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 ExploraTalks
 will resume
 in September!**

**Special Board Meeting
 Topic: Insurance**

June 15, 2018

Lana Lindstrom

PRESIDENT JOHN COOPER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:15 PM after we had shared pizza, salad, and dessert. Board members present: John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Lyndell Wilken, Dave Cooper, Maryanne Reiter, Kathy Randall, and Lana Lindstrom. Others present: Stewart Hoeg, Jim Northrop, David Hawkins, and John Jacobsen.

Background of Insurance Discussion (Lana Lindstrom): As a result of less than stellar service from our previous insurance broker, approximately nine months ago the Finance Committee began discussions on investigating for both a broker, and possibly, an insurer. We solicited input from about ten local not-for-profits who owned property, and interviewed three brokers: Pacific Benefit Consultants (our broker at the time), KPD, and Insurance Partners (represented by Jane Kammerzelt). Concurrently, the Safety Committee wanted to explore Directors and Officers Insurance (D & O) and Jim Northrop joined the group. The Board selected Jane Kammerzelt (Insurance Partners). In addition to D & O, Jane suggested that we consider Accident Insurance and Liability Insurance. She also met with us at the Lodge and suggested several improvements to mitigate risk, such as reducing brush, moving wood/boards away from the Lodge, and updating fire extinguishers. Several of those have already been done. We spent some time discussing the Volunteer Protection Act with her, as well as with the other two brokers. All the brokers said the Act provided some protection for individuals, but not for the club; moreover, it did not cover the cost of defense.

Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (Jim Northrop): Jim started his presentation with 14 possible scenarios ranging from a car accident, to someone not wanting to cross a stream but doing so under pressure, to sexual harassment, and embezzlement. The club had general liability insurance through a Guides and Outfitters organization in 1999–2000. In 2000 an ad hoc committee explored whether or not the expense and the onerous requirements were worth it. The Board decided it was not and the policy was terminated. The Volunteer Protection Act covers individuals, not the Obsidian Club. Since 2000, our assets have grown considerably. The Act provides some protection for volunteers, but it does not cover the cost of attorney fees and defense. Leaders, committee chairs, and board members should check with their personal insurance to see what protections they are purchasing. The waivers we sign prior to every trip also provide some protection, but they would not prevent anyone from suing. We discussed possible revisions to our waivers and also agreed that leaders should make sure that participants know what they are signing. A good time to remind members about the Release of Liability might be with the annual renewal. Also mentioned was that perhaps members could sign the Release just once a year. Lyndell and Jim (Safety Committee), and John Jacobsen will review the waiver proposed by K & K Insurance, and the waivers used by the Chemeketans and Mazamas, and propose revisions to ours.

Summary Sheet: A one-page summary sheet of our current policy and the proposed policies and costs thereof was distributed prior to the meeting and was used by the presenters as a reference for the four types of insurances which follow.

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Liberty Insurance (current policy) (David Hawkins): We currently have three types of coverage through Liberty: 1) commercial property including earthquake; 2) general liability for the Lodge and the grounds; and 3) personal auto for volunteers who are on Obsidian business. The policy has been in effect for at least 17 years and was renewed effective May 1 for a total cost of approximately \$2,500. Liberty has verbally said they want to cancel the Personal Auto, but has not yet done so. We also got a quote from K & K Insurance for the property; they declined to provide earthquake coverage. Our current rate is competitive.

Directors and Officers—D & O (Jim Northrop): The primary purpose of D & O insurance is to provide the cost of defense in the event that individuals and/or the Club are sued. It does not provide medical, property, or auto related benefits. It has two components: D & O, and Harassment (officially Employment Practice Liability). Approximately 80% of harassment related suits are employment related. However, it would apply to the Obsidians if someone were refused participation in an activity (our policy is that the leader can refuse for “any reason”), or put on the restricted list and chose to sue. Jane procured three bids and strongly recommended Travelers Ins. The Finance Committee folks spoke to the Travelers underwriter in a conference call and were told that Travelers covers not only the board and officers, but also those acting on behalf of the board. The Board unanimously approved purchasing the D & O and Harassment coverage from Travelers at a total cost of \$1,119 for one year.

Accident Insurance (Stewart Hoeg): This is no fault medical insurance which would cover both members and nonmembers who are involved in an accident. We have an informal quote from Philadelphia Insurance that the cost would be approximately \$1,000 per year (\$2.90 per volunteer). This is secondary insurance; the participant’s own medical insurance would be primary. The Board unanimously approved purchasing the Accident Insurance at an approximate cost of \$1,000 for one year.

General Liability Insurance (Jim Northrop): This insurance is designed for third parties and would cover bodily injury or property damage. It excludes auto related expenses. It would cover nonmembers. However, most incidences would exclude members because the premise of general liability is that those covered should not be suing themselves (although this is not specifically precluded by the K & K proposal). The Finance sub-committee felt that the very limited coverage, primarily for nonmembers, did not warrant the expense (\$5,545 annually). The Board concurred with a unanimous vote.

Finances—how we pay for additional insurance (Stewart Hoeg): Prior to the meeting, Stewart emailed a summary of the cost of the insurances, as well as our annual income surplus for the past five years. Approximately half of the surplus is due to additional contributions members make when they renew. At this time, we can pay for additional insurance (excluding General Liability) out of surpluses. John Jacobsen felt strongly that we should be paying for it out of the General Fund and not relying on additional contributions or tapping the Endowment Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

OBITUARY

Art Skach 1952-2018

FRIENDS HAVE SHARED THAT FORMER MEMBER ART SKACH DIED RECENTLY. He was born March 23, 1952, and lived in Yoncalla. Art went on his first Obsidian trip in 1997, and his first summer camp in 1999 and participated in 66 activities, including the Ruby Mountains summer camp and an Owyhee Raft Trip. Members remember Art driving up in his vintage VW beetle to join the hikes.

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Deadhorse Grade

Janet Jacobsen

DEADHORSE GRADE REFERS TO THE HAIRPIN TURNS NINE MILES WEST OF THE MCKENZIE PASS SUMMIT, dropping nearly 1,200 feet in four miles. How and when did Deadhorse Grade get its name? Richard Heinzkill delved into the Newspapers on Microfilm collection at the University of Oregon Knight Library and I browsed early Obsidian history. Here are the highlights of our research.

In 1862, Felix Scott Jr. traveled from the lower McKenzie Valley with some 50 men and 900 cattle over the old Indian trail past Belknap Springs, then up Scott Creek and over the summit to Idaho. His route was known as the Scott Trail. Several of the men with Scott's party were soon seeking an easier way across the Cascades. "They will change the route so as to avoid some of the worst places on the present trail," the Oregon State Journal reported on May 14, 1864. "The principal hill—ascending the mountain on this side—will be entirely avoided by the new route." The new route diverted travelers along Lost Creek, then up **Deadhorse Grade** toward the summit. Williams, W. Gerald, "McKenzie Pass," *The Oregon Encyclopedia*, https://oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/mckenzie_pass/#.WyXMZhJKhEI

The new route became a county road in 1898. The first automobile reached the summit in 1910.

