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Many thanks to members who have submitted their renewals.

Holiday Farm Fire Wreaks Havoc

Lana Lindstrom

THE WEEK AFTER LABOR DAY WAS VERY SMOKY AND SCARY FOR MANY OF US. For those living up the McKenzie or in the Mohawk Valley, it was a nightmare. Terrifying. Forced to evacuate residents left their homes, belongings, pets, and livestock on very short notice and found refuge with family, friends, or at an RV park. A stunning visual of the damage to structures can be viewed at: <https://legisorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=da9661d4abb5488592a3ddbdc426a854>

Obsidian Ellen Sather’s house in Blue River burned to the ground. Fortunately, she and her husband were at their other home in Portland. Over the years many of us enjoyed Ellen’s hospitality of lemonade and cookies after a hiking or kayaking excursion and admired the beautiful McKenzie River, which lapped the edge of her property. Sadly, no more.

Steve and Ellen Johnson’s Vida house didn’t burn and their chickens survived, but a garden shed and the equipment in it were destroyed. The property looks totally different, since many mature trees were damaged and had to be cut down before power could be restored. Obsidians Wendy Dame and Don Doerr, who are stuck in Hawaii due to COVID-19, generously offered the Johnsons the use of their Eugene condo which was very much appreciated.

Jim and Diana Dinn’s, Peter and Kitson Graham’s, and Don Payne’s properties were spared, but they all experienced several extremely anxious, tense days of uncertainty. Without power for over a week or longer, there was some cleanup upon their return, including throwing away the contents of freezers and refrigerators.

Sometimes there is absolutely nothing which can be done to suppress the effects of a fast moving wildfire. But perhaps we can reduce the fire risk around our homes and our stress just a bit with some proactive pruning, mowing and cleaning. An excellent source of information is:

www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA

Thank You to Eugene Parks and Open Space

Dave Cooper and Lana Lindstrom

IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, EUGENE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE STAFF have made trail improvements to sections of the Ridgeline Trail east and west of the Fox Hollow trailhead. Trail surface, drainage, and erosion issues have been the focus.

The Ridgeline Trail was closed for ten days due to fire danger. When it reopened on Saturday, September 19, hikers had to roll, climb or scramble over a tree blocking the Tie Trail, and later crawl under a tree near the summit steps. We sent photos of the downed trees to Eugene Parks and Open Space. Tuesday morning on Tommy Young’s Blanton hike, the trees were gone! Open Space staff person Deverton Cochrane emailed that they removed them Monday a little after noon. Obsidian Ridgeline hikers are smiling, and say thanks for the fast work.

Additional kudos to City staff: Several Obsidians have pulled invasive *ludwigia* plants from Delta Ponds under the leadership of ecologists Lauri Holts and Kelsey Irvine. As a thank you, the volunteers were invited to tour Golden Gardens, which has

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been transformed from a dangerous gravel pit to a beautiful park for Western pond turtles and other critters, also included are walking paths for humans. For additional information, view this six-minute informative video: www.longtom.org/turtletales/. A shout out to Michelle Emmons, a past potluck presenter, a staff member of the City of Eugene Recreation team, and coordinator of Willamette River cleanups under the auspices of Willamette Riverkeepers.



Before and after photos of the most recent tree removal from the trail on Spencer Butte.

Top photo by Janet Jacobsen, bottom photo by Tommy Young.



Summer Camp Report

John Jacobsen

I HAD BEEN MAKING AN EFFORT TO SECURE RESERVATIONS at the Chemeketan Campground in the Sawtooths (where this year’s camp was cancelled) for next summer in late July or early August, 2021. I was unsuccessful largely because I needed to snag a ten-day window to have enough time for setup/camp, but other people who were just reserving two or three days over the weekends kept beating me to the punch—and I was slow getting online in time for one attempt. I gave up on Chemeketan CG in mid-August but was able to grab a ten-day window for both sections of the Excelsior Group CG near Glacier, WA and Mt. Baker starting on August 5, 2021. While I was generally pessimistic about COVID-19 concerns decreasing enough to allow for timely planning for a camp next year, I was nevertheless glad to have a spot reserved in case I was wrong. It became a moot point when a couple weeks after getting the reservations I got an email announcing that the Excelsior CG would be closed all of next season (2021) for maintenance (hmmm...). We got a full refund of the CG fees we paid. Anyway, I have put any thinking about Summer Camp for next year on hold for a while. On the financial front things are good, though—we earned 9¢ interest on the Summer Camp savings account in August!

