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May 16	ExploraTalk
May 19	Potluck
June 3	Bulletin Deadline
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June 9	Summer Camp Rally

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Richard Hughes: Our Lone Ranger for Bikeways

Jorry Rolfe

WHILE MEMBER RICHARD HUGHES MAY NOT BE A MASTER OF DISGUISE nor a fighter of outlaws in the American West, he just might possess the silver bullet when it comes to cycling advocacy: single-handed persistence, passion, and promotion for riding and bikeways. His extensive local volunteer work ranges from serving as a former president of GEARS to the numerous ways he supports the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway (WVSB), a 132-mile bike route from Champoe State Park to our nearby Armitage County Park.

It is because of this experience and volunteer work, along with his participation at all the annual bikeway conferences since 2013, that he has been recently recognized and appointed to the at-large seat on the State Scenic Bikeway Committee. In Oregon there are a total of 15 scenic bikeways, carefully selected and so designated by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department. Each is categorized as mild, moderate, challenging or extreme. The WVSB is a moderate ride—not for absolute beginners, but not a major venture for regular cyclists.



A bike rider since the age of five, Richard definitely has chain lube on his fingers, now regularly cycling with local groups, friends, and clubs. He and wife Lana Lindstrom own one car, so both partners are committed to in-town biking and walking. His personal commitment to bicycling extends to helping those in our community who are underserved. He donates bike parts to a non-profit and has organized an annual ride which includes low-income and adaptive riders.

Richard invests a considerable amount of time and energy to bringing attention and making improvements to the WVSB, which was the first bikeway in Oregon and the nation. He launched a Facebook page that provides Bikeway updates, writes for WeBikeEugene.org, ensures that road signs are in place along the Bikeway, and solicits businesses to become *bike friendly*.

This recent official appointment to the 15-member State Scenic Bikeway Committee is a well-deserved recognition, a fitting testament to Richard’s crucial understanding and prominent role with regard to bicycle tourism in Oregon. We wish him well as he continues his activism to promote quality cycling routes. So, ‘Hi ho and away’ and ‘Ride into tomorrow today’, Richard...maybe not a Lone Ranger anymore!

Note: Richard will be presenting the November 14, 2017, ExploraTalk: *How To Find the Best Rides in Oregon*. Or you can join him on an Obsidian bike ride on May 14, June 6, or July 25.

OBITUARY

Charlotte Mills 1929-2017

WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF FORMER MEMBER CHARLOTTE MILLS. Her first activity with the club was in 1970, and during her membership years she earned the 10-peak award and participated in two summer camps. She also led eight trips. After moving from Eugene to Yachats she became one of the spokespersons for a group fighting to stop development that would block the historic Yachats 804 County Road and its potential as coastal walking trail near Yachats. After a lengthy legal fight the Oregon Supreme Court ruled in favor of the committee and that portion of the trail is now part of the Oregon Coast Trail System.

A historical marker is at Smelt Sands State Wayside as a tribute to the diligent efforts of Charlotte and other members of the 804 Committee.

Obsidian Dog Hike

Chris Stockdale

ON THURSDAY, MAY 18 the Obsidians will have the first dog-friendly hike. Check the online listing for signup information. The hike will be on Wild Iris Ridge in west Eugene and will be limited to six dogs. However, hikers without dogs are welcome and there is no limit on human participation. Come and enjoy one of the lesser known Eugene parks, where the wild irises will be reaching their peak.



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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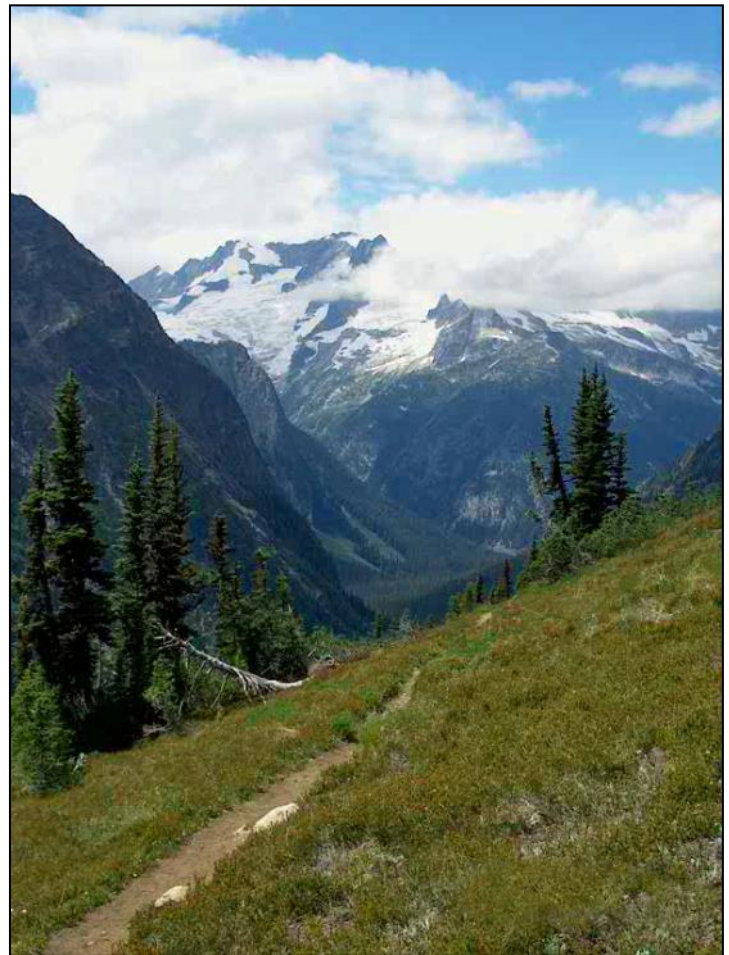
Camp Funkhouser Reminders

John Jacobsen, Summer Camp Chair

THE CAMP FUNKHOUSER SUMMER CAMP RALLY is coming up on Friday, June 9, 7:00 PM, at the Obsidian Lodge (this is not a potluck). We'll discuss camp logistics and ways to get there. We'll also show slides of the camp, the area, and recreational opportunities. The rally is a good place to get any questions you may have about Summer Camp answered. Those who have signed up for camp will be able to receive their Camp Funkhouser Booklet at the rally, with all the camp details including hiking options and other activities.

