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Dates to Remember

October 12	Annual Meeting
October 16	ExploraTalk
October 17	Board Meeting
October 26	Potluck
November 2	Bulletin Deadline
November 6	Board Meeting

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Reminder: *Bulletin* items for November, December, and early January should be submitted by November 2, the November/December *Bulletin* deadline.

Obsidian Membership Renewal Time (Once Again)

AS REPORTED IN THE SEPTEMBER *BULLETIN*, the annual Obsidian membership renewal time has been pushed to October (this month!) to accommodate a new option for paying your renewal dues/donations online with your credit card or PayPal. Members can still choose to mail the inserted Obsidian membership renewal form with a check or bring it to the annual meeting. A PDF copy of the renewal form is also available for download from the members only area at www.obsidians.org.

The online renewal option will be available by October 15 (hopefully) and will be accessed by logging into your Obsidian online account (where you sign up for trips) via the *Online Trip Signup* link on our home page. Guidance for renewing online will be available after signing in. If renewing online, each member will need to pay their dues/donations individually, since each will be logging into their own Obsidian account.

While you're at it, please take the time to bring us up to date on your address, phone, email, or anything else that may have changed—on the form or in the *Account Info* tab online. Also consider receiving your *Obsidian Bulletin* online, rather than by mail, and/or donating to the Contingency Fund, the Endowment Fund or one of the premium membership levels.

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FWOC August 2018 Conference

Jorry Rolfe

THE THEME OF THE GATHERING OF THE FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS THIS YEAR centered around writers and writings that promote and protect outdoor values. Michael McCloskey (who will present at the October Obsidian potluck) was the keynote speaker. His recent book features the words of over ninety figures who turned Oregon into the premier *green* state. Other conference writers/speakers included the talented and energetic editor of the *Sierra Club* magazine, Jason Mark, and former park ranger and writer, Jordan Fisher Smith, whose recent book *Engineering Eden* provided an illuminating history of Yellowstone and its wildlife management problems. The location this summer was the Jesuit Retreat Center on 38 wooded acres on a hill overlooking Los Altos, California. I was grateful for the beauty and grace of the place after the long drive down through smoke and traffic.

I attended as the delegate for the Obsidians as I have for the last three years. That meant I could vote on the following 2018 conservation-oriented resolutions (more at FWOC website) adopted at the meeting:

- Urging conferees on the Farm Bill to reject the version passed by the house
- Tightening regulations on trains carrying coal and crude oil

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NOLS Class at the Lodge

Darko Sojak

THIS SEPTEMBER 22–23, I SPENT TWO GREAT WEEKEND DAYS IN OUR LODGE attending a wilderness first aid class with NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School)—a great opportunity to learn how to help others and potentially save lives in the wilderness. The principles that we were taught in this wilderness first aid class can work anywhere, and definitely could be applied to every day hikers.

Our diverse group of 21, plus two teachers, studied and discussed several general scenarios that could happen to anybody at any outdoor (or indoor) setting. This was definitely the most relevant and comprehensive first aid class that I have ever taken.

Dan Walker, NOLS Instructor from the Institute of Wilderness Medicine, and Dan Howells from Eugene REI exhibited effective communication, diligence and the ability to work efficiently with a big group.

Thank you Obsidian Board members for giving me and Tom Rundle this great opportunity.

Editor's note: Eight Obsidian members have been given the opportunity to attend this class in exchange for being able to hold the classes at our Lodge. Steve Johnson, Kerry Edinger, Steve Cordon, Rebecca Eastwood, Tom Rundle, and Darko Sojak have taken this challenging course. Lana Lindstrom and Kathy Randall will attend in December.



In the Scherer Room...

Shirley Froyd Watercolors

SHIRLEY FROYD'S WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS ARE NOW ON EXHIBIT IN THE SCHERER ROOM AT THE LODGE. An Obsidian member since 1982, Shirley has gone on 167 trips and has led 50 trips. She received her MBA in Commercial Aviation at USC, and her MA in Fine Arts at Cal State. She was a ground school instructor at airports and colleges. In 1952 she and her co-pilot won the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, also known as Powder Puff Derby—a cross-country air race for women with 41 contestant planes that year—flying their Cessna from California to New Jersey. Until recently she was one of the Buford Park Monday Morning Regulars who remove invasive species such as blackberries. She was an Older American Active in the Arts honoree in 2008 and is a member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon.