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SEPTEMBER BOARD NOTES

September 2, 2020

By Denise Rubenstein

President Maryanne Reiter called the meeting to order in our outdoor setting at the Lodge. Board members present: Dave Cooper, John Cooper, Stewart Hoeg, Marci Hansen, Dave Hawkins, Kathy Randall, Denise Rubenstein, and Lyndell Wilken. Others present: Kay Coots, John Jacobsen, Carla Cooper, Denise Bean, Jim Northrop, and Evelyn Nagy.

The Board approved the minutes for July 2020.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg

Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses as well as the balance sheet. The Board approved the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth & Jim Northrop): In keeping with ongoing COVID-19 concerns and the Obsidians cancelling all indoor activities, the Bus Committee has cancelled the Holiday Party at the Lodge scheduled for December 12.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): There was one climb on South Sister in August.

Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe & Kay Coots): Fall activities are planned, sponsored by members of this committee. On September 24, a hike and tour to the Zena Forest and Mill NW of Salem will enable ten participants to see this family business with one of the owners. They create unparalleled locally, sustainably-grown hardwood. A Zoom ExploraTalk with OSU's Dr. Susanne Brander will occur on Nov. 17 at 4 PM; she will be addressing the monitoring of microplastics in local waters. A work party with McKenzie River Trust may be offered. Many thanks to committee members with great ideas!

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): Special thanks to John and Janet Jacobsen for organizing the recent Lodge and Grounds clean-up. There are always some things to do even without the Lodge being used.

Publications/Bulletin (Lou Maenz): The *Bulletin* is being sent out again by InstaPrint rather than the folding committee. Included in it is the membership renewal form.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The AED batteries were checked. Janet Jacobsen volunteered to house the Obsidian first aid kits at her home until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Members can arrange to check one out from her.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): We had 40 outings in August. In addition to the day hikes and bike rides, there were 3 backpacks. The longest backpack was Steve Johnson's trip to Yosemite which included a climb of Half Dome.

Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell): There was one outing this past month during which we cut blackberries back from the trail sides along the trails on Baldy.

OLD BUSINESS

Obsidian 10 Year Strategic Plan: (Previously called Ideas for the Next Decade) At the club's last Annual Meeting members were invited to share ideas for the future of the club. Then-president Lyndell Wilken collected and organized the resulting thoughts/suggestions. Moving forward with this feedback, the development of a Strategic Plan would map where we are and where we want to go, identify goals and