The *Sunday Oregonian*, June 28, 1914 reported that the McKenzie Road opened June 27. *The McKenzie River highway, the only motor car outlet from the Willamette valley into Central Oregon, has been formally declared open and safe for motor traffic. The announcement is made through the United States Forestry officials, who have been instrumental in building what is now practically a macadamized highway, open to all classes of motor traffic across the Cascade Mountains. They also have been instrumental in obtaining nearly \$120,000, including road district money, which will be spent to complete the highway this summer. Until this year the road has been open only to expert and adventurous drivers with a class of machines almost especially built for climbing. Since last summer 30 percent grades have been cut down to 7 percent. Although the Millican Hill grade has not yet been reduced and will not be for another two months yet, this remaining obstacle is not too difficult for any careful driver. The passing of snow on the summit of the Cascades, on the lava beds at the foot of the Three Sisters, with Mount Jefferson towering to the north, is what marks the opening of the road, for the road work on **Deadhorse Hill**, the most difficult grade, was completed last fall. This year three miles of new road have been cut in solid rock, and only one more heavy grade is left.*

The macadamized highway was made of crushed stone or gravel on a compacted base. It was mostly unpaved when it became a state highway in 1925.

The History of the Obsidian Club, written by Ray Sims in 1934, refers to Dead Horse Hill or Dead Horse Grade in his descriptions of the 1929 and 1931 winter outings:

Many outsiders, as guests of the club, as well as members, enjoyed the Winter outing, ski races, and snow sports on February 22nd and 23rd (1929). Ed Thurston won the

*long race on skis to Hand Lake and return. The State Highway was kept open to the foot of **Dead Horse Hill** for the Outing.*

*The fourth Annual Winter Outing, held February 21st and 22 (1931), was attended by nearly one hundred persons and was declared one of the most successful "trips" of the club's history. Saturday evening there were stunts, songs, and old-time dancing at the cabins, and early Sunday morning the stage was set at the foot of **Dead Horse Grade** for the ski races. The twelve-mile race from Upper Alder Springs to the top of Deer Butte, via Scott Lake was won by Bryan Ryan, while the shorter race for women was won by Mrs. Olive Young. Eighty people were on top of Deer Butte to see the finish.... "Weary, but still on his feet, Ryan attired only in knickers, foot gear and his skis slid over finish line at 1:30 in the afternoon, a full 31 minutes ahead of other racers.*

It is noted in the March, 1938 *Bulletin* that "Bryan Ryan who recently had the misfortune to break his leg while coming down **Dead Horse Hill** is getting along as well as may be expected for a skier." Bryan Ryan painted *Climbers at Sunshine Shelter*, 1936, now hanging at the Lodge.

It is ironic that today bicyclists and skiers look forward to car-free days when the McKenzie Pass is officially closed. Brian Hamilton's article, *1951 John Craig Memorial Ski Classic* in the April, 2009 *Bulletin*, shares his aunt's memories of racing UPHILL on **Dead Horse Grade** on her 7-foot wood cross country skis. obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2009_Bulletins/2009_04_Bulletin.pdf

I was disappointed that our sleuthing did not yield a mysterious dead horse tale. Richard said, "My take—Deadhorse hill—any hill so steep would kill a horse pulling wagon."



Painting of Deadhorse Hill by Cy Fulton

JUNE BOARD NOTES

June 6, 2018 By Maryanne Reiter

President John Cooper called the meeting to order. Board members present: Sharon Cutsforth, Lyndell Wilken, Dave Cooper, Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, Todd Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, and Kathy Randall. Others present: Stewart Hoeg, Carla Cooper, Diane Schechter, John Jacobsen, Wayne Deeter, Matt Bell, and Kathy Hoeg.

The Board approved the minutes for May 2018.

Treasurer's report: Stewart Hoeg. Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses and also the balance sheet. The Board approved the payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth): The May 17 bus trip to the Oregon Jewish Museum in Portland was successfully completed. There were 19 members and 3 nonmembers. \$28 in fees were collected and forwarded to Obsidians General Fund. The June 12-14 'Birding at Summer Lake' trip is full and has a wait list. There is space available on all remaining trips for this year.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): For the month of May, the Climbs Committee hosted 5 climbs: 4 in Oregon and 1 in California. We also had new climb leaders step up to lead 4 of the 5 climbs and are appreciative of their work in safely bringing new and old climbers to the mountains. Climbs also continued to replace old gear in May as well as purchase other climbing gear so that the climb leaders do not have to use their personal gear on a trip.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Total sales for May were \$4.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Jean Ella presented an excellent program about hiking the Continental Divide Trail 40 years ago when the route was barely on paper; \$44 was collected. No potlucks in June, July or August.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Continued work on potential changes in the club's insurance with the assistance of Jim Northrup. Met with Jane Kammerzelt (our new agent) at the Lodge to discuss various additional coverages and/or modifications to current coverage.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): Two rentals occurred in May. The Eugene Gleemen returned again this year. Lane Community College Aspiring Leaders Program held a two-day retreat. The committee will be working on items that have been pointed out as a result of insurance evaluations.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): **May 15:** Routine spruce-up before the May 18 potluck and May 19 memorial. Thanks to Brad Bennett, Clara Emlen, Benda Kameenui, Doug Nelson and Jim Northrop for helping out. **May 22:** A big effort to clear out a larger fire break around the Lodge. Thanks to Ben Brown, Dave Cooper Clara Emlen, Benda Kameenui, Vern Marsonnette, Jim Northrop for helping out. It wore me out—don't know about everyone else. **May 29:** Cut grass and cleaned up before the weekend Lodge rental and Sunday Get Acquainted Hikes. Continued cleaning and opening things up along the perimeter fire break. Thanks to Ben Brown, Dave Cooper, Vern Marsonnette, Doug Nelson and Jim Northrop for helping out. Thanks to Janet Jacobsen for sending muffins for the overworked crew.

Membership (Diane Schechter): Membership Status: Total Membership – 446 consisting of 413 active, 6 honorary, 11 junior and 16 life.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): The Publicity Committee chair, along with the Membership Committee chair, continued to develop strategies to increase membership.

Publications (Lou Maenz): Publications mailed 200 *Bulletins*.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The AED defibrillator has been placed under the kitchen cabinets in the Lodge and a red and white AED sign placed on the cabinet door.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): Thirty trips were completed in May (two car camps, three bike trips, and twenty-three day hikes). The participant counts for these events were 257 members and 26 nonmembers. Total trip fees came to \$383.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There were two outings this past month in the Spencer Butte Park. We worked to continue to improve the West Trail and also brushed along the Tie and Ridgeline Trails. Proposed Committee Member: Clara Emlen (approved).

OLD BUSINESS:

The Nominating Committee consisting of John Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, and Lyndell Wilken met in early May to recommend three candidates for the Board of Directors for three year terms beginning January, 2019. The names of David Cooper, Maryanne Reiter and David Hawkins were presented at the June board meeting. Two of the nominees, David Cooper and Maryanne, are currently on the Board. David Hawkins, a retired accountant and member of the Finance Committee joined the Obsidians in October, 2013. The proposed members will be voted on by the general membership at the October Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

New plans to increase memberships of Obsidians: Marci Hansen and Diane Schechter. The Publicity and Membership committee chairs presented short-term strategies to increase Obsidian membership since it has been slowly declining. The goals of the strategies focus on increasing visibility, additional incentives and strategies to maintain members.