Member artists who would like to display their framed paintings or photographs should contact Dorene Steggell at lodge@obsidians.org

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SEPTEMBER BOARD NOTES

September 5, 2018 by Maryanne Reiter

President John Cooper called the meeting to order. Board members present: Sharon Cutsforth, Dave Cooper, Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, Todd Larsen, and Kathy Randall. Others present: Stewart Hoeg, Carla Cooper, John Jacobsen, Laura Osinga, Kathy Hoeg, and Diane Schechter.

The Board approved the minutes for July 2018.

Treasurer's report: Stewart Hoeg. Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses and also the balance sheet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): For July and August there were six club climbs. The farthest away climb was of Mt. Olympus in Washington led by Roy McCormick. Also during this time Climbs purchased summit stickers, beautifully designed by member Julie Polhemus, for 11 Oregon peaks.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe): Committee member Tom Rundle offered several popular summer trips that featured his talks and handouts on local geology: Iron Mountain, Yapoah Crater, and Otter Lake.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Evelyn Nagy led a successful trip staying in Newport in yurts. \$45 in trip fees were transferred to the General Fund.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Award Counts for Active Members as of August 21, 2018: 130 members have at least one award from this list of Three Peak, Ten Peak, Trip, Leader, Compleat, Trail Maintenance. Twelve members will receive an award for the first time at the Annual Meeting bringing the total to 142.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): We had an excellent response for our September 4 work party at the Lodge. Sixteen people pitched in to give the Lodge a thorough cleaning inside and out. There were enough people that there was time to do some work on grounds, too. It doesn't take long to spruce things up with enough people. In August, Dave Cooper and Vern Marsonette also spent several hours tracing wiring and moving circuits as a step toward being able to improve the outside lighting. Upcoming rentals are with the Y and the U of O geography department. Two Obsidians will be attending the ongoing NOLS/REI Wilderness First Aid classes at the Lodge later this month.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Summer is a slow time work-wise at the Lodge grounds. With the sprinklers in now, we don't have things getting so dry around the building. In fact, in addition to enhanced fire protection, it looks much better. Weeds do better with irrigation, too, so a late season mowing was needed to keep them at bay. We have hand-watered some of the newer plantings outside the irrigated areas a couple times this summer, and I believe we have only lost one of the plants we planted last year.

We also have managed to get the roof off of the woodshed behind the Lodge in preparation for raising it and installing a new roof. Thanks to Vern Marsonette, Doug Nelson, and Jim Northrup for helping me with the tear down and material disposal. Hopefully we will get the roof replaced before the fall rains start in earnest and maybe even get some of the

wood stacked around the place moved into proper storage.

Membership (Diane Schechter): Fourteen new members submitted for Board approval (*Editor's note: see September Bulletin for list of new members.*)

Online (Wayne Deeter): Online Committee is helping implement membership renewal dues payment through PayPal. This will allow members to pay their dues using a credit or debit card.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): There will be a report at the board meeting about the continued effort to allow members to renew their membership with a credit card.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Summer Camp 2019 is tentatively scheduled for Glacier National Park, September 1-7, 2019. More information will be available in the October *Bulletin*.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): A variety of kayaking, backpacking, and hiking outings took place in July and August. There were a total of 54 trips with 372 member trips and 61 nonmembers. Total fees for these two months were \$617.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing this past month. We started the removal and replacement of the Fox Hollow trailhead stairs. There were nine member and one nonmember participants.

OLD BUSINESS

Diane Schechter, along with Marci Hansen and John Jacobsen presented the status of setting up Obsidian membership renewal using electronic means such as PayPal. The group indicated that it could launch in October. The Board voted to support membership renewals by electronic means and to enter into a contractual relationship with PayPal. There were questions on when people should pay so they can be a member in good standing by the annual meeting so they can vote. The Board also approved sending out the renewal form in October instead of September.

John Jacobsen gave us an update on the Furtick subdivision meeting. A group opposed to the subdivision indicates that 1/3 of the trail will be taken up by a driveway, however, this is public right of way.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee reports were approved.

New members were approved.

The Board approved the rent waiver for the Eugene YMCA.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

We discussed the length of the Annual Meeting since receiving feedback that it tends to go too long. We also discussed adding a comment period so members could give feedback.

The Safety Committee is going to review an incident with a hostile guest.