name actions, all with the intention of not just sustaining the club, but growing it. Maryanne led a discussion of possibilities on how to shape a committee and how it might proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Annual Tasks (formerly Annual Meeting):** The in-person Annual Meeting in October is not possible due to COVID-19, but there are tasks that are required. New Board members need to be voted on. It was agreed that voting would be done via email with John Jacobsen figuring out the details and the timing in keeping with our constitution. Thank you, John.
- **Willamalane/Obsidian Partnership:** In August the Board voted on and approved a partnership between Willamalane and the Obsidians. Denise Bean gave a brief summary of the agreement and answered questions. The purpose of the partnership is to provide cooperative hiking experiences to patrons of Willamalane Park & Recreation District with Obsidian hiking volunteers and Willamalane staff. In pooling our resources, it is believed that this partnership will yield new members for our club.
- **Bus Committee Transition:** After many years of dedicated service to the Bus Committee, Sharon Cutsforth has decided to retire from that position. The other co-chair, Jim Northrop chooses not to chair the committee. Judy Phelps, Bus Committee Treasurer, has also decided to retire from that position. No members have expressed an interest to fill those positions. Jim Northrop presented five different options for the future of bus trips:
 1. Recruit new chairs and continue with full schedule
 2. Discontinue bus trips and close bank account
 3. Hire a vendor to organize bus trips
 4. Run fewer bus trips but under the direction of Extended Trips
 5. Partner with a local park and recreation district to jointly run a bus tripA lengthy discussion followed. The next actions are that Marci Hansen will consult with a nonprofit attorney armed with questions from the group and Denise Bean will make arrangements for Sharon and Jim to meet with Willamalane and inquire about their resources and possibilities.
- **New Members for Board Approval:** Gennette Johnson, Jane Kay, Ken Davis, Diane Davis, Amanda Bell, Linda Parks, Wally Miller
- **Winter Trips Chair Change:** The Board approved Dave Cooper to replace Steve Cordon as chair.
- **Format for future Board Meetings:** It was agreed that if outdoor conditions don't suit, meetings will be held inside the Lodge with appropriate spacing between seats. All 3 doors will be open, so warm jackets are suggested.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

- **Vacant Board Seat Filled:** In July Steve Cordon resigned his position and it was filled by Denise Rubenstein —approved by the Board via email. Thanks to Steve for all his contributions.
- **Correction to July Minutes:** The correct date for this year's Annual Meeting is October 9.



Carla Cooper and Janet Jacobsen



DARKO SOJAK 75 TRIPS LEADER AWARD. Darko joined the Obsidians in June 2009. He is known for leading a variety of trips, but especially beach cleanup trips with SOLVE and very early sunrise hikes.

Photographer: Angie Ruzicka



RICHARD HUGHES 50 TRIPS LEADER AND 200 TRIPS. Is there a nearby town, bakery, covered bridge, or even a lonely bridge that Richard hasn't plotted a bike loop tour of for Obsidians? Since joining in 2002, he has attended 13 extended trips and six summer camps, perhaps to ensure that Obsidians wake up to the best coffee!

Photographer: Darian Morray



STEVE JOHNSON 50 TRIPS LEADER. With boundless energy, Steve's latest trip, a backpack to Yosemite including a climb of Half Dome, was a fitting pinnacle after leading ten July hikes to the best views in the Cascades. Steve started climbing with the Obsidian Explorer group as a teenager.

Photographer: Lynn Meacham



RANDY SINNOTT 25 TRIPS LEADER. An avid bird watcher, Randy joined in 2014 and soon was up for the challenge of leading hikes and ski trips that seldom pop up on the schedule. His Waldo Lake kayak overnight trips fill up quickly. Who else would lead the Rebel Rock Creek Loop known fondly as *a death march*?
Photographer: Jorry Rolfe



JORRY ROLFE 25 TRIPS LEADER AND 500 TRIPS. Joining in 2012, Jorry was one of the first Wednesday morning hikers and has helped lead many of them. She hikes, snowshoes, and attends summer camps and extended trips. As Sci/Ed co-chair, she is always on the lookout for conservation and sustainability projects to share with members. She is a former officer of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Jorry extends a gracious welcome to newcomers and conveys her genuine desire to get to know them.
Photographer: Marguerite Cooney



DENISE RUBENSTEIN 25 TRIPS LEADER AND 100 TRIPS. Denise joined the club in 2018. In addition to earning her awards, she is the club secretary and recently was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board. Denise is also a volunteer at Hendricks Park and has led some lovely and informative hikes at the park.
Photographer: Tommy Young



KAY COOTS 100 TRIPS. Kay joined in 2018 and serves now as co-chair of the Sci/Ed Committee. She has been involved with educational hikes and ExploraTalks. When Kay leads a hike, she is well-prepared and ready to go.
Photographer: Janet Jacobsen