Board authorized Lana Lindstrom and John Jacobsen as check signers on the Obsidian Summer Camp account at Oregon Community Credit Union.

Concession's request to exceed their budget to purchase whistles was approved.

Board approved adding Laura Osinga as a member of the Finance Committee.

The Board approved five new members.

Jorry Rolfe will attend the Federation of Western Outdoor Club's annual meeting in August as the Obsidian representative.

ADJOURNMENT

TRIP REPORTS



Byways By Bus

Birding at Summer Lake

June 12, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

Assistant Leader: Rick Ahrens

THIS WAS ANOTHER GREAT TRIP TO SUMMER LAKE for bird watching. The weather was pleasant although it got a bit hot mid-afternoons and quite windy in the evenings. That didn't stop this group from some serious searching for birds. Some hardy folks ventured out after dark to view the amazing night skies. The quantity of birds was less than two years ago, but the variety of birds was significant; in fact, Rick Ahrens listed about 80 species of birds on his personal list which marked an increase over our most recent visit. We



enjoyed traveling through many different landscapes throughout this trip. We had scenic views of rivers, lakes, snow-covered mountains, marshlands, alfalfa fields, sagebrush flats, rock formations, ranchlands and national forests. All of it was beautiful. We enjoyed our lunch stop at the Klamath Marsh Wildlife Headquarters where manager Mike Johnson made us very welcome—even setting up tables and chairs outside for our use. We made multiple trips to Summer Lake Wildlife Refuge where we parked the bus and spent time walking the dikes and exploring other habitats. Some favorite sightings were great horned owls, western grebes, killdeers, sandhill cranes, white pelicans, white-faced ibis, American avocets, black-necked stilts, yellow-headed blackbirds, Bullock's orioles, wood ducks, prairie falcons, and the resident trumpeter swans. We had opportunities to have interesting and informative talks with the staff at the refuge. It was fun to have the entire Summer Lake Lodge reserved just for us. The drive south between Summer Lake and Winter Ridge was lovely. Our lunches at the historic Pioneer Saloon and Restaurant in Paisley and the Waterin' Hole Tavern in Fort Rock were tasty and fun. We were all impressed with the local volunteer efforts in

creating the Homestead Village Museum at Fort Rock. Most people enjoyed hiking the inside of Fort Rock where a few wildflowers were in bloom. A stop at Salt Creek Falls allowed riders a walk along the creek to look at the falls and the blooming rhododendrons. Special thanks to Rick Ahrens for sharing his nature knowledge with us and to Charley Thomas for sending along his spotting scope even though he wasn't able to go. Our group consisted of 13 Obsidian members and 11 guests, some of whom were on the waitlist two years ago and didn't get to go. Members: Rick Ahrens, Bill Arthur, Marcia Claypool, Sharon Cutsforth, Bob Foster, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Patricia MacAfee, Vern Marsonette, Don Payne, Margaret Prentice, Debra Schwartz, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Carol Stern, Peggy Funkhouser, Mary Sherriffs, Ron Sherriffs, Sheila Marsonette, Adaley Witchey, Lois Taylor, Rebecca Bent, Pat Kubota, Arnold Taylor, Rebecca Schunicht-Johnson.



Bike Trips

Banks-Vernonia Cycling/Recycling

May 30, 2018

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Assistant Leader: Richard Hughes

Photographer: Darian Morray

Bike: 28 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

THIS VERY FUN TRIP FOCUSED ON CYCLING, RECYCLING, AND RE-USING. We met at the Garten Materials Recover Facility in NE Salem for a very informative and educational tour. The company's mission is to provide jobs for persons with disabilities. In addition to sorting co-mingled recycling (what we put in our blue barrels), they shred sensitive documents, strip electronics for re-saleable parts, and restore the



newer ones for sale in their store. Lunch was at Discovery Meadows Park in McMinnville where we celebrated Kitson Graham's birthday with yummy Tuxedo cake and brownies. Of course, then it was time to cycle off a few calories on the 23-mile Muddy Valley Loop on back roads. We lingered

over our delicious dinners at the McMenamin's Grand Lodge (re-purposed from a Masonic lodge). Overnight was at the Best Western Motel in Forest Grove. After a tummy-filling breakfast, we biked the re-purposed rails-to-trails Banks-Vernonia walking and cycling trail—42 miles roundtrip. Lunch was at the Blue House Cafe where bikes are parked inside. Thanks to all the participants who made this trip easy and fun! Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Steve Cordon, Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, John Hegg, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Chris Shuraleff, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Jacqueline Chama, Michael Wolf, Rob Roy.



Backpacks

Blacklock Point

May 18, 2018

Leader: Scott Hovis

Backpack: 12 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

THE SOLITUDE WAS GOOD; THERE WERE FEW PEOPLE FOR A WEEKEND IN MAY! The amount of invasive gorse is alarming; it has three-inch 'daggers'. Some of the beach is steep, and one has to be careful of rip tides. The secret trail just south of the point is almost overgrown. To my surprise a small jet actually landed at the airport in the vicinity. Members: Mari Baldwin, Ben Brown, Scott Hovis.



Climbs

Mt. Hood

May 5, 2018

Leader: Danneille Harris

Assistant Leader: Kerry Edinger

Climb: 7.2 miles, 5,200 ft. (Difficult)

THE ADDITION OF THREE TEENAGERS TO THE TEAM made for a lot of laughs, youthful energy, and large quantities of snacks. Left Timberline at 12:30 AM and back by 10:45 AM. Clouds on the summit blocked the view, but they cleared off again below the Hogsback. Pearly Gates route was in great shape with the bergshroud just starting to open up. Most elevation I had ever been able to glissade on Hood from just below Devil's Kitchen to well below Silcox Hut—made the descent fast and fun. Thanks to Kerry for the strong assist. Members: Hayden Banks, Kerry Edinger, Danneille Harris, Andrew Mucker, Patrick Mucker. Nonmembers: Thomas Ridder, Dylan Kalnbach.

Mt. Thielsen

May 19, 2018

Leader: Kerry Edinger

Climb: 10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)

FIVE CLIMBERS BEGAN HIKING THE PCT AT 7 AM under beautiful sunny skies. The group was diverse with a

participant from Ashland, another from Portland, and two for whom it was their first Obsidians climb. There were no mosquitos, but lovely flowers. We hit snow at approximately 6,000 ft. and were able to ascend off-trail directly to the ridge while cutting off approximately a half mile from the typical approach. Snowshoes were carried but unnecessary. One climber opted to remain at the PCT junction while the rest of the group ascended the West Ridge. As the ridge turned into slope, snow gave way to clear volcanic rock and we stashed our snowshoes and axes under one of the lone trees. Four climbers summited, with no others in sight while clouds slowly grew overhead. We descended in fine conditions, taking one stranded hiker with us who had the confidence to hike to the Chicken Ledge but not enough to descend alone. The hike out was slow given that our guest was uncomfortable navigating deep afternoon snow in his running shoes. We celebrated in the parking lot with three different types of tortilla chips. Members: Kerry Edinger. Nonmembers: Sara Bowen, Yukti Aggarwal, Jennifer Marlow, Tomas Maly.