The camp roster is currently full with a wait list, but if anyone else wants to sign up they are encouraged to do so. The Camp Funkhouser Registration Form that went out in the April *Bulletin* and is available at our web site has detailed Summer Camp registration information and explains how the wait list works. People on the wait list should be patient since historically there are some cancellations that occur as camp time approaches and most people who wait it out get to go...but there are no guarantees.

Trail to Easy Pass – North Cascades
Photo by John Jacobsen at 2001 Summer Camp



Summer Trips Update

John Cooper

THE LEADER ORIENTATION AND APPRECIATION NIGHT held on April 11 attracted 38 participants. The presentation was a combination of leader socializing and serious discussion on the topic *Stay Safe: Decision Making and Hind Sight*. New and prospective leaders came early to meet with Mike Smith and John Jacobsen to go over online signup and to have questions answered. Eight people participated in this segment of the program. Pizza arrived along with a spectacular cake to start the appreciation and socializing segment of the night. The program itself featured presentations by Dave Strutin, Chris Stockdale, Janet Jacobsen, Steve Adey and Dave Cooper. A raffle was conducted by Carla Cooper. Thanks to all the people who helped make this a successful event.

Activities for the Summer Trips calendar continue to be scheduled but others are needed. If a leader is thinking of an activity, now is a good time to put it on the calendar. Some

of the trips not on the schedule as yet, but might be considered, include Larison Rock, Tidbits Mountain, Lowder Mountain, Talking Stones, Tire Mountain, Obsidian Loop, and The Twins among many other great hikes. Kayak, Backpacking, and Canoe/Kayaking trips are also needed. Please send your trip 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

MAY BOARD NOTES

May 3, 2017

By David Cooper

President Laurie Funkhouser called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Marci Hansen, Dave Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, John Cooper, and Lyndell Wilken. Also present were: Stewart Hoeg, Matt Bell, John Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, and Carla Cooper.

The Board approved the minutes for April.

Treasurer's Report: The Board approved payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): Twenty-four activities were completed in April. Leader Training and Appreciation Night was held with 38 leaders and potential leaders in attendance. Thanks to the committee members and program presenters that made this event so successful. Mark Hougarty's second annual Backpackers Rendezvous was held as well with over 60 participants. Thanks to Mark for reaching out to backpackers and organizing this program. There are 75 activities yet to be completed. Trip recruiting continues.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee had a busy April with three Climb School classroom sessions and 3 field days. This year we took on 28 students as compared to the normal 24 for the class due to the overwhelming interest in Climb School. The students had fine a weather day for their rock practice at the Skinner Butte Columns, but their snow day at Hayrick Butte was blustery and cold for the most part. This was a great opportunity to learn about how well their gear performed!

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There were three outings this past month to continue to clear storm debris and pick up litter from the trail sides along trails in Spencer Butte Park and Blanton Heights Park. Special thanks go to Janet Jacobsen for leading two trips this last month including an Earth Day litter pick up hike.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): The April 13th bus trip to OMSI & Railroad Museum was enjoyed by 23 members and 3 nonmembers.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): Camp Funkhouser online signup opened on April 17 for members and for nonmembers on April 24. The roster filled quickly and we now have 85 signed up with 13 on the wait list.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Emily Rice led a fun Owyhee River boating trip in April—the scenery was spectacular! Two trips are scheduled in May—Deer Creek in Southern Oregon and Malheur Refuge in Eastern Oregon.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe): The April ExploraTalk with property owner Linda Carnine and McKenzie River Trust's Joe Moll was well-received. Thirty attendees learned about the creation of the Andrew Reasoner Wildlife Preserve and conservation easements.

Publications (Lou Maenz): There were 200 *Bulletins* mailed on April 12. Twenty-eight went to non-974xx zip codes.

Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom): Ruthy Kanagy gave an excellent presentation on cycling in Japan at the April potluck.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): Monday May 8, 6:00 PM: Publicity Committee will meet at 1241 Willamette. Tuesday June 20.