Discussion of eliminating the use of phone numbers for leaders and Board Members online and in the *Bulletin* was held. The Board decided to keep the contact information for leaders as it is.

(FWOC Conference continued from page 1)

- Halting confined animal feeding operations
- Containing fossil fuels during earthquakes
- Banning drones in protected areas
- Endorsing climate-smart forestry
- Addition to policy on grazing adopted by the FWOC in 2017
- Revising Oregon Forest Practices Act for climate change
- Supporting the Columbia River Treaty Negotiations between the US and Canada

A new VP for the organization was selected. Much to my delight, he is from the Washington Alpine Club—the only officer not from Oregon. The 2019 conference will be in Washington and I suggest that you think of attending next summer! The Obsidians pay annual dues to FWOC and the club pays the registration for our delegate.

Michael McCloskey

Longtime Conservation Advocate presents at Potluck, October 26

Janet Jacobsen

MY HUSBAND JOHN AND I MET MICHAEL MCCLOSKEY for the first time at the 74th annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in August, 2005. I didn't realize that he was born in Eugene in 1934, attended the UO law school, and had been an Obsidian. At our first meal, I sat by his wife (now deceased) who told me that Mike got his start climbing with the Obsidians in the 1950s. We spoke several times with Mike about Obsidian members like Karl and Ruth Onthank who were his mentors in conservation activities. He and Karl co-chaired the Obsidian conservation committee in November, 1959.

McCloskey was a part of several conservation projects in the 1960s, which included the Minam Valley of the Wallowa Mountains, Rock Mesa with Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness, boundary changes at Mt. Jefferson, Sky Lakes near Crater Lake, Alpine Lakes in the Cascades, and the watershed of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. He was the first field organizer for the Sierra Club and the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in 1961. In July, 1964,

his conservation summary to the Obsidians reported that the Wilderness Bill was out of the House Interior Committee.

In 1965 he moved to San Francisco and became assistant to the president of the Sierra Club. He was executive director from 1969–1985 at a time when the environmental movement was making history, and the Sierra Club was growing from 16,000 to 600,000 members. After retirement he wrote about those years in his book, *In the Thick of It: My Life in the Sierra Club*, published in 2005. He continues to be active in environmental issues.

McCloskey's presentation at the April 2014 ExploraTalk coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act and the publication of his new book, *Conserving Oregon's Environment: Breakthroughs That Made History*.

At the October 26 Obsidian potluck he will speak about his newest book, *A Glimpse into History*, which recalls the words of leading figures in Oregon's history who were involved with the conservation of nature in our state.

See page 10 for potluck details.

Leaders Needed For Late Summer And Winter Trips

IF THE WEATHER FORECAST AND THE SNOW LEVELS LOOK GOOD, consider adding a trip to the schedule. Following are some suggestions from fall schedules in years past: Clear Lake, Little Belknap Crater, Tamolitch Pool, Cascadia and House Rock, Silver Falls, Kentucky Falls, Cummins Ridge, Brice Creek, Fall Creek, McKenzie River Trail, Marys Peak, Shotgun Park, and urban hikes. For more suggestions browse *The Report Page* on the Obsidian website and/or reference Bill Sullivan's hiking books. Contact the summer or winter trips chair to submit a trip or if you have questions.

Summer Trips conclude November 15. Dave Cooper, chair, summertrips@obsidians.org

Winter Trips start November 16. Dave Lodeesen, chair, wintertrips@obsidians.org

Local Hero

MARYANNE REITER, OBSIDIAN CLIMB CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER, was saluted in the *Alpinist* 63 (Autumn 2018), a prestigious climbing magazine. The article by Paula Wright extols Maryanne Reiter for her commitment as a long time mountain rescuer, climber, and seeker of beauty in the Oregon Cascades. There is even a full page photo. Congratulations, Maryanne.

TRIP REPORTS



Backpacks

Diamond Peak Wilderness

August 12, 2018

Leader: Steve Adey

Backpack: 25 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

WE MODIFIED THIS TRIP SOME DUE TO VARIOUS ACHES AND PAINS, but we did circle Diamond Peak. Starting at the Notch Lake Trailhead we hiked to Yoran Lake for the first night, then we backtracked and took the PCT to Mountain View Lake, spending nights three and four at Marie Lake and Happy Lake. We had the lakes to ourselves three of the four nights and saw few people except when on the PCT. We jumped in the water every day, encountered few mosquitoes, and found occasional huckleberry patches. There were clear skies the first three nights followed by moderate smoke/haze the final night. The air quality was generally good with comfortable temperatures for hiking and cooler ones during the night. Total mileage was about 35. Members: Steve Adey, Jacque Fern, David Lodeesen, Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Eric Selker.