Mt. Hood

June 2, 2018

Leader: Danneille Harris

Climb: 7.2 miles, 5,200 ft. (Difficult)

NO SUMMIT THIS TIME BUT STILL A BEAUTIFUL DAY on the mountain. Many factors contributed to the decision to turn around at the Hogsback: a couple of team members not feeling well, slow progress, warm temps, and big crowds on the mountain. I didn't feel it was worth the risk today. Still everyone had a good time and gained from the experience. We learn and live to climb another day. Thank you, Thomas, for the strong assist. Members: Danneille Harris, Joe Moll, Kana Moll. Nonmembers: Thomas Ridder, Leli Fotu, Ricardo Bedon.

Middle Sister

June 16, 2018

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Assistant Leader: Kellie Green

Climb: 18 miles, 5,300 ft. (Moderate)

SINCE WE HAD THIRTEEN PEOPLE SIGNED UP for the climb we split into two groups. One group was led by Maryanne Reiter and the other by Danni Harris. We had a fine hike in with the route mainly snow-free. We ended up camping lower in a less exposed spot than we had originally planned due to the forecast winds on Saturday night / Sunday AM. After dinner on Saturday night we had a birthday party, complete with chocolate cake, for Juli McGlinsky. While enjoying the cake a hail storm started so we retreated to our tents. Kellie Green, my fabulous assistant, and I woke up at 4 AM to determine if we were going to climb. Due to whiteout conditions we decided to wait and see how it was at 5 AM. At that time it was still socked in. Finally, we got everyone up at 6 AM and hiked up the mountain, knowing we weren't going to summit, but as a way to give folks a sense of what it feels like to be in high winds and a whiteout. We turned around below the saddle, went back and packed up camp, and headed out. No summit, but still a fun adventure. Members: Michael Dunne, Eric Gran, Kellie Green, Juli McGlinsky, Chris Melton, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Mallori Oliva.



Trail Maintenance

Trail Maintenance

March 31, 2018

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Darko Sojak

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

FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING we worked with Dev Cochrane of the city to add retaining features to the upper portions of the West Trail. We carried the *deadmen* up



the trail and broke into two groups to add one large and one small section of retaining feature to the trail. We backfilled each with the spoils from our excavations. Dev expertly cut the peeler cores using his carpentry chainsaw. We worked an extra hour to ensure that we completed the installation of the retaining features. Clara expertly cleaned the trailhead stairs and kiosk. Janet, Jane, and Jerimi helped pick up litter from the trailhead and hiked up to view what we worked on. Members: Jane Beckwith, Matthew Bell, David Clinger, Steve Cordon, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Ronald Green, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Jerimi Paul, Lon Bunker, Steve Northrop, Kyle Kampen.

Litter Pick-up

April 6, 2018

Leader: Pat Soussan

Trail Maintenance: 3.6 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

JANET AND I MET AT W. 52ND STREET TO BEGIN OUR HIKE and, as we collected two bags of litter, were rewarded by numerous fawn lilies in bloom in the forest. We then drove to the main trailhead. Janet had picked up litter, aka dog piles, on the previous Saturday's trail maintenance work party and we were astonished and appalled by the large amount we found only six days later. We reached the foggy summit, passing many wildflowers on the way: widow grass, trillium, buttercups, shooting stars, calypso orchids, baby blue eyes, and more fawn lilies. We then had a quick walk back to the parking lot with only a few pieces of litter needing our attention. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Pat Soussan.

Post-Earth Day Litter Pick-up

April 23, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

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

KEEN EYESIGHT ALONG WITH PAILS, SCOOPS, PLASTIC BAGS, AND GLOVES boosted our collection of litter that included batteries, beverage containers, bits of candy wrappers, a



condom, toilet paper, and dog poop. We were surprised how much less litter there was compared to Pat Soussan's litter pickup on April 6 when we picked up 76 piles of dog poop. We even had time to identify some flowers, widow grass, and woodland star. Tommy and Mike descended on the west trail while the rest of us headed down the main trail and on to the Willamette Trailhead for a car shuttle back to the Spencer Butte parking lot. It was a beautiful day to leave no trace. Members: Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Pat Soussan, Tommy Young.

Trail Maintenance

April 28, 2018

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

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

WE MET EARLY ON A SATURDAY MORNING to continue our work from last month. Clara and Janet cleaned the trailhead

and kiosk. Janet deserves praise for continuing to pick up all the dog poop from around the trailhead. Dan and I hiked up the West Trail to dig a borrow pit to borrow soil for the



sections that we had added the retaining features to in March. As we worked to spread and compact the soil, we were joined by Janet. We also re-established some tread and trail surface near the larger section of retaining feature and blended it into the unimproved portion. Members: Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen.

Trail Maintenance

May 30, 2018

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

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

FOR OUR FIRST WEDNESDAY EVENING OUTING of our summer schedule we met at the Willamette & 52nd Trailhead and hiked in part way up the Tie Trail cutting back woody brush



and even some poison oak from along the trail sides. Members: Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Pat Soussan, Dorene Steggell, June Sutterfield.

National Trails Day

June 2, 2018

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

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

FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING, in observance of National Trails Day, we broke into three groups. The first group of Clara, Brandi, and Roberta worked to clean the trailhead area cleaning the kiosk, steps, and picking up 13 gallons of litter. The second group of Janet and Mike hiked down the Tie, cutting back woody brush to finish the work we started



on Wednesday. The final group of Autumn, Dan, Jim, Nath, and I hiked up the West Trail to continue to re-establish the tread along the upper portion. We were able to improve about 200 ft. of the trail. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, Clara Emlen, Autumn Estes, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Nathaniel Bell, Brandi Turney.



Hikes

Yachats

June 1, 2018

Leader: Scott Hovis

Hike: 8 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

OUR YACHATS GROUP OF FIVE FIRST MET UP IN FLOR-
ENCE Friday morning to browse some galleries. We then proceeded to Muriel Ponsler Wayside for a picnic lunch at the beach. We drove to Devils Churn for a quick explore, then we started a shuttle hike from the top of Cape Perpetua with stunning views to Devils Churn below and the coastline to the south. We hiked down through the forest past the Amanda Statue to the bottom where the trail exits the wooded hillside. After getting settled in at the beach house, we put together a fabulous potluck dinner. Saturday morning four of

us took the bus up to Waldport and walked back to Yachats on a minus tide with the ocean sparkling to our right. We discovered the opportunity for an afternoon concert and later returned for a dinner—both part of the Yachats Pride weekend festivities. Walking back and forth between the house and the Yachats village was convenient and pleasant, and access to the coast trail from the house was free for random wanderings. The weekend weather proved to be ideal, sunny but not hot, and somewhat breezy. Some clouds moved in Sunday morning before our departure. We enjoyed a great breakfast at the house while taking in the view of the breakers and the sea. Very enjoyable weekend! Members: Mari Baldwin, Marguerite Cooney, Nikki Frank, Scott Hovis, Tom Rundle.