4:00 - 7:00 PM: host a display table at Museum of Natural and Cultural History Summer Solstice Celebration.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Many thanks to all our committee members for sharing the load and making sure all our Obsidian events have been covered. Special thanks to Nancy Whitfield and Judy Adamcyk for volunteering to research the feasibility of offering ceramic cups as a new item.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Historic *Bulletins* (from December 1936 to January 2005) are now available online as text-searchable PDFs. (These are the 658 issues that were published prior to our publishing the *Bulletin* online.) These may be found by scrolling down to the bottom of the *Bulletin* web page. Access to our online signup system is now by SSL (Secure Sockets Layer.) This is considered current best practice, and alleviates concerns some people have expressed about the security of their personal information (DOBs, etc.) We have been investigating email options, but have yet to come to any conclusions. We are now caught up with putting Board Meeting Minutes in the *Members Only* area—thanks to Dave Cooper for providing PDFs of all Minutes since January 2016.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Lana Lindstrom and Stewart Hoeg completed a successful audit of the Obsidian bus committee. The bus committee, Judy Phelps and Sharon Cutsforth, are doing a good job with the bus committee's finances.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): We had several work parties at the Lodge this month: Wednesday April 5: Mowing, weeding and misc. Thanks to Ben Brown, Clara Emlen, Brenda Kameenui, Jim Northrop, Sam Tracer and Jim Whitfield. Friday April 7: Dave Cooper and I picked up downed branches and debris from the wind storm. Thursday April 27: Mowed, cleaned out some planting beds, freshened up barking, etc. Thanks to Dave Cooper, Daphne James, Greg Milliman, Jim Northrup, Pat Soussan, Dave Strutin, Sam Tracer, Nancy Whitfield. Sunday April 30: Clara Emlen cleared blackberries and ivy along the west fence. Thanks Clara. Tuesday May 2: Cleared all the branches from the December ice storm. Also did some barking and weeding. Thanks to Jim Northrop and Brenda Kameenui for their help.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating Committee

The nominees are John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, and Kathy Randall. The Committee believes that these three individuals offer the necessary experience and commitment to serve on the Board for the next three years. Committee members: John Cooper, Dave Cooper, Lana Lindstrom, Jorry Rolfe, and Judy Terry.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The possibility of wilderness first aid classes was discussed. Lyndell Wilken has had several people express interest in another class. She will see about presenting a class next spring. It was suggested that the class should be around the time of the summer trips leader meeting. The Summer Trips and Publicity Committees offered their assistance. Marci Hansen thought there might be other organizations, such as the Disciples of Dirt, that might want to take advantage of a class.

The Board looked at the deck which has fallen into disrepair on the back of the Lodge. Dave Cooper will present the Board with options of removing, repairing, or replacing the deck.

Adjournment

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Trail Maintenance

Amazon Headwaters Raking

March 7, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 468 ft. (Moderate)

WE RAKED, REMOVED DEBRIS, AND CLEANED BRIDGES and culverts in the rain for over two hours. While some of



us discussed the impossibility of retrieving trash that was way down a slope or under a bridge, Jim Northrop quickly dropped his rake and climbed down through thick debris to pick up the treasures (doggie bags and cans). Emmer applesauce coffee cake from Camas Country Mill was the reward for this determined crew! Thanks to Dave Cooper who dropped off the Eugene Parks and Open Space sign-up sheet at their office. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop, Ruth Romoser, Tom Rundle.

Spencer Butte

March 25, 2017

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

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

FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING WE FOCUSED ON CLEARING STORM DEBRIS, mostly muck from the trail surface and trail



sides of the Tie Trail. We broke into two groups and cleaned along the center section of the Tie Trail. It was a mucky day; we started the day clean and ended mud-splattered. Members: Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Ditte Lokon, Dave Predeek, Tom Rundle, Sam Tracer.

Spencer Butte Raking

April 14, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Trail Maintenance: 4 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

SIX ENTHUSIASTIC OBSIDIANS RAKED FROM 2-4 PM from the Fox Hollow Trailhead to the last two switchbacks before the steps. We took a break when Jeff Krueger's landscape



architecture/trail design class stopped to talk with us about mud and drainage. Tired and muddy we headed down the trail looking forward to nourishment at Pegasus Pizza. Members: Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen.

Earth Day Spencer Butte

April 21, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Trail Maintenance: 2.2 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

NEXT TIME I'LL BRING SANDWICHES INSTEAD of muffins for our snack break on the summit because it took much longer than we thought to clean up the area around the main



trailhead and to rake the first half mile. We were on top around 11:30 and after some minor confusion about a phone, a set of keys and the car shuttle, we eventually regrouped in the now overflowing parking lot. We celebrated with cold lemonade and a gift of Earth Day shopping bags. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Tom Rundle.



Snowshoe Trips

Isaac Nickerson Loop

March 19, 2017

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Snowshoe: 4 miles, 250 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS A PERFECT DAY FOR THIS TRIP, clear and sunny, the mountains looking their best. The snow was showing its



age; it was crusty to start and very mushy at the end. Members: Marguerite Cooney, May Fogg, Jane Hackett, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Andrew McIvor, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Karie Kruskopf.



Byways By Bus

OMSI & Railroad Museum

April 13, 2017

Leader: Jim Northrop

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

TWENTY-THREE OBSIDIANS AND THREE GUESTS enjoyed this jam-packed day at the museum. At the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland we marveled at the creations of Veneta-raised artist Nathan Sawaya. The former New York City corporate attorney put to use his childhood talents to replicate the world's most famous art (e.g., the Mona Lisa)—all constructed with LEGO bricks glued together

piece by piece. His own artistic creations were also on display. The largest piece was a 20-foot long Tyrannosaurus Rex. Next we viewed the big-screen movie *National Parks Adventure* with scenery of the national parks that you likely



would not see on your own. The highlight was a mountain biker bounding down the slick rock at Canyonlands and coming to rest at the edge of a cliff. After lunch we headed to the planetarium to see *Starry Nights Live*. But with the planetarium projector out of commission, we instead saw a laser light show set to 80s rock music—not everyone's cup of tea but an adventure nonetheless. Afterward we walked to the nearby Oregon Rail Heritage Center for a short talk and tour of the giant locomotives including the steam locomotive that pulled the bicentennial Freedom Train in 1975-76. A few bus riders found the time to walk across Portland's newest bridge, the towering Tillikum Crossing. On the way home we stopped by Willamette Falls in Oregon City to see the falls at near-peak flow. Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Barbara Bruns, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Clara Emlen, Sharon Gadomski, Donna Halker, Janet Jacobsen, Vern Marsonette, Craig Molitor, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Sam Tracer, Barbara Wallace, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Sheila Marsonette, Betsy Huffsmith, Debra Schwartz.