Broken Top via Tam McArthur Rim Trail

September 1, 2018

Leader: Becky Lipton

Backpack: 12 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

BACKPACK INTO THE BROKEN TOP AREA VIA TAM McARTHUR RIM TRAIL, crossing several miles of trail. There were fewer boulder fields to our camping location. On the second day we took two day hikes: one group went cross country to Golden Lake and the wild flank of Broken Top and the other hiked cross country to Carver Lake, the highest lake on South Sister. On the third day, we packed out. Members: Keiko Bryan, Steve Cordon, Rebecca Eastwood, Becky Lipton, Kathy Randall, Harold Thompson.

Maiden Lake

September 7, 2018

Leader: Scott Hovis

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Backpack: 11 miles, 2,250 ft. (Difficult)

THE SMOKE AND WEATHER COOPERATED giving us three days of good backpacking, camping, and hiking. We had the only campsite on Maiden Lake to ourselves thanks to Dave, Lynn, and Sue who hiked in early Friday morning from their previous Obsidian trip up at Mt Hood. The hike in to the lake from the east side is three miles with about 1,800' of elevation gain as all of us lugged 30–40 pounds of gear. The rest of us arrived later in the afternoon from Eugene. We all had adequate space to set up our tents around a common area

where we would cook, eat, converse, and listen to Tom play many classic tunes on the harmonica. Some took a swim in the lake before it got too cold near sunset. Since the Forest Service had a ban on campfires, we all retired to our tents fairly early as it got colder. Saturday morning we awoke to the sounds of many species of birds screeching and chirping away. Chilly temps in the upper 30s greeted us under clear blue skies. About 10:00 we packed up for a hike to the 7,818' summit of Maiden Peak. This steep trail gains another 1,800' in less than three miles with most of that gain in the final 3/4 of a mile. Conditions on the summit were splendid with sunny skies, light wind, and warming temperatures. We spent a good hour on top taking in the sights of the surrounding mountains and lakes while eating lunch. As we started down, six of us decided to take a longer eight-mile trail back that would connect with the PCT, pass the Maiden Peak Shelter, and connect with a trail that led us back to Maiden Lake from the west side. Dave and Joan wanted to swim so they went back the way we had climbed to the peak. That evening was a repeat of the previous one. Sunday morning we broke camp after a leisurely breakfast and hiked back to the trailhead. The trip was enjoyed by everyone, including three new non-Obsidians who did great. Bugs were not a problem, other than the pesky yellow-jackets. This is a very secluded lake that very few people know about. After Labor Day you can expect to have it all to yourself as we experienced. Members: Mari Baldwin, Scott Hovis, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Mary Holbert, Joan Skarda, Tom Taber.



Group shot at Maiden Lake camp: Scott, Mary, Lynn, Sue, Tom, and Mari.

Fawn Lake

September 21, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Kathy Randall

Backpack: 3.7 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

DOWN TO ONLY THREE PARTICIPANTS, OUR LITTLE GROUP MADE THE DUSTY HIKE in to Fawn Lake. We had the lake all to ourselves for the first full day. The water level was very

low which created a mudflat between the normal lakeshore and the waterline; water gathering was a challenge. The first evening we took a short hike over to Stag Lake where smoky skies created a spectacular scene over Lakeview Mt. On our layover day we decided to hike to Diamond View Lake (approximately 10 miles roundtrip). The area around Saddle Lake was unique and very pretty. Diamond View Lake was also very low. Our final morning we awoke to frost on the ground, but the sun quickly warmed the air enough to have breakfast by the lake. Overall, this was a good trip. Members: Kathy Randall, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Christi Raunig.



Dorene and Christi in front of huge tree across the trail.