Campus Symbol Walk

June 1, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3 miles, (Easy)

MOST OF US WALKED OR RODE THE BUS to meet on campus for our First Friday walk with free admission to the art museum. The Wind Fence, Dad's Gate, and Normal Gate



85 were our first stops. Then on to the Flying Ducks, color-
phons, zebrafish DNA panels, gargoyles, and Luna. Most intriguing was the Steel Vine (Script of Vine) at the Student Health Center. Last stop before lunch was the art museum to see the Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads by sculptor, Al Weiwei. Abundant colorful flowers added to the campus landscape. Thanks to Jorry who satisfied our curiosity with bits of information she downloaded on her phone. Members: Steve Adey, Jane Hackett, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Barbara Orsi, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Marie Stringer, Ronna Friend.

Pueblo Mountain

June 2, 2018

Leader: Eric Thornton

Photographer: Laura Osinga

Hike: 6 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)

SIX OF US MET AT THE VIRGIN VALLEY CAMPGROUND in the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge in Nevada Saturday evening. We watched a beautiful sunset before going to bed under a plethora of stars. We woke up early Sunday morning to make the drive back into Oregon and into the Pueb-

los. There was no trail but navigation was pretty simple: go up and stick close to the ridge. A pack of coyotes serenaded us from afar for several minutes. Numerous wildflowers were identified and photographed. We were disappointed to



find two false summits before we finally bagged the 21st most prominent peak in Oregon. We enjoyed delicious summit treats and incredible views of the West Pueblo Ridge, Tum Tum Lake, the Steens and the Alvord Desert. We found an old jeep road that expedited our descent. After the hike we stopped at the Fields Station and we all enjoyed giant milkshakes and burgers. It was a satisfying finish to a great trip into Eastern Oregon. Members: David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Laura Osinga, David Strutin, Eric Thornton. Nonmembers: Janet Whitesides.

Mt. Baldy Sunrise

June 2, 2018

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3.5 miles, 950 ft. (Easy)

MY HIKE IN SOLITUDE AND A BEAUTIFUL SUNRISE under a clear morning sky were pure delights. Members: Darko Sojak.

Dorris Ranch to Clearwater

June 3, 2018

Leader: Evelyn Nagy

Hike: 8 miles, 25 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS A TRULY BEAUTIFUL DAY WALKING ALONG THE RIVER. We sighted a rare Cascadia lily in full bloom. Members: Kay Coots, Denise Egri, Serge Faumont, Evelyn Nagy, June Sutterfield, Martha Welches.

Exploding Whale Hike

June 3, 2018

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE HIKE TO THE SITE OF THE "EXPLODING WHALE," one of Oregon's most prominent stories of local lore. In 1970, near Florence, a 16,000-pound whale carcass the length of a bus washed ashore. After three days in the sun, it became so foul-smelling that locals wanted it gone. An idea was hatched to dynamite the odorous mass into tiny bits. A local

TV report of the incident is classic web viewing. In the clip, a massive boom launches putrid blubber into the sky. As the blast ends, behind the camera, a series of cheers and laughs ring out. One woman's voice is heard, "All right, Fred, you can take your hands out of your ears now ... here come



pieces of ... my G-" No one was injured, but viewers were covered in goo and a car was nearly totaled. Our group located the approximate location of the detonation. The day included a pleasant 5-mile beach walk where we viewed a number of shells. We also observed a memorial to 41 sperm whales who mysteriously stranded themselves in the area in 1979. One whale spout was observed just offshore. Members: Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith.

Patterson Mountain

June 3, 2018

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 5.5 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

THE DESTINATION CHANGED TO PATTERSON MT. when I drove up to Horse Pasture earlier in the week and discovered snow on the undriveable road. Even though it had melted in the intervening time, the group decision was to do a different hike. We all enjoyed this hike very much. The trail was dry and the wildflowers were out in great numbers. We did not totally miss the view of the Three Sisters, and from the top we also had a good view of Bachelor Butte and Black Butte. Thank you to the Forest Service and the Scorpions for clearing the down trees from the trail. Members: Denise Bean, Alan Curtis, Jane Hackett, Brian Popowsky, Karla Rusow.

Get Acquainted Hikes Morning & Afternoon

June 3, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

THREE GUESTS SIGNED UP FOR THE TWO HIKEs. We hiked on the Ribbon Trail to Hendricks Park before we gathered outside the Lodge for conversation, brownies, and lemonade. It was Brandi's third hike and Marie's second hike with our club. Thanks to the members who gave a warm and gracious welcome. I especially thank Mike Smith who signed up for both hikes. Next time I suggest we consider an Open House with optional hikes and a better way to publicize the

event. The *Register-Guard* only listed the event in the Tuesday Outdoor section. **Morning hike:** Members: Roberta Chord, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Brandi Turney, Laurie Haliski. **Afternoon hike:** Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Ruth Romoser, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Marie Stringer.

Iron Mountain Geology

June 9, 2018

Leader: Tom Rundle

Photographer: Lynn Meacham

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

THIS HIKE TURNED OUT TO BE A MIX OF ALMOST EVERY POSSIBLE WEATHER CONDITION. We started out from Tombstone Trailhead in light drizzle which turned into some long sun breaks with a few sprinkles. By the time we reached the meadows below Cone Peak, we had continuous sunshine and a truly spectacular view of the many wildflowers near the peak of their bloom. Larkspur and Indian paintbrush



dominated the scenery along with many other species. Even the willows were in full bloom with their white flowers. As we approached the trail junction to Iron Mountain, we encountered a windy mix of rain and sleet. About halfway up to the summit we encountered a full blown blizzard. Snow mixed with small hail went horizontal in wind gusts of about 20 mph. We all managed to get to the summit, but most hikers returned to the trail junction for lunch. On the way back the snow gradually changed back to light rain and by the time we reached the parking lot the sunlight returned. We encountered four logs across the trail in the first 100 yards at Tombstone and three more along the west side of Iron Mountain—all about 20 inches in diameter and relatively easy to cross. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Rebecca Eastwood, Jacquie Fern, Lynn Meacham, Caroline Moore, Jules Moritz, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Janet Whitesides, John Roberts.

Tire Mountain

June 10, 2018

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 7.6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

PLEASANT WEATHER, A GREAT GROUP OF HIKERS, AND PEAK WILDFLOWER DISPLAYS made for a great hike to the summit

of Tire Mountain and back. The forecast was dreary and wet, but we lucked out with only a few very light, short sprinkles of rain. The arrowleaf balsamroot was particularly



spectacular! Members: Keiko Bryan, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Millie Schwandt, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Marli Miller.

Saddle Mountain

June 11, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Laura Osinga

Hike: 5.2 miles, 1,600 feet, (Moderate)

SEVEN HARDY OBSIDIANS LEFT EUGENE UNDER MISTY SKIES for the wildflower-filled upper slopes of Saddle Mountain—a three-hour drive! As the forecast predicted, conditions improved by the time we arrived at the trailhead. We headed



into a mature forest of fir, red alder, and salmonberry prior to breaking out of the forest and onto the meadow-covered basalt summit with steep cliffs. Views spanned to the ocean and Columbia River, but the Cascade peaks remained in the clouds. Wildflowers were at their peak and did not disappoint. The group agreed that the trail improvements proba-

bly did more good than harm, especially in icy conditions; however, the hardware cloth is not aesthetically appealing which is unfortunate in such a lovely setting. Two participants continued on their own journey and the remaining five drove west to the coast where they enjoyed a late lunch at Mo's and a walk along the beach in Lincoln City where harbor seals lined the banks of the Siletz River. Members: Brad Bennett, Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Barbara Orsi, Laura Osinga, Kathy Randall.