Bike Trips

Ankeny Wildlife Preserve

April 16, 2017

Leader: Richard Hughes

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Bike: 26 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

SUNDAY MORNING BROUGHT FORTH THE PROMISE OF A RAINLESS RIDE. After being sequestered much of the winter, riders seemed anxious to test their skills, first crossing the Willamette River via ferry, then snaking through the beautiful countryside. After lunch we again crossed the Willamette River, this time via the River Road bridge. Once back at our cars, riders were treated to chocolate-covered strawberries from the Easter Bunny. Members: Barbara Aten, Patricia



Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall, Chris Shuraleff, Darko Sojak, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Charlie Van Deusen. Nonmembers: Joe Sanders, Mike Lee.



Climbs

Basic Climb School

April 10, 2017

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

C LIMB SCHOOL 2017 WAS A FANTASTIC SUCCESS! The students had a great experience and good weather for the rock day. On the snow day they got to experience real mountain weather. Members: Steve Cordon, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Kate Hartley, Megan Storlien, Gloria Platz, Mike Platz, Erin Napier, Robert Oslon, Adam Jansons, Eric Gran, Don Cowin, Adam Steffen, Alexandria Fillo, Daniel Manning, Linda Corona, Joshua Arreola, Varinia Acosta, Jennifer Johnson, Patrick Mucker, Blaine Hlebechuk, Joe Moll, Dylan Darling, Cheri Young, Kurtis Erving, Jesse Scott, Todd Monrean, Lauren Hendricks, Christian Mucker.

Climb School Snow Field Session

April 23, 2017

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

THIS WAS THE SNOW FIELD SESSION FOR CLIMB SCHOOL. It was a blustery day but all the students did great and got to get the feel of true alpine weather.



Hikes

Eagles Rest

March 26, 2017

Leader & Photographer: Kathy Randall

Hike: 5 miles, 1,422 ft. (Moderate)

THE FORECAST WAS FOR RAIN, 30% early morning turning to 80-90% by 11. Needless to say, we were motivated to

reach the top of Eagles Rest before the heavy rain arrived. Our group kept a steady, moderately fast pace with this in mind. The trees were drippy with occasional light mist making it through to us. The trail was VERY WET, MUDDY, and SLIPPERY in places. Overall, we stayed dry all the way



to Ash Swale Shelter. The trail from the shelter to the road was the worst—a good inch deep in slippery mud/muck with large puddles across the trail. From the road to the summit, we enjoyed wet but good trail. On the summit we had limited views of Mt. June, barely visible through swirling fog and wind. The group managed to slip and slide our way back to the trailhead with a rest at the shelter and NO falls! Heavy rain began as we loaded our packs into our three Subarus for the ride back to Eugene. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Rebecca Eastwood, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Christine Martin, Bob Lanahan.

North Fork Willamette

March 26, 2017

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 6 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

WE ENJOYED A DAMP BUT PEACEFUL HIKE along the North Fork of the Willamette. The river was full and running fast



and yellow violets, spring beauties, and trilliums lined the trail. We checked out a trail, but did not attempt to hike it as the rain was heavy. It was a good day. Members: Jane Hackett, David Lodeesen.

Salem Exploration

March 30, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen, Asst Leader: Jim Northrop

Hike: 4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

JIM NORTHROP LIVED IN SALEM FOR 24 YEARS, so with his list of favorite places in hand, he guided our scouting trip. Starting our walk at the Riverfront Park, we headed over to the Union Street Railroad Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge. It was a quick jaunt to the capitol grounds alive with blooming cherry trees and petals falling like snow. Inside the Oregon State Capitol, we had to sign a waiver with the guide in order to ascend the 121 steps of the narrow spiral staircase to view the Oregon Pioneer (Gold Man) and look down on the two rows of cherry trees. We took time to visit the House Chamber to watch the passage of a bill, then lunched at a Greek restaurant, one of Jim's favorites. Jim identified buildings, sculptures, and gardens as he led the way through a maze of paths and city streets from the Oregon State Capitol to Willamette University, the Deepwood Museum & Gardens, the Bush Barn Art Center, the Salem Convention Center, and the historic Ladd and Bush Bank. The Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge is still under construction, but it will be one of the stops on the next trip. We were back in Eugene by 5. Thanks to Jim for sharing Salem and selecting a date during spring break when the cherry trees were in bloom and the observation deck was open for tours. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop.

Cascade Raptor Center

March 30, 2017

Leader & Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 2.4 miles, 450 ft. (Easy)

TEN OF US LEFT FROM THE MARTIN STREET TRAILHEAD and headed up to Fox Hollow at a leisurely pace, enjoying the trilliums in bloom and the songs of the Pacific wrens along



the way. We arrived at the Cascade Raptor Center just after opening, in time to see a few of the birds being fed and hear a presentation about one of the falcons. Half of us had not been here before, so this was a good opportunity to visit this fascinating center. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Nancy Hoecker, Caralynn Judy, Tom Rundle. Non-members: Sally Bennett, Henry Judy, Lauren Judy, Michael Bredfield.