Car Camps

Mt. Hood Car Camp

September 4, 2018

Leader: Daphne James

Photographer: Sue Wolling

Car Camp: 26 miles, 5,400 ft. (Difficult)

A CREW OF SEVEN OBSIDIANS CAMPED AT LOST CREEK CAMPGROUND and spent three days exploring the wonders of Mount Hood. Our first day's destination was McNeil Point on the north side of Hood (11 miles, 2,200 ft. gain). We chose the slightly longer route around Bald Mountain and were rewarded with an excellent viewpoint for a rest and our first sight of 11,000 ft. Mt. Hood. The trail then connected with the Timberline Trail. This section of trail passed a fine array of picturesque meadows and ponds before getting to the side trail that would lead us up a ridge to the stone shelter on McNeil Point. For our second day's adventure, we took the Elk Meadow trail to Gnarl Ridge (11 miles 2,500 ft. gain). Crossing over bridgeless Newton Creek was a challenge, but we all managed to walk, crawl, butt walk on the make-shift logs, or simply splash through the flowing creek. From there we hiked up to Timberline Trail just beyond Lamberson Butte where we emerged from the trees onto a vast cliff. There we saw water gushing out of glacier-covered Mt. Hood



Lynn Meacham and Sue Wolling on Timberline Trail.

and down the ragged mountain side to the canyon below—an awesome sight. On our last day, we opted for a hike to lovely Mirror Lake (3.8 miles, 700 ft. gain). We had a great and rugged crew and excellent hiking experiences on Mount Hood. Members: Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Mike Smith, Sue Wolling.

Water Trips



Women's Olallie Lake Kayak

September 11, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Emily Rice

LAST YEAR'S TRIP TO THIS AREA WAS CANCELLED due to wildfire road closures and smoke. This year we were given cloudy skies and rain after three months of dry weather! As only one of the 12 women on this trip had been to Olallie Lake before, we enjoyed exploring new lakes and trails. Olallie Lake is on the PCT at the southern end of the Mt. Hood National Forest. Most of us drove to the lake by going up the McKenzie River, down the North Santiam River to Detroit, and then up the Breitenbush River to the lake. Lana and Linda stopped at Clear Lake to kayak. The rest of us stopped at Fish Lake to eat lunch in our cars while it rained. The last ten miles of road to the Olallie Lake Resort was marginally maintained and a little challenging, but we all made it in time for dinner. We stayed in three cabins, one yurt, and one tent (thanks, Cindy). Linda started dinner off with delicious appetizers and now will be asked to do them regularly. After a tasty pasta dinner, Judy brought out a huge chocolate cake which some of us had for breakfast/lunch the next morning. Most of our leftovers were delivered to PCT hikers who were delighted to receive fresh food (including some chocolate cake). We chose to skip an evening paddle due to unfavorable weather. The next morning we woke up to mostly cloudy skies with some light rain. The group split into

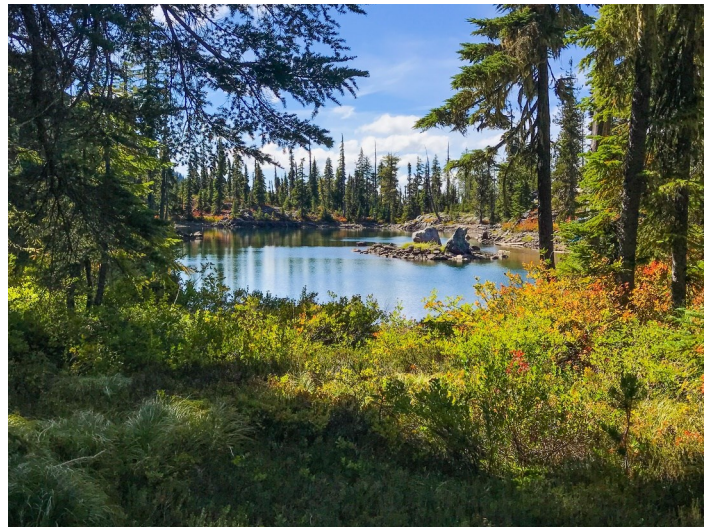
hiking and kayaking groups as several women were hoping the weather would be more favorable for kayaking in the afternoon. The hiking group visited Top and Cigar Lakes, then returned to camp via the PCT. The kayak group circumnavigated the 240-acre lake. The weather did not improve that afternoon, but some of us chose to kayak or hike while others read and played Scrabble. A Cowboy Caviar salad bar and homemade cookies were the stars of the second group dinner. On the third day we woke up to clear skies and a beautiful view of the north side of Mt Jefferson, albeit quite cold (37 degrees). Most of us spent the morning going for another paddle and/or a hike around all or part of the lake. By early afternoon, we were in t-shirts! Such a great way to top off the trip. More leftovers were shared with PCT thru hikers who were very appreciative, particularly of the fresh veggies (thanks Trail Angels, Pam and Jacque). And only one person fell into the lake while exiting her boat! Members: Keiko Bryan, Pam Caples, Jacque Davis, Lana Lindstrom, Lou Maenz, Rachelle Masin, Judy Newman, Cindy Rice, Emily Rice. Nonmembers: Marlene Drescher, Sarah Adkison, Linda Anson.