River Walk/Courthouse Art

June 14, 2018

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 5 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

THE TWO OF US ENJOYED THE SUNNY MORNING hiking over Skinner Butte and on to the Federal Courthouse. Our 40-minute walk through the two floors of viewable public art left us both with the same conclusion. We liked the works by two local artists which were hanging on the white walls, the art providing color and interest in the rooms. We then continued to the river path at EWEB and enjoyed the walk to Autzen Bridge, back to the DeFazio Bridge and to our cars. Members: Kay Coots, Jane Hackett.

Cape Perpetua

June 17, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Nancy White

Hike: 5 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

WE LEFT TARGET AT 7:00 and were at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 8:30 to meet our fifth hiker, Nancy White. That gave us two hours to explore the tide pools and rocks



along Cape Cove Beach during the 1.5 minus tide. Red strawberries and yellow monkeyflowers decorated the cliffs. The first creatures spotted were the tree frog tadpoles in a fresh water pool. On the trail to Devils Churn, Nancy pointed out an unusual fern, *Polypodium scolieri*, that grows on spruce trees close to the ocean. We watched the waves while we had lunch on the rocky beach before we headed back to the visitor center. With ambivalent enthusiasm, we decided to hike up the St. Perpetua Trail to the rock shelter where we were happy to have the best view on the coast. Before we headed back to Eugene, we drove a few miles north on Highway 101 to make a quick stop to

see the Amanda Statue. Meg summed it up with “lovely weather, jolly hikers, and lots of wiggling creatures.” Back in Eugene we thanked Kay, our driver, with ample enthusiasm. Members: Kay Coots, Janet Jacobsen, Meg Stewart Smith, Nancy White. Nonmembers: Janet Soto.

Vivian Lake

June 17, 2018

Leader: David Cooper

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 8 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A RATHER MIXED DAY HIKING TO VIVIAN LAKE: sun on the rhodies, a little bit snow in the forest, rain on the lake, and then sun as we finished our hike. We had clear skies



when we left Eugene, but that changed to clouds by the time we got to Salt Creek Falls. We didn't work our way around to the far side of Vivian Lake because there would be no views of Mt. Yoran. After lunch in the light rain at the lake, we returned by taking the side loop to Lower Diamond Creek Falls. Then we could not go straight back to the cars without taking in a view of Salt Creek Falls. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Nancy Hoecker, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Barbara Orsi, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith.

Larison Creek

June 19, 2018

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 7.5 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

BLUE SKIES, SUN, AND WARM TEMPERATURES summed up the hike on Larison Creek. Three of us had never hiked this trail, so that made this hike more interesting for me. We hiked the first 3.5 miles of the trail before the warmth of the day encouraged us to return to the pool and waterfall for a cool lunch spot. I expected more wildflowers, but instead we found a healthy crop of poison oak along the sunnier portions of the trail. After an extended lunch break we returned to the car. We saw only one other hiker and his dog heading to the pool to cool off. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Jane Hackett, Meg Kieran. Nonmembers: Austin Pratt.

Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice

June 21, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

DAVE, MARGUERITE, AND JANE HELPED LEAD most of the ten guests and eight members up Trails 7 and 4 to the main

trail. I suggested to the last minute arrivals that we hike up the main trail to intersect with the others. We all made it to the top in time to view the rays of the sunshine through the Sighting Pedestal. It was the first time for some to hike up Pisgah. The guests heard about the hike through friends, the Obsidian website, or the poster on Facebook. Perhaps two start times would have made it easier for the leader. I appreciated the members who reached out to welcome the guests. Members: Mari Baldwin, Marguerite Cooney, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Rosanne Jekot, David Lodeesen, Barbara Orsi, Kathy Randall. Nonmembers: Richard McManigal, Gwyneth Iredale, Joanna deFelice, Jennifer Johnson, Nancy Collins, Laurie Haliski, Gary Hale, Janet Soto, Linda Sato, Susan Simons.

Exploring the Ridgeline

June 23, 2018

Leader: Carla Cooper

Hike: 3.9 miles, 570 ft. (Easy)

THREE NONMEMBERS JOINED FIVE MEMBERS for this easy walk along the Ridgeline from Fox Hollow to Mt. Baldy and back. It was a lovely, mild morning with birds singing, tiger lilies blooming, and lots of conversation. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Nancy Minson, Pat Kubota, Sheridan Gates.

Bachelor Mt. from Bugaboo Ridge

June 23, 2018

Leader: Daphne James

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 7.4 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

BUGABOO RIDGE TO BACHELOR MOUNTAIN ON AN EARLY SUMMER DAY IS A HIKE WITH A WHOLE LOT OF BANG. We set out on a lovely morning with all the elements for a terrific hike; blue skies with fluffy white clouds, a warm gentle breeze, and a group of enthusiastic Obsidians. As we



climbed gradually to the ridgeline, we caught glimpses of Mount Jefferson and the distinctive angles of Three Fingered Jack, giving us a hint of the spectacular views to come. Along the way we saw an impressive array of wildflowers which Keiko identified for us. She made note of over 45 varieties, including arnica, blue gila, corn lily, marsh marigold, and Oregon sunshine. Once on the ridge

the views opened up and we stopped to take in the skyline from the Three Sisters to the south to Mount Jefferson looming up close. Purple, yellow, and blue flowers blanketed the valley below us and grew between the rocks in the formations above us. After reentering the trees, we turned from the Bugaboo Trail onto the Bachelor Mountain Trail to make the final climb to the 5,900-foot summit. During lunch on Bachelor Mountain we admired the views and searched for Grizzly Peak, Coffin Mountain, and other Obsidian favorite hikes. This is a wonderful bug-free hike for early summer while the wildflowers are in full bloom and there is a cool breeze on Bugaboo Ridge. Members: Brad Bennett, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Jane Hackett, Nancy Hoecker, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Tom Rundle, Dorene Steggell.

