to Garland Nursery to enjoy all the spring flowers and interesting garden art they offer for sale. Lunch time will take us to The Children's Farm Home down the road a bit. This beautiful historic building began as an orphanage, fell into ruin and was about to be torn down when the community stepped in to save it. It is now a residential care center for troubled youth. We will learn more about the building, programs and history before stepping into the dining room for a special lunch (cost included). After lunch we will take backroads to Brownsville to visit the Linn County Historical Museum, watch a short movie in the Boxcar Theater and have a tour of the historic Moyer House. More backroads will return us back to Shopko around 5:30.

Bus trip information is also available on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org
Contact information: bustrips@obsidians.org Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

Exploring the Santiam Wagon Road

Date: June 14 (Wednesday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$50 (\$52 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

WHAT IS THE SANTIAM WAGON ROAD? Where is it? Join this Obsidian bus trip to find out and explore the old road across the Cascades. Beginning at Sweet Home the road followed old Indian trails from the 1860s until 1939 when the South Santiam Highway was completed. We will travel the highway in comfort, stopping at viewpoints along the way. The drive up into the Cascades is always beautiful. The major stop for this trip will be at Fish Lake, the site of the most popular road house on the wagon road. We'll enjoy Fish Lake and a tour of the historic site hosted by the Friends of Fish Lake. Other stops will be at the Sweet Home Museum and the Forest Service office to complete the story of the Santiam Wagon Road. It will be wildflower season too! **Bring a sack lunch.**

More Food VI

Date: July 11 (Tues)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$60 (\$62 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

National Parks of the Southwest

Dates: September 10–22 (Sun 9/10–Fri 9/22)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Jim Northrop

Cost: \$1,557 (\$1,583 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Sharon Cutsforth 746-4929

Please call for complete itinerary

Fall Color—McKenzie River & Belknap Springs

Date: October 3 (Tues)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$68 (\$70 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

Christmas Lights at Shore Acres

Dates: November 30—December 1 (Thurs–Fri)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$174 (\$178 nonmembers)

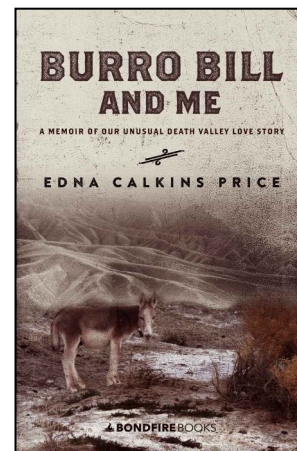
Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

Burro or Bus to visit Southwest National Parks?

I RECOMMEND READING *Burro Bill and Me; Ramblings in the American Desert*, by Edna Calkins Price before you board the bus for the thirteen-day Southwest National Parks bus trip. The author's husband Bill told his bride, "I can't take a soft life." From 1931–1941 Bill and Edna traveled by foot with their burros from Death Valley to Grand Canyon via the Arizona Strip. With an unbelievable sense of humor, Edna describes how they became desert rats trudging and scratching out their freedom in a harsh environment.

Sharon Cutsforth, co-leader of the bus trip, wants you to experience a softer way of travel with adventure, humor, and amazing sights. Are you thinking about signing up for this 13-day bus trip? There are a few spaces still available. Call Sharon Cutsforth at 746-4929, or email bustrips@obsidians.org

Janet Jacobsen



AT THE LODGE



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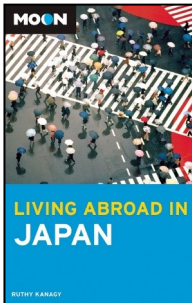
Friday, April 28, at 6:30 PM

HOKKAIDO Gem of Northern Japan

RUTHY KANAGY TOOK UP CYCLING IN 2000 and discovered the joy of traveling under her own power. Since then she has led many cycling trips to Japan—and a number of Obsidians have participated. For this presentation, she will be focusing on hiking and cycling opportunities on Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan.