Cindy, Rachelle, Keiko, Sarah, Linda, and Lana on the PCT.

Divide Lake
September 8, 2018
Leader: David Cooper
Photographer: Carla Cooper
Hike: 8 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

THERE WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT ON THIS HIKE as to whether those annoying little creatures were yellow-jackets, wasps, bees, or a type of hornet. Unfortunately, nobody was willing to capture some of the pests for an in-depth entomological study. The only data we have is 18 stings spread among six of the 12 hikers. But on the positive side, we enjoyed clear skies, great companions, and a comfortable pace. Lots of picture taking of Mt. Yoran, Divide Lake, and Notch Lake. There was even a little swimming done at Divide Lake. Everyone seemed to agree this was a hike they'd do again. Members: Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Barbara Gunther, Toresa Martell, Barbara Orsi, Dave Predeek, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Dorothy Van Winkle.



Notch Lake.



Hikes

Cooper Creek Reservoir
September 2, 2018
Leader: Darko Sojak
Hike: 8.1 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

NINE RELAXED HIKERS ENJOYED THE GREAT SEPTEMBER WEATHER AND JUICY BLACKBERRIES along the Cooper Creek reservoir. We saw pileated woodpeckers, ducks, geese, cormorants, great blue herons, American kestrels and more. Members: Jan Danforth, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, Cindy Rice, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: James Dinn.

North Fork Willamette (Upper Section)
September 12, 2018
Leader: Dan Christensen
Assistant Leader: Frank Lulich
Hike: 8 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

A BEAUTIFUL RIVER WALK THROUGH A FOREST OF CEDAR AND DOUGLAS-FIR. Constitution Grove is about at the 3.5 mile mark. In 1986, the 200th anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution, a tree was dedicated for each of the signers. Wooden plaques are attached to these trees along the trail. We had good hiking weather: comfortable temperatures with a few showers and sun breaks. We did not see smoke which had been a concern going into the hike. The trail was in good condition with many of the blowdowns removed. Several wooden bridges were deteriorating, and there were two small tricky stream crossings so caution was required. A highly recommended hike out-and-back with little elevation gain. Members: Denise Bean, Dan Christensen, Betty Grant, David Hawkins. Nonmembers: Elizabeth Koch.

Waldo Perimeter

September 15, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 20.3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

WE HAD SIX PEOPLE ON A COLD (32 DEGREES AT NORTH WALDO CAMPGROUND) BUT SUNNY MORNING. We all hiked at the same pace, taking brief breaks at all trailheads (there were eight) and longer breaks (about 5–7 minutes) every hour. We worked our way across North Waldo, hiked the long stretch along the west shore, had lunch at South Waldo Shelter, and finally hiked the long stretch in the woods with no views of the lake back up to the starting point. We were on the trail before eight, and we finished about 3:15. Twenty miles—no more, no less—and everybody survived. It is remarkable to look at the whole lake at the end of the hike and tell yourself you have been around every single bit of it! Members: Marguerite Cooney, Michael Dunne, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Mike Smith.



View from the west side of Waldo Lake.

Charlton Lake to Irish Lake via PCT

September 16, 2018

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 12.1 miles, 450 ft. (Moderate)

IN UPPER 30S AND STEADY LIGHT DRIZZLE, through forest and burn areas, our fast group relished the 12.1 mile PCT hike from Charlton Lake north to Irish Lake. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Angela West, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Julia Harvey.

Coffin Mt./Bachelor Mt.