SOLVE Beach Cleanup

April 1, 2017

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

WE WERE AGAIN LUCKY WITH THE WEATHER. We collected a total of approximately 125 pounds of mixed garbage, including much plastic, tin cans, glass beverage containers, coffee



cups, food wrappings, socks, and fishing lines. Kathy might have found the largest items—a big piece of thick rope and a camera accessory bag. After the cleanup we drove to downtown Florence for lunch and ice cream. Thank you everybody for your participation. Members: Charles Ashmore, Patricia Esch, Joella Ewing, Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Beth Roy, Jim Zajac, Joe Sanders, Cheryl Belleau, Claire Belleau, Avis Montalbetti, Richard Shields.

Hardesty Loop (Double Black Diamond)

April 1, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 16 miles, 4,000 ft. (Difficult)

ON THIS COOL DAY WITH LITTLE WIND, we found surprisingly few blowdowns and mud and reached the top in two hours.



After a short break, we went down-down-down Eula Ridge and had lunch about halfway to the bottom. We hiked the Willamette Trail back over to the Hardesty Trail to finish the trip. A few other hikers were at much lower elevations. The

trilliums and monkey flowers were prominent, but the Oregon grape and the rhododendrons had not yet bloomed at any elevation. This was a tough hike, especially early in season (16.3 miles and 4,400 feet of elevation gain), but everybody completed it, pretty beat by the time we got back to the trailhead! Members: Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, Steve Cordon, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Darian Morray, Mike Smith.

Finley Wildlife Refuge

April 2, 2017

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Claire Belleau

Hike: 6 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

ON THIS SUNNY DAY, THE WINTER MIGRANTS WERE GONE and the tundra swan and duskies were nowhere to be seen. The largest birds we saw were one mature bald eagle, one white egret, two very dark great blue herons, turkey vultures,



Canada geese, and cacklers. Smaller birds were more apparent, especially around the headquarters: Anna's hummingbirds (male and female), house finches, golden-crowned sparrows, acorn woodpeckers, black-capped chickadees, meadowlarks, robins and mourning doves. There were not many ducks, no hawks and only one kestrel. The biggest hits of the day were the three red-spotted garter snakes, three frogs, three turtles on a log, and cottontail rabbits. Around Mill Hill we encountered abundant mud and just the start of spring wildflowers. Members: Steve Adey, Keiko Bryan, Jane Hackett, Jack Loe, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: Cheryl Belleau, Claire Belleau, Meg Kieran, Eileen Watters.

Wild Iris Ridge-New Trail

April 4, 2017

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 3.4 miles, 620 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS A PLEASANT MORNING checking out the new trail at Wild Iris Ridge. The area suffered heavy damage in the ice storm, but despite many oak and madrone limbs on the ground, the trails were clear. The spring flowers in bloom included houndstongue, fawn lily and of course, wild iris. The plantings done by Obsidians doing trail maintenance seem to be doing well and are keeping erosion at the bridges in check. Members: Charles Ashmore, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Jorry Rolfe, Dorene Steggell, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg, Karen Yoerger, Marida Martin, Betzi Hitz.

Winberry Divide Trail

April 8, 2017

Leader: David Cooper

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 8.5 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

WE EXPERIENCED A VARIETY OF WEATHER CONDITIONS on our hike: sprinkles, sleet, sun, and snow back at the cars. It



was mostly cloudy, but the climbing on this up and down hike kept us warm. This is not a destination hike with grand views; it's a wonderful and peaceful walk in the woods without crowds (however we did see signs of partying where the trail intersected two logging roads). This trail is part of the unfinished Eugene to Pacific Crest Trail Route and it was fun to explore this lightly-used section. The previous day's high winds had knocked down many limbs, which we tossed or kicked off the trail, but only a couple of smaller trees which were easily stepped over. Members: Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Jack Loe, Mike Smith, Tommy Young.

Ridgeline Trail

April 8, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, (Moderate)

THE REASON TO LEAD THIS HIKE EARLY IN APRIL IS THE DISPLAY of trilliums, fawn lilies, houndstongue and calypso orchids. High winds the previous day left the trail blanketed with branches. It was hard for Carla and me not to use our poles to flick the branches off the trail. We soon had to abandon our need to tidy up and catch up with the other hikers. We were pleased to see that two major root wad holes had been repaired with rocks and gravel by Eugene Parks and Open Space staff. Thanks to John Jacobsen who facilitated the car shuttle by dropping us off at the Blanton Trailhead to begin our walk back to the Spring Trailhead and our cars. Members: Carla Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott.

Yoakam Point to Simpson Reef

April 9, 2017

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 10.4 miles, 650 ft. (Moderate)

THIS HIKE WAS DESIGNED WITH THE GENEROUS AND ENTHUSIASTIC HELP OF TOM ORSI FROM BANDON. Tom is an active member of South Coast Striders, a hiking group which coop-

erates with the Bay Area Hospital and the Coos County Women's Health Coalition. Our long journey started near Yoakam Point in ideal 48-degree weather. Then we hiked to Sunset Bay State Park and Shore Acres State Park where we had lunch. The nice hiking weather allowed us to continue



around North Cove and Simpson Reef Overlook to a maze of up and down trails and through skunk cabbage on the Bastendorff Bog Trail. Near the end we strolled through the blooming Shore Acres Gardens. After the wind picked up, we marched briskly on the shore trail back to our shuttle car. Just minutes after we finished our 10.4-mile trek, the skies opened with full force rain. Two of three cars stopped at the excellent Tokyo Bistro in Coos Bay. Heavy rain followed us all to Eugene. We had a great time. Thank you, everyone! Members: Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak.