DARIAN MORRAY 100 TRIPS. Darian joined in 2015 and is always, always cheerful backpacking, biking, hiking, and snowshoeing even when the rain is blasting! Hike with him on his birthday and you get to eat his wife Karen's blast-off brownies.
Photographer: Steve Johnson



PAT ESCH 200 TRIPS. Pat Esch joined in 2005 and soon became identified with biking, the annual women's kayaking trips, and her tempting cookies. She has served on the Board and chaired the Safety Committee.
Photographer: Pat Soussan



MARK HOUGARDY 100 TRIPS. Mark is known for leading a wide selection of unique hikes and trips. His trips range from close to home to distant destinations. Here he is participating in a first aid class with his wife, Christiane.
Photographer: Darko Sojak



BRAD BENNETT 200 TRIPS. Since joining in 2007, Brad's Obsidian activities have included hiking, backpacking, car camping, snowshoeing, and more. Brad is also a PCT section hiker and volunteers with the Scorpions to maintain our beloved Cascade trails.
Photographer: Steve Johnson



KEIKO BRYAN 200 TRIPS. Keiko is a strong steady hiker, but all bets are off if there are mushrooms along the route. Keiko joined the Obsidians in 2009 and hikes as well as backpacks. Here she is on a solo trip to Arrowhead Lake in August 2020.
Photographer: Keiko Bryan



KATHY RANDALL 200 TRIPS. Kathy has led many of her trips. She hikes and backpacks, sometimes solo. She knows where she is going but also watches out so no one is left behind. Kathy is completing her term as an Obsidian Board member.
Photographer: Darko Sojak



STEVE CORDON 200 TRIPS. Since joining in 2014, Steve has been challenging himself to participate in many activities: hiking (leading 24), biking, attending summer camps, extended trips and climb school. Steve is an observant hiker, quick to notice if someone needs a cheerful word and also quick to notice litter to fill his Ziploc bag. Steve is a member of the Online Committee.
Photographer: Darian Morray



SANDRA LARSEN 300 TRIPS. Sandra joined in 1981 and received her 50 Trips Leader Award in 2010. She has participated in a variety of activities from cross country skiing and hiking to extended trips. Expect to see her name on interesting Obsidian walks.
Photographer: Lana Lindstrom



MARGUERITE COONEY 300 TRIPS. Marguerite has quietly averaged 60 trips a year since she joined in 2016 and modestly shared on the September 5th Pisgah hike that it was her 300th trip. Way to go!
Photographer: Lynn Meacham



LANA LINDSTROM 400 TRIPS. How has Lana had time to do 400 trips, lead 93 of those trips, and serve on the Obsidians Board while she was busy planning summer camps and extended trips for the rest of us to enjoy?
Photographer: Richard Hughes



JOHN JACOBSEN (RIGHT) 300 TRIPS. Since he joined in 1983, John has climbed, skied, hiked, chaired summer camps, and served as Obsidian President four times. He currently stays busy maintaining the Obsidian online database and making sure the Lodge grounds are an attractive and safe environment.
Photographer: Janet Jacobsen



TOM RUNDLE 500 TRIPS. Since he joined in 2014, Tom has hiked, biked, gone to climb school—well, let's just say he is a Compleat Obsidian. He has led 70 trips, many with a geology theme. It is always appreciated when our Geology Guru is on a trip.
Photographer: Kathy Randall



MIKE SMITH 500 TRIPS. Mike joined in June 2014 and by August was leading the Obsidian Loop and then led it again in November. He was presented with the First out of the Gate Award at the Annual Meeting and has continued on that path ever since. Mike volunteers with the Scorpions and Cascade Volunteers.
Photographer: Darian Morray

Obsidians for all Seasons

NOW THAT IT IS FALL, one might think summer trips would be over, but Summer Trips are still needed as well as Winter Trips. November 15 is the official end of Summer Trips. Dave Cooper is both Summer Trips and Winter Trips Chair, thus the seasons seem to meld together for him. No matter the season the challenge for leaders will be to find trails that are accessible. The loss of so many natural places has been painful for everyone. If you have questions, need suggestions, or want to submit a trip, contact Dave Cooper at summertrips@obsidians.org. The Club thanks those who continue to lead, offering a safe way for members and guests to have spring in their steps.