Born in Tokyo and raised in Hokkaido, Ruthy is an expert on Japanese culture. She taught English and Japanese language for 22 years at universities in the United States and Japan. Now retired from her position as bicycle travel consultant for Bike Friday in Oregon, Ruthy enjoys hiking, writing travel articles, learning French, and has a memoir in progress. She lives in Eugene.

In her book *Living Abroad in Japan*, Kanagy lends her insight on how to navigate the language and culture of Japan.



Friday, April 28, 2017
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, April 18, at 7:00 PM

Investing in Conservation in Our Own Backyard: A conversation with Linda Carnine & Joe Moll of the McKenzie River Trust

LINDA AND JOE WILL BE TELLING US ABOUT HOW THEY WORKED to protect a 294-acre property a few miles from Eugene. The Carnines purchased a cut-over parcel of land along Lorane Highway with a vision to turn it into a thriving forest that cleans the air and provides homes for many species of wildlife native to the Willamette Valley. The McKenzie River Trust and other agencies have worked with the Carnines to improve habitat conditions and ensure the conservation of the property in perpetuity. A morning hike with the Carnines to visit their managed land will follow on Thursday, April 20 for 12 participants who sign up online.



Obsidian Calendar

April

10 Mon	Mt Pisgah Full Moon /Sunset Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
10 Mon	Basic Climb School ClbSch Reiter..... 521-8472
11 Tue	Leader Training & Appreciation Night Cooper 344-8517
11 Tue	Delta Ponds Hike E Montgomery 688-7025
12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith..... 520-488-9569
13 Thu	OMSI & Railroad Museum Bus Northrop..... 343-3426
15 Sat	Rooster Rock Hike D Smith..... 520-488-9569
16 Sun	Ankeny Wildlife Refuge Bike M Hughes..... 933-5542
16 Sun	Threemile Lake Hike M Hackett 953-7046
18 Tue	Conservation in Our Backyard ExploraTalk
18 Tue	Spencer Butte Conditioning Hike D Warren 716-560-7758
19 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle..... 653-0741
20 Thu	Andrew Reasoner Preserve Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
22 Sat	Sweet Creek Falls Hike E Ewing..... 344-9197
23 Sun	Sawtooth Rock via Lost Creek Hike M Randall. 844-5916
24 Mon	Owyhee Rafting Trip Ext Trp E Rice..... 517-0757
25 Tue	Spencer Butte Conditioning Hike D Warren 716-560-7758
26 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper 868-5427
28 Fri	Cycling Hokkaido, Japan Potluck
29 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell..... 503-884-8829
29 Sat	Marys Peak(North Side) Hike D Smith 520-488-9569
29 Sat	Crawfish Lake Conditioning Hike M Deeter 954-0924
30 Sun	Yachats to Walport Hike M Jacobsen..... 206-1251

May

1 Mon	Deer Creek Center Ext Trp E Stockdale 221-2293
3 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lindstrom..... 683-1409
5 Fri	Mt Hood Climb Harris 521-5807
5 Fri	Hart Mountain(Explor) CarCmp M Hackett 953-7046
6 Sat	Coyote Creek Kayak E Lindstrom 683-1409
10 Wed	Mt Pisgah Full Moon Hike M Rice 517-0757
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Bennett..... 359-5198
14 Sun	Alder Dune to Pacific Ocean Hike E Sojak 799-9199
14 Sun	Scio Covered Bridges Bike M Hughes 933-5542
15 Mon	River Walk(both sides) Hike D Smith..... 520-488-9569
16 Tue	Origins of the Colorado River ExploraTalk
17 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle..... 653-0741
18 Thu	Springtime in the Country Bus Cutsforth..... 746-4929
18 Thu	Heceta Head Geology Hike M Rundle 653-0741
19 Fri	Cycling New Zealand Potluck
19 Fri	Malheur Wildlife Refuge Ext Trp E Camp .. 347-703-9852
19 Fri	Alder Creek Restoration Trl Mnt M Hougardy .. 505-7031
20 Sat	Horse Rock Geology Hike E Rundle 653-0741
21 Sun	Tahkenitch Creek Exploratory Hike M Rundle. 653-0741
22 Mon	Whole McKenzie River Trail Hike D Smith 520-488-9569
24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon 513-3452
27 Sat	Diamond Peak-Graduation Climb Huseman..... 743-3658
27 Sat	Iron Mountain Hike M Rundle..... 653-0741
31 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell..... 503-884-8829
31 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin 221-9015