September 22, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Nancy White

Hike: 7 miles, 2,136 ft. (Moderate)

WE LEFT SPRINGFIELD AT 8:00 IN LIGHT RAIN for the two-hour drive to the Coffin Mountain Lookout Trailhead on Straight Creek Road off of Highway 22. We met Kris and

Nancy at the trailhead around 10:10. The sun occasionally teased us through the floating clouds giving us hope we would have views of the Cascade Mountains. That was not to be, but the vibrant fall colors and lack of rain were a joyful substitute! Ann Amundsen, the fire lookout for 30 years, welcomed us and answered our many questions. We had a few rain sprinkles during our lunch at 12:20 back at the trailhead, before we drove the .7 miles to the Bachelor Mountain Trailhead. Windy on top, we did not linger. On the way down the shroud of clouds lifted so that we could finally see the Coffin Mountain Lookout perched like a temple on the imposing butte. We started our drive back to Eugene around 3:30, but we made time for a quick stop at Fish Lake to see the historical buildings and new shelter. While wandering the trails of dry Fish Lake, we met two scientists from Colorado who answered all of our questions about their research. It was a fun day with upbeat and curious hikers, their first time on the two mountains! One said, "I loved it so much, even with the cold wind and fog." Members: Jennifer Baer, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, Jim Northrop, Barbara Orsi, Fumiyo Tao, Nancy White, Kris Wolters. Nonmembers: Patty Morrow, Kathleen Ehli, Elizabeth Koch, .



At Coffin Mountain Lookout.

Mt. Pisgah

September 1–24, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3.5–6 miles, 1,000 ft. (Easy–Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: **September 1:** 2 Members, 1 Nonmember. **September 8:** 3 Members. **September 24 (sunset):** 7 Members, 1 Nonmember.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

September 5–26, 2018

Various leaders: David Cooper (9/5), Dorene Steggell (9/12), Denise Rubenstein (9/19 & 9/26)

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

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: **September 5:** 16 Members, 1 Nonmember. **September 12:** 9 Members, 2 Nonmembers. **September 19:** 15 Members, 3 Nonmembers. **September 26:** 12 Members, 2 Nonmembers.



Climbs

The Husband

September 8, 2018

Leader: Dalen Willhite

Assistant Leader: Kerry Edinger

Climb: 17 miles, 3,500 ft.

DAY 1 OF JOINT WEEKEND TRIP: With two newlyweds at the helm, five climbers set off for the Husband on Saturday and the Wife on Sunday. We left from the Devil's Lake Trailhead at 0830 on a clear blue morning and arrived at Husband Lake at approximately 1215. We opted to approach south ridge of the Husband directly from the lake. Burned forest allowed us to follow an easy and direct path through the trees and up to the rocks. Helmets were essential for rock fall protection. We followed the second band of higher *quality* rock which formed a staircase until we reached a 4th class chimney to gain the ridge. From there, it was easy 3rd class scrambling over very loose rock to the summit. During the approach, smoke settled into the area, obscuring our view of the surrounding peaks. From the lake, the Husband took approximately four hours. Members: Sara Bowen, Kerry Edinger, Dalen Willhite, George Williamson. Nonmembers: Scott Timms.

The Wife

September 9, 2018

Leader: Kerry Edinger

Assistant Leader: Dalen Willhite

Climb: 10 miles, 1,600 ft.

DAY 2 OF JOINT WEEKEND TRIP: After camping at Husband Lake we had a leisurely morning and left camp by 0845. The Wife summit was an easy, though steep, approach from the PCT. We followed the east ridge until we traversed between two cliff bands over to the south ridge and summit. The clear sky and summit allowed for clear views of South Sister and the Husband. Members: Sara Bowen, Kerry Edinger, Dalen Willhite, George Williamson. Nonmembers: Scott Timms.

At the Lodge

Fall Lodge Clean-up

September 4, 2018

Leader & Photographer: David Cooper

Assistant Leader: Janet Jacobsen

WE HAD AN EXCELLENT RESPONSE FOR OUR WORK PARTY AT THE LODGE. Sixteen people pitched in to give the Lodge a thorough cleaning inside and out. There were enough people that there was time to do some work on the grounds, too. It doesn't take long to spruce things up with enough people. Members: Mari Baldwin, David Cooper, Kay

Coots, Alan Curtis, Clara Emlen, Nikki Frank, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Doug Nelson, Dave Predeek, Tom Rundle, Janet Whitesides, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Patty Morrow.



CELEBRATE!

NINETY YEARS AGO THE EUGENE OUTDOOR CLUB changed its name to Obsidians at the first Obsidian Annual Meeting, October 2, 1928. Celebrate the anniversary at the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 12, 2018. The ice cream social starts at 6:30.



Kathy Randall enjoying Prince Puckler's ice cream at the 2016 annual meeting.