Lowder Mountain

June 24, 2018

Leader: **Judy Terry**

Hike: **5.6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)**

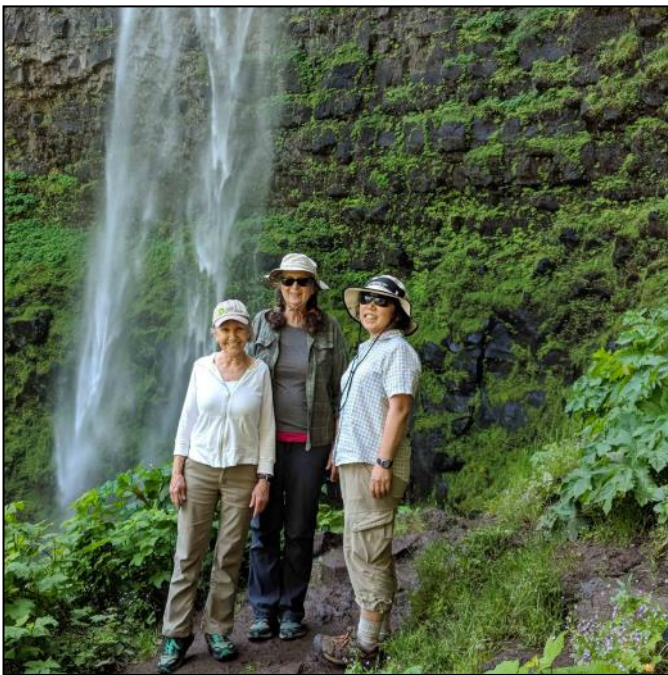
THE WEATHER WAS JUST RIGHT FOR OUR HIKE. Many wildflowers were in bloom and we could see that there would be considerably more soon. There was no sign of snow at the top. Due to fires starting up just the day before, we were unable to see Mt. Hood; however, the closer mountains, Mt. Jefferson to Diamond Peak, were evident and we enjoyed the view. Bill Sullivan was heading up the mountain just as we were finishing our hike. His book is the information tool for most Obsidian leaders! Members: Anne Montgomery, Brian Popowsky, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Madeline Blumm, Karen Yoerger.

North Umpqua Waterfalls

June 24, 2018

Leader & Photographer: **Laura Osinga**

Hike: **7.5 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)**



A GROUP OF FOUR ALL ARRIVED ON TIME and fit into one car before heading into the North Umpqua watershed. The group made good progress and we saw all seven anticipated

waterfalls: Falls Creek, Toketee, Watson, Whitehorse, Clearwater, Lemolo, and Warm Springs. Various placards explained the visible water diversion canals and pipelines for power generation. Wildflowers and an osprey in a nest were bonus material. Members: Keiko Bryan, Jan Danforth, Laura Osinga, Meg Stewart Smith.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

May 31–June 27, 2018

Various Leaders:

Mark Hougardy (5/31) and (6/6)

Mike Smith (6/6),

Steve Cordon (6/13)

David Strutin (6/20)

David Cooper (6/27)

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

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:

May 31 afternoon: 2 Members.

June 6 morning: 12 Members, 1 Nonmember.

June 6 afternoon: 4 Members.

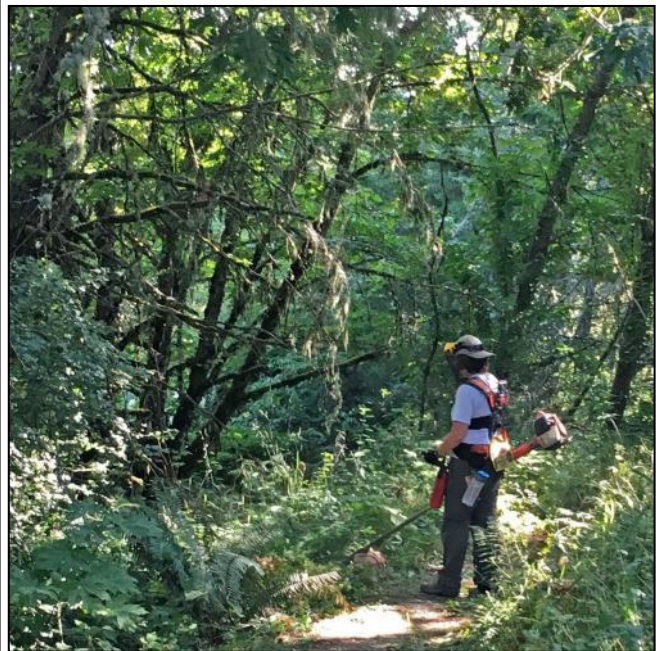
June 13: 14 Members, 1 Nonmember.

June 20: 21 Members, 1 Nonmember.

June 27 (new 8 AM start): 18 Members, 1 Nonmember.

Thank You!

Ridgeline hikers thank Eugene Parks and Open Space staff for clearing the overhanging vegetation, especially the blackberries on the Ridgeline Trail System.



Upcoming Bus Trips

OLD ALBANY AND NEW CAROUSEL

July 19 (Thurs)

Leaders: Vern Marsonette, Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$55 (nonmembers \$57) Due July 1

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

THE NEW ALBANY HISTORICAL CAROUSEL is the focus of our trip to Linn County. On our way we will have a leisurely visit to old time Albany and the small rural city of Halsey. We'll start at the Halsey Memorial Park for our coffee break. Next will be a tour at the Ewethful Fiber Farm & Mill located in an old, old building, part of a century farm. Yarns are produced here from a variety of animals. The gift shop has many temptations! Our last stop in Halsey is City Hall, a new looking building rescued from the ancient railroad station. We'll see democracy at work. In Albany we'll visit the oldest house (Monteith 1849), the Regional Museum and drive past many historic residences. Lunch (bring your own) will be at the Monteith Riverpark located at the confluence of the Calapooia and Willamette rivers. This beautiful park has facilities for picnickers and a paved trail along the river. The Carousel located nearby is fun for all. We'll have a tour of the carving room, time for the gift shop and riding on a favorite animal. Our final stop will be at the Talking Waters Gardens in north Albany. This is an engineered water treatment wetland developed by Albany, Millersburg and the metals manufacturing ATI. This is a good opportunity to enjoy the many sights available on a good trail around the grounds.

EXPLORING EASTERN WASHINGTON

Sept. 10–15 (Monday–Saturday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard, Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$990 (nonmembers \$1,012)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

ARE YOU READY FOR ADVENTURE? Then come along to explore an area of Eastern Washington that we haven't visited for many years. This exciting bus tour will be dedicated to the memory of Ewart Baldwin. The area's geological wonders made it a favorite place to explore for Ewart. From Eugene we will travel to Cascade Locks for a visit to Bonneville Dam. Then we cross the Columbia to drive along the Klickitat River to Goldendale, where we spend the first night. We hope for an evening visit to

the Stonehenge Memorial to view the stars. Before leaving town we will check out some beautiful historic buildings in Goldendale. We will drive north to Yakima, Ephrata, and Grand Coulee City for the night. In the evening we will enjoy a pizza dinner as we view the amazing laser light show on the Grand Coulee Dam spillway. The building of Grand Coulee Dam, started in the depression years, is one of the world's biggest and most spectacular building projects of all time. Our motel is near the dam and we will return there in the morning for a guided tour inside the dam. From there we head out into the Channeled Scablands to visit Dry Falls and other interesting geological features. The day will end with arrival at our motel in Spokane where we spend two nights. We will be close to Riverfront Park where we can enjoy the Skyride in front of the falls, ride the newly restored Loeff Carousell, take a raft trip on the river, and have free time for exploring. Upon leaving Spokane our route will take us through Clarkston, WA and Enterprise, OR to Boardman for our final night at the lovely River Lodge and Grill. We will stop in Enterprise to visit the Sunrise Iron Museum where third generation Oregonian and wheat farmer Erl McLaughlin has been collecting and restoring tractors since 1983. On display are over 35 antique tractors and as many farm implements dating as far back as 1835. As we travel home on day six we will visit the WAAAM Air & Auto Museum in Hood River and take a scenic airplane ride over the Columbia River Gorge with views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams along with the fire devastation. Our pilots have said we will be surprised when we see the gorge from the air. **The costs of the pizza dinner, all admissions and rides are included in the cost of the trip.** This trip is limited to 35 riders.