Mt Pisgah Full Moon /Sunset

April 10, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 3 miles, 1000 ft. (Moderate)

EIGHT OF US HIKED UP PISGAH TO SEE A GREAT SUNSET. Dave Lodeesen found the moon between clouds somewhere north of Hardesty in the southeastern sky. It was actually calm on top, and I wore no jacket the whole time we were out. Nonmember Heidi Zola completed her third hike. The trail was dry and it was quiet on the summit as well. Nice night to be out, especially given what happened the previous night! Members: Marguerite Cooney, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Heidi Zola.

Delta Ponds

April 11, 2017

Leader: Anne Montgomery

Hike: 4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE ENJOYED A CLOUDY BUT DRY MORNING and had a good time. Because of all the stops we made, the four-mile walk took us three hours. I have led an Obsidian bicycle and birding trip at the West Eugene Wetlands for a few years, but this hike and birding trip proved to be more popular. Among the species we spotted were the usual suspects of Canada geese and mallard ducks. Many pairs of geese already had fluffy

little goslings with them. Other species included red-winged blackbirds, bufflehead ducks, bushtits, coots, cormorants, crows, bald eagles, gadwall ducks, pied-bill grebes, red-tailed hawks, great blue herons, green-winged teals, Anna's hummingbirds, merganser ducks, osprey, robins, sandpipers, scrub jays, song sparrows, orange-crowned warblers and downy woodpeckers. We also saw the first of the wild larkspur and smilacina blooms in addition to lots of currant bushes in bloom. A big THANK YOU to the pleasant group of hikers who joined me on this trip. Members: Joan Bradley, Rebecca Eastwood, Patricia Esch, May Fogg, Barbara Gunther, Anne Montgomery, Jim Northrop, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Linda Hollingsworth, Ralph Hollingsworth.

Rooster Rock

April 15, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 6.6 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)

ON THE NICEST SPRING DAY ONE COULD HAVE, twelve of us including one Chemetakan got to the Rooster Rock Trailhead by mid-morning. The trail was not very muddy and the big



blowdown had been removed. We hiked through snow at the 3,200 foot level. We found more snow and little wind near the top as well as four other hikers finishing their lunch. There were clouds stacked up along the Cascades, although we could see North and Middle Sisters. We descended back to our cars past calypso orchids, violets, and trilliums through a forest of green. Everybody did fine, and we all had a good trip. Members: Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, David Lodeesen, Christine Martin, Lynn Meacham, Darian Morray, Mike Smith, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Andrew McIvor, Alice Laffey.

Spencer Butte Conditioning

April 18, 2017

Leader: Charles Warren

Hike: 5.1 miles, 2,166 ft. (Difficult)

Time: 2.4 hours. Weather: sunny, low 60s, slight breeze. Trail condition: good, if slightly muddy in places. Mosquitoes: none. There was a person on the summit who was flying a drone. He was using virtual reality goggles that allowed him to see through a camera mounted on the drone itself. With loud beeping and whirring, he flew the drone erratically about the summit. The sunset watchers who had gathered there had

no choice but to avert their eyes from the west in order to keep track of the drone that sometimes passed within perhaps 15 feet of their heads while moving at a rapid pace. Evidently the virtual reality made it difficult for him to land the drone safely and the drone ended up crashing hard into the ground perhaps 10 feet in front of where I was sitting. This caused the propeller blades of the drone to launch what was probably a small rock in my direction. Whatever it was, it struck my right forearm, breaking the skin and leaving a small abrasion. Undeterred, the drone pilot replaced the propeller blades and resumed his menacing of the sunset watchers. He appeared to be totally unaware of the impact his hobby was having on them. Other than this strange occurrence, the hike went well and everyone appeared to have a good time and a good workout. Members: Bill Lowder, Laura Osinga, Eric Thornton, Charles Warren.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

March 29-April 19, 2017

Various Leaders: Tom Rundle (3/29), Janet Jacobsen (4/5), Mike Smith (4/12), Carla Cooper (4/19)

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

The hikers by date were: **March 29:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Mari Baldwin, Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jim Northrop, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Michael Bredfield. **April 5:** Members: Mari Baldwin, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Edward Brindle, Jocelyn Blore. **April 12:** Members: Michael Bredfield, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, David Reinhard, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. **April 19:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young.

Pisgah Trails

March 21-April 6, 2017

Leaders: Janet Jacobsen (3/21 & 4/1)

David Cooper (4/6)

Hike: 5-7.5 miles, 1,000-1,680 ft. (Moderate)

THE MARCH 21 HIKE, scheduled on the vernal equinox, held interest as the flowers were the signs of spring, especially on the South Boundary Trail. Dorene shared stories about the grouse flower (snow queen) and spring box. The hikers by date were: **March 21:** Members: Brad Bennett, May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. **April 1:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, May Fogg, David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, Noah Lee, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Beverly O'Connell. **April 6:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen.

Other Events

Backpackers Rendezvous

April 7, 2017

Leader & Photographer: Mark Hougardy

THE BACKPACKERS RENDEZVOUS helps hikers, backpackers, and anyone curious about the trail to network, learn, and do more with less. I'm happy to have organized the event and contributed to Eugene's backpacking community. An evening of rain, wind gusts, and downed trees could not deter 70 hearty folks (of all ages and skill levels) from



attending the second Backpackers Rendezvous held at the Obsidian Lodge. The first hour included presentations by PCT and AT thru-hiker Chris 'Scrub' Burke with tips on approaching a large hike, by REI's Mark 'Jar-Jar' Lemaire on researching lightweight gear options, and by Mark 'Grubb' Hougardy on five tips for starting a section hike on Oregon's PCT. The second hour included knowledge tables, pack shakedown, and interactions with local outdoor retailers and thought leaders, including lightweight ideas with REI-Eugene and for staying warm and dry with Backcountry Gear; resources for making your own gear with the Rain Shed, for staying safe outdoors with the Obsidian Safety Committee, and for hiking Oregon's coast with the National Coast Trail Association; and information about dry food options with Capella Market. There were multiple requests from attendees about joining the Obsidians. One of the best quotes came from a woman in her thirties who stated, "I want to go backpacking and don't know where to start. I came here to find out more." Thank you to everyone who helped enrich and strengthen the backpacking community in Eugene.