AT THE LODGE



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 PM

The Remarkable Geology and Hydrology of the McKenzie River Presented by Gordon Grant

GORDON GRANT, USDA RESEARCH GEOLOGIST AND HYDROLOGIST, AND A FORMER RIVER GUIDE, will talk about what makes the McKenzie's geology so unique. He is a wonderful storyteller and will share tales and information about how geology can be destiny when it comes to the river. His presentation will change the way you look at the McKenzie forever.



Friday, October 26 at 6:30 PM

A Glimpse into History Presented by Michael McCloskey



MICHAEL McCLOSKEY, LONG TIME NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB DIRECTOR, has written a new book, *A Glimpse into History: What Prominent People Have Said About Nature in Oregon and the Need to Conserve It*. The book features the words of over ninety figures who turned Oregon into the premier 'green' state. They were explorers, settlers, climbers, scientists, politicians, writers, ranchers and businessmen. They shaped the culture that saw value in nature and triggered demands for policies to protect it. We are honored to host Mr. McCloskey.

Potluck

Friday, October 26, 2018

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.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

October

6 Sat	Smith Rock Climb (traditional/sport) Reiter	521-8472
6 Sat	Scott Mountain Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
7 Sun	Alder Dune to Pacific Hike E Sojak	799-9199
7 Sun	River Walk / Nat Hist Museum Hike E Hackett.	953-7046
8 Mon	Four-in-One Cone Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
8 Mon	Metolius R / Smith Rock CarCmp M Brown	214-930-6394
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Baldwin.....	206-9251
11 Thu	The High Desert Museum Bus Cutsforth	746-4929
12 Fri	Obsidian Annual Meeting.....	Lodge event
13 Sat	Aufderheide Rd from Westfir Bike M Wolling.	345-2110
13 Sat	Eugene Skinner History Walk Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
14 Sun	Patjens Lakes Hike M Randall	844-5916
16 Tue	The Geology of the McKenzie River	ExploraTalk
17 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Marsonette	600-5332
20 Sat	Sweet Cr/Beaver Cr Falls Hike E Rundle	653-0741
21 Sun	Carl G. Washburne Loop Hike E Sojak	799-9199
23 Tue	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon	513-3452

26 Fri	A Glimpse into History.....	Potluck
27 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829
28 Sun	Pisgah & Mushroom Festival Hike M Jacobsen.	206-1251
31 Wed	Amazon Hdwtres/Spencer Butte Hike M King....	554-1180

November

7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
21 Wed	Mt. Pisgah - Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen..	206-1251
22 Thu	Wicked San Francisco Hike M Hougardy.....	206-9532
24 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829
30 Fri	Through the Inside Passage	Potluck

December

7 Fri	Shore Acres Lights, Yurts Ext Trip M Baer.....	431-0767
8 Sat	Christmas Party Bus Comm. sponsored	Lodge event
15 Sat	Stocking Stuffer Hike & Lunch Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
21 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Winter Solstice Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
23 Sat	Service Project In S. Arizona Hike Adey.....	520-9285

Shopping for trips? A few tips...

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

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

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

Wondering if an upcoming trip is a fit for you? Follow THE REPORT PAGE link to search for reports of past trips.

There is still space available on the October 11 bus trip to the High Desert Museum. Early departure—bus loading at 7:15, departure at 7:30 AM.



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE

Saturday, December 8, 2–4 PM

Refreshments, music, door prizes, fun.

This is always a fun time, please plan on joining us.

Contact information at: bustrips@obsidians.org
Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

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

FIFTH ANNUAL

STOCKING STUFFER HIKE/LUNCH

Saturday, December 15, at the Obsidian Lodge

Purchase your wool socks early to donate to the Egan Warming Center.

For Sale

Men's REI hiking/backpacking boots, Raichla model, size 12. Best use for backpacking, full grain leather, Goretex / nylon lining, like new condition. \$25.00

Call Sandra 687-2589 or email sglars@comcast.net

Note: There is no charge for Obsidian Bulletin Classified ads; however, only members can place ads and preference will be given to ads that relate to the club's mission and our members' outdoor activity interests.

CORRECTION: On the July 19 bus trip, Old Albany and New Carousel, Vern Marsonette was trip leader, and Mary Ellen West was assistant leader.



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Sunset on Olallie Lake. Photo by Lana Lindstrom. See trip report on page 6.

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