June

1 Thu	Silver Falls State Park Hike M Bennett 359-5198
2 Fri	Mt Hood - West Crater Climb Reiter..... 521-8472

3 Sat	National Trails Day Trl Mnt M Bell..... 503-884-8829
3 Sat	Mt Washington- Graduation Climb Edinger 231-1457
4 Sun	Three Fingered Jack Climb Willhite..... 406-570-4514
4 Sun	Crescent Mountain Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
6 Tue	12 Bridges Bike M Hughes..... 933-5542
7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Bennett..... 359-5198
11 Sun	Mt June via Lost Creek Hike M Randall 844-5916
13 Tue	Exploring the Santiam Wagon Road Bus West 343-5492
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon 513-3452
17 Sat	Marys Peak Hike M Smythe 757-6357
18 Sun	Mount Baker Climb Hamilton 343-6550
18 Sun	Erma Bell And Otter Lakes Hike M Rundle 653-0741
20 Tue	Total Solar Eclipse ExploraTalk
20 Tue	Mt Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M Jacobsen.... 206-1251
21 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray 953-5679
23 Fri	Conserving Rhinos in S. Africa Potluck
25 Sun	Gordon Lks/Gordon Meadows Hike M Randall 844-5916
28 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell..... 503-884-8829
28 Wed	Macduff Mountain Hike M Johnson 520-2470
28 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Baer.....

July

1 Sat	McKenzie River Trail(Entire) Hike D Johnson.. 520-2470
5 Wed	Amazon Hdwttrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Cordon 513-3452
9 Sun	Cone Pk/Echo Mtn/North Pk Hike D Randall 844-5916
11 Tue	More Food VI Bus West 343-5492
12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle..... 653-0741
14 Fri	Mt Jefferson- Milk Creek Climb Harris..... 521-5807
15 Sat	Olallie Mountain Hike M Randall 844-5916
16 Sun	Yapoah Crater Geology Hike D Rundle..... 653-0741
19 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon 513-3452
22 Sat	Mt Adams-Mazama Glacier Climb D Huseman. 743-3658
22 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Geology Hike D Rundle 653-0741
23 Sun	Florence Barefoot Beach Hike Hike E Sojak 799-9199
25 Tue	Camas Country Schoolhouse Bike M Hughes.... 933-5542
26 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell..... 503-884-8829
26 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle..... 653-0741
29 Sat	Mt McLoughlin Climb Van Winkle..... 615-686-4402
29 Sat	North Sister Climb D Deeter..... 954-0924

August

5 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hansen..... 360-852-2041
9 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon 513-3452
12 Sat	Scott Mountain/Benson Lake Hike D Wolling ... 345-2110
15 Tue	The Wife Hike D Rundle 653-0741
16 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith..... 520-488-9569
19 Sat	Mt Washington Climb Hansen..... 360-852-2041
20 Sun	South Sister Climb Van Winkle 615-686-4402
21 Mon	Total Solar Eclipse of 2017 Hike E Sojak 799-9199
23 Wed	White Mountains, CA Ext Trp M Curtis 345-2571
23 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper..... 868-5427
27 Sun	Fawn Lake Loop Hike M Sojak..... 799-9199
30 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell..... 503-884-8829
30 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon 513-3452

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