Leader Training and Appreciation Night

April 11, 2017

Leader: John Cooper

Photographer: Darko Sojak

THE NIGHT'S PRESENTATION was a combination of leader socializing and serious discussion on the topic *Stay Safe: Decision Making and Hind Sight*. New and prospective leaders came early to meet with Mike Smith and John Jacobsen to go

over the process of online signup and to have questions answered. Eight people participated in this segment of the program. Pizza arrived along with a spectacular cake to start the appreciation and socializing part of the night. The actual program did start on time with John Cooper welcoming everyone and reading a quote from the constitution that details the reasons why we are all Obsidians. Dave Strutin's

talk *To and From The Back Country* was followed by Chris Stockdale's update on the dog-friendly hikes that will start in May on a trial basis. Janet Jacobsen spoke next prompting leaders to give tips from the newly revised Leader Packet, followed by Dave Cooper who provided lists of online resources that can inform us about trail and weather updates. The night's program ended with a raffle put on by Concession Committee Chair Carla Cooper. Thirty-eight people were in attendance. Thanks to Janet Jacobsen, Carla Cooper, Lana Lindstrom, Judy Terry, Jane Hackett, and Joella Ewing for making the program such a success as well as thanks to the presenters and leaders. Members: Steve Adey, David Adkins, Jan Anselmo, Jennifer Baer, Brad Bennett, Buzz Blumm, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, John Cooper, Steve Cordon, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Jane Hackett, Mark Hougardy, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Mary Marshall, Darian Morray, Evelyn Nagy, Kathy Randall, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell, Meg Stewart Smith, Chris Stockdale, Guy Strahon, David Strutin, Judy Terry, Charles Warren.



Wild Iris Ridge

Dave Cooper

HAVE YOU VISITED THE NEWEST SEGMENT OF THE RIDGELINE TRAIL SYSTEM YET? Wild Iris Park has a new improved hikers trail. The trailhead parking lot is near the intersection of Bailey Hill and South Bertelsen roads. The new trail goes uphill to the trailhead at Bailey View Drive. The new trail also has a branch that connects to the original route for a loop. The oak and madrone woodlands and open prairies of Wild Iris Ridge Park offer many choices for loops, hikes of different lengths, and exploration. This lovely natural area in Eugene's backyard has an abundance of wildflowers, birds, oak habitats, and great views.

Although there is no present connection to the rest of the Ridgeline, it is another step toward the goal of extending the trail system, and gives you a chance to explore different environments close to town. Obsidian trail maintenance folks are one of the groups that contributed to its construction, removed Scotch broom, and planted sedges to help stabilize stream sides. *Enjoy your visit!*



*Photo by
Carla Cooper*

Upcoming Bus Trips



Exploring the Santiam Wagon Road

Date: June 14 (Wednesday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$50 (\$52 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

There is still space available on this day in the country. Lots of things to see around Corvallis and Brownsville.

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

WE'RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN to find treasures from western Oregon farms that provide healthy good eats and drinks.

We'll begin our day at Camas Country Mill, who will provide our morning coffee break (included). Their new wood-fired oven will produce tasty goodies to start our day. There will be time for shopping in the Mill store. On up the road we'll visit the Pacific Hazelnut Farm and Candy Factory in Aurora. There will be a video tour and time for shopping. Yumm! Next stop will be Voget Meats in Hubbard, who specialize in smoked meats, another shopping opportunity. This 68-year-old German market is still in the original Voget family. On to Bauman's, our favorite Century farm, south of Woodburn. We'll have lunch (included) here at picnic tables set up in the garden. Of course, there is time for shopping in the farm store and the unique garden store. Ice cream sold here! Finally, we'll stop at the Minto Island Growers farm west of Salem near Minto Brown Park. Growing tea plants is the feature. Tea plants and processed tea leaves harvested in May will be for sale. Tea grown here is acclaimed for its quality. *Suggestion: Bring a cooler.* Enjoy!!!

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

Information is also available at www.obsidians.org.

Contact: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

Phantom Orchid

Janet Jacobsen

I FIRST NOTICED A WHITE-LOOKING CORAL ROOT on the Ridgeline Trail on a Spencer Butte hike June 12, 2013. It was later identified as phantom orchid, *Cephalanthera austiniiae*, a saprophyte deriving nutrition from decaying matter. It goes unnoticed except for those who know where and when to start looking. Then the cameras come out as photographers capture the phantom white against the dark forest background. Ditte Lokon took this photo last year on June 6. The orchid is located on the Tie Trail, the trail that connects the Ridgeline Trail up to the main trail intersection at the meadow. At a sharp switchback where there is big blowdown and a 4-foot log cut to allow passage, start looking on your left, about 10-20 feet up the trail.