A DAY AT THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

Oct 11 (Thurs)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Don Payne

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE

December 8 (Saturday) 2–4 PM

Refreshments, music, door prizes, fun

Please Note: when paying for bus trips, please make checks payable to *Obsidians Bus Trips Account*. Thank you!

Bus Trip information is also available on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org

Contact information at: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

Bus Trips Now Offering Online Signup!

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, we are offering Online Signup for one-day Bus Trips. The July 19th Old Albany, New Carousell bus trip, is available for online signup now.

We will not have overnight or multi-day bus trips open for online signup in the foreseeable future. These trips are much more complicated to arrange; they often have limits on how many participants we can take, lodging and roommate selections, and other factors involved.

Each bus trip has a payment due date listed below the trip description and the name of the person to whom you mail your payment. (Please make checks payable to Obsidians Bus Trips Account.) We appreciate receiving payment by the due date, primarily because that is the date that we must pay the balance of the bus charter cost. If we do not have enough people registered by the payment due date, the trip may need to be cancelled. That said, we can usually accommodate additional participants on confirmed one-day trips after the payment due date—check online or with the reservations person.

Full *Guidelines for Participation* (on Bus Trips) are posted on the Obsidians website. Look in the center of the home page, below the rotating photos, and click on *Bus Trips*. These *Guidelines* are also included in hard copies of the yearly bus trips schedule.

Each person registering for a bus trip will be asked to complete a *Medical Information Form* (for emergencies) for the current year. These forms are kept secure in a sealed envelope and only taken on trips a person is registered for. *Medical Information Forms* are available online, in the Documents section, or by contacting the reservation person listed for the trip.

If you have questions or need more information please contact: Sharon Cutsforth, 746-4929, skcutsforth@comcast.net or bustrips@obsidians.org.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

July	
7 Sat	Yapoah Crater Geology Hike D Rundle 653-0741
9 Mon	Waldo Mountain Loop Hike D Brown 214-930-6394
11 Wed	Newport Beach Camping Hike E Nagy 514-4110
11 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Baer 431-0767
12 Thu	Exploring Central Oregon CarCmp, Hougardy .. 206-9532
14 Sat	Obsidian Loop Hike D Smith 520-488-9569
18 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle 653-0741
19 Thu	Old Albany Bus West 343-5492
21 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hansen 360-852-2041
21 Sat	Three Fingered Jack / P.C.T. Hike D Cooper 868-5427
21 Sat	Canyon Creek Meadows Hike E Cooper 517-6785
22 Sun	Annual Beach Barefoot hike Hike E Sojak 799-9199
22 Sun	Rosary Lakes Hike E Terry 345-0720
25 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell 503-884-8829
25 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
26 Thu	Maxwell Butte Hike M Miller 484-4586
27 Fri	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen 206-1251
28 Sat	Mt Thielsen- Graduation Climb Hansen 360-852-2041
29 Sun	Crescent Mountain Hike D Randall 844-5916
17 Fri	Carl Lake Bk Pk M Randall 844-5916
19 Sun	Mt Washington Climb Hansen 360-852-2041
22 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen 214-709-0352
23 Thu	Waldo Lake Kayak Kayak M Sinnott 915-0234
23 Thu	Willamette/Middle Fork Bike M Rundle 653-0741
25 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hamilton 343-6550
25 Sat	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen 206-1251
25 Sat	Tahkenitch Creek Hike M Rundle 653-0741
26 Sun	South Sister Climb D Osinga 337-9160
29 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell 503-884-8829
29 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
31 Fri	Obsidian Grand Tour Hike D Johnson 520-2470
September	
1 Sat	Broken Top via Tam McArthur Bk Pk Lipton .. 736-7498
4 Tue	Mt. Hood Car Camp CarCmp D James 683-7488
5 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper 868-5427
7 Fri	Maiden Lake Bk Pk D Hovis 731-3412
8 Sat	The Husband Climb Willhite 406-570-4514
9 Sun	Divide Lake Hike M Cooper 868-5427
9 Sun	The Wife Climb Edinger 231-1457
10 Mon	Exploring Eastern Washington Bus Beard 994-2337
11 Tue	Women's Olallie Lake Kayak Ext Trp Esch 338-8280
12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Steggell 343-7018
16 Sun	Charlton L. to Irish L. via PCT Hike M Sojak ... 799-9199
18 Tue	Waterfowl ExploraTalk
20 Thu	Lava Beds / Crater Lake CarCmp, Hougardy 206-9532
21 Fri	Mount Hubris Climb Reiter 521-8472
24 Mon	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen 206-1251
25 Tue	Hunt's Cove Hike D Cooper 868-5427
28 Fri	Living Well Without Waste Potluck
29 Sat	National Public Lands Day Trl Mnt M Bell . 503-884-8829
29 Sat	Tatoosh Range Peaks [3] Climb Hansen 360-852-2041
29 Sat	SOLVE Beach Clean Up Hike E Sojak 799-9199
30 Sun	Lost Coast California Bk Pk D Hovis 731-3412

August

1 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
3 Fri	Pamelia Lake Hike E Cooper 868-5427
3 Fri	Opie Dilldock Hike D Johnson 520-2470
4 Sat	Otter Lake Geology Hike D Rundle 653-0741
4 Sat	PCT—Obsidian trail to Hwy 58 Bk Pk D Lipton 736-7498
5 Sun	Brice Creek Hike M Terry 345-0720
5 Sun	Perpetua/BeaverCrKayak CarCamp, Hougardy 206-9532
8 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle 653-0741
10 Fri	Jefferson Park Bk Pk D Sullivan 683-6837
12 Sun	Belknap Crater PCT Hike D Sojak 799-9199
12 Sun	Diamond Peak Wilderness Bk Pk D Adey 520-9285
15 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon 513-3452

Congratulations Karen Seidel!

KAREN SEIDEL WAS HIGHLIGHTED AS VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH in the Civic and Community category in the June 24, 2018 *Register-Guard*. For the past 20 years, Karen served the Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association as newsletter editor and secretary of the Board. She has made the cemetery come alive with her research with the biographical plaques at the gravesites. Karen, an Obsidian member since 1977, has also used her research skills to write the *Obsidian Lodge History: The First 30 Years*, for the July, 1987 *Bulletin*. It was reprinted in the October, 2017 *Bulletin*. She researched and wrote *A Decade's Worth of Obsidian Trips* (February, 1986 *Bulletin*), *Obsidian Trips Between 1966 and 1975* (April, 1986 *Bulletin*), and *Obsidian Trips Between 1956 and 1965* (June, 1986 *Bulletin*). The last article included a graph of the number of trips and climbs from 1956–1984. Her sense of humor is ever-present in her data, as when she wrote that leaders took “trusting souls to Deathball Rock, Phantom Bridge and Wildcat Mountain.”

All of us who have toured the Masonic Cemetery appreciate reading about the remarkable people who contributed to our community. We look forward to our next visit.

Congratulations, Karen.

Shopping for trips? A few tips...

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