*Photo by
Ditte Lokon*



AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, May 19, at 6:30 PM

New Zealand Adventures by Bike, Boots and Boat With Mike Wolf

WITH LOFTY SNOWCAPPED PEAKS, beautiful coastlines, tussock plains, rolling farmland, and plentiful wildlife, New Zealand is an outdoor adventure paradise geared up for a diversity of easy-to-arrange outdoor recreational opportunities suitable for any level of activity and budget. This will be a slideshow/talk recounting five months of self-supported, self-guided cycle touring and multi-day backpacking and kayaking trips throughout the North and South Islands, fueled by Kiwi hospitality, excellent local seafood, fresh produce, wine, and ice cream. Though it's a thoroughly modern country, from the vantage point of a two-wheeler, New Zealand has a distinctive feel of lightheartedness, innocence and down-home practicality. Sweet As!

Friday, May 19, 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, May 16, at 7:00 PM

Origins and Evolution
of the Colorado River
A Talk with Becky Dorsey
UO Professor of Earth Sciences

U OF O GEOLOGIST BECKY DORSEY has studied the Colorado River for years. Researchers remain unsure of what controlled the start of the river. Under a National Science Foundation grant, Becky is leading a UO focus on the lower reaches of the river. She will discuss her group's initial findings and provide us with a roadmap of where her research may take us.



Obsidian Calendar

May		20 Tue	Mt Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Bennett	21 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray	953-5679
10 Wed	Mt Pisgah Full Moon Hike M Rice	23 Fri	Conserving Rhinos in South Africa	Potluck
12 Fri	Mt Hood Climb D Harris	24 Sat	Marion Mountain Hike D James	683-7488
14 Sun	Alder Dune to Pacific Ocean Hike E Sojak	24 Sat	Middle Sister Climb M Reiter	521-8472
14 Sun	Scio Covered Bridges Bike M Hughes	25 Sun	Gordon Meadows/Gordon Lks Hike M Randall	844-5916
15 Mon	River Walk (both sides) Hike D Smith	28 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
16 Tue	Colorado River Origins and Evolution	28 Wed	Macduff Mountain Hike M Johnson	520-2470
17 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle	28 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Baer	431-0767
18 Thu	Springtime in the Country Bus Cutsforth			
18 Thu	Heceta Head Geology Hike M Rundle	July		
18 Thu	Wild Iris Ridge (Dog Hike) E Stockdale	1 Sat	McKenzie River Trail (Entire) Hike D Johnson	520-2470
19 Fri	New Zealand by Bike	5 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon	513-3452
19 Fri	Malheur Wildlife Refuge Ext Trp E Camp ..	8 Sat	Middle Pyramid Hike M Adkins	344-4163
19 Fri	Alder Creek Restoration Trl Mnt M Hougardy ...	9 Sun	Cone Pk/Echo Mtn/North Peak Hike D Randall	844-5916
20 Sat	Horse Rock Geology Hike E Rundle	11 Tue	More Food VI Bus West	343-5492
21 Sun	Tahkenitch Creek Exploratory Hike M Rundle .	12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle	653-0741
22 Mon	Whole McKenzie River Trail Hike D Smith	14 Fri	Mt Jefferson-Milk Creek Climb Harris	521-5807
24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon	15 Sat	Olallie Mountain Hike M Randall	844-5916
27 Sat	Diamond Peak-Graduation Climb Huseman	16 Sun	Yapoah Crater Geology Hike D Rundle	653-0741
27 Sat	Iron Mountain Hike M Rundle	19 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon	513-3452
28 Sun	Elijah Bristow State Park Hike E Sojak	22 Sat	Mt Adams-Mazama Glacier Climb D Huseman	743-3658
31 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell	22 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Geology Hike D Rundle	653-0741
31 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin	22 Sat	Vivian Lake Hike M Wolling	345-2110
		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
		27 Thu	Canyon Creek Meadows Hike M Cooper	344-8517
		29 Sat	Mt McLoughlin Climb Van Winkle	615-686-4402
		29 Sat	North Sister Climb D Deeter	954-0924
		30 Sun	Camp Funkhouser-N Cascades SCmp Jacobsen	914-1132
June				
1 Thu	Silver Falls State Park Hike M Bennett	August		
2 Fri	Mt Hood - West Crater Climb Reiter	5 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hansen	360-852-2041
3 Sat	National Trails Day Trl Mnt M Bell	9 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon	513-3452
3 Sat	Mt Washington-Graduation Climb Edinger	12 Sat	Scott Mountain/Benson Lake Hike D Wolling ...	345-2110
3 Sat	Erma Bell Lakes Hike E Ewing	13 Sun	Black Crater Hike M Baer	431-0767
4 Sun	Three Fingered Jack Climb Willhite	15 Tue	The Wife Hike D Rundle	653-0741
4 Sun	Crescent Mountain Hike M Smith	16 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
6 Tue	12 Bridges Bike M Hughes	19 Sat	Mt Washington Climb Hansen	360-852-2041
7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Bennett	21 Mon	Total Solar Eclipse of 2017 Hike E Sojak	799-9199
8 Thu	Pisgah Sunset/Full Moonrise Hike E Smith	23 Wed	White Mountains, CA Ext Trp M Curtis	345-2571
10 Sat	Wassen Creek/Dark Grove Hike D Sayre	23 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper	868-5427
10 Sat	Fish Lake Kayak E Sather	27 Sun	Fawn Lake Loop Hike M Sojak	799-9199
11 Sun	Mt June via Lost Creek Hike M Randall			
13 Tue	Exploring the Santiam Wagon Road Bus West			
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon			
17 Sat	Marys Peak East Ridge Hike M Smythe			
18 Sun	Mount Baker Climb Hamilton			
18 Sun	Erma Bell And Otter Lakes Hike M Rundle			
20 Tue	Total Solar Eclipse			

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