Dave Cooper has been appointed as the new Winter Trips Chair.

Leaders Keep Obsidians Moving



SHOWN HERE ON MT. STUART, first-time climb leader Trina Kanewa persevered through threats of smoke and bad weather to lead three other Obsidians to the top of Mount McLoughlin. Thank you Trina!

Photographer: Marci Hansen

Two Climbs for the Season: Successful and Safe



WE THANK SOUTH SISTER CLIMB LEADER JULI MCGLINSKY for stepping up during COVID and leading eight others up Oregon's third highest peak.

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Johnson's July

STEVE JOHNSON LED TEN HIKES TOTALING 129 MILES IN JULY—Horsepasture Mountain, Opie Dilldock, Scott Mountain, Camp Lake, South Cinder Peak, Red Butte, Broken Top Crater, Grizzly Peak, Paradise Park, and the Obsidian Grand Tour. That doesn't include the June 28th MacDuff Mountain (15.6 miles) and the August 3rd Olallie Mountain hikes (7.6 miles). It was the second year for Steve to make July an exciting month full of adventure and new sights—this time for twenty-five Obsidians who went on one or more of his hikes. Most agreed that the last two miles of those hikes were the hardest, especially when uphill! Lynn Meacham did all of them! Steve will receive his 50-leader patch this fall, hopefully on a hike!



*Lynn Meacham and Steve Johnson celebrate ten trips and 129 miles.
Photographer: Michael Myers*

TRIP REPORTS



Backpacks

Corrigan Lake Backpack

August 25–27, 2020

Leader: Nikki Frank

Assistant Leader: Scott Hovis

11 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS A WONDERFUL TRIP WITH PERFECT WEATHER and a congenial small group. We arrived at our base camp at Corrigan Lake in the Diamond Peak Wilderness at about 12:30 after a 2-mile trek up some gradual switchbacks. We set up camp and despite this being designed as an easy to moderate trip, Scott and David hiked further and logged another seven miles. They explored the Bear Mountain Trail up to the summit, back down to the road and then back up and over to camp, enjoying a bounty of huckleberries along the way. Happy Lake was our day trip destination the next day, about 7.5 miles RT with up and down elevation change along the ridge. We had a leisurely one-hour lunch at Happy Lake with time for a swim, picking huckleberries, and exploring a waterfall on the north side of the lake. On the return trip out from the lake, we had about a 1,000-foot elevation gain during the mid-day heat. We were back to Corrigan Lake by 3:30 with time for another swim and relaxing at camp. We thought we might have all three days without seeing other people. There was a family at the Lake and we had fun talking to the preteens who were very excited to be backpacking. At dawn we were serenaded by howling coyotes. Members: Nikki Frank, Scott Hovis, David Lodeesen.

Yosemite Backpack

August 20–25, 2020

Leader & Photographer: Steven Johnson

51 miles, 10,000 ft. (Difficult)

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK HAS A REPUTATION for being one of the most spectacular hiking destinations around, so it wasn't difficult to find five other Obsidians to join me for a five-night, six-day backpacking adventure through some of Yosemite's river canyons and up its granite monoliths. This year was very different from my past trips to Yosemite. Most of the services and campgrounds, including the famous High Sierra Camps, have been shuttered due to the pandemic, plus a low snow pack has left the many creeks used for water sources now dry. Also recent lightning strike fires in California had covered the area in a persistent layer of smoke. We began our adventure with a 600-mile drive down to the town of Lee Vining where we spent the night in a motel. The next morning we drove another 20 miles into the park to the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Station to pick up the required bear canisters. We then began by hiking up Rafferty Creek to Vogelsang High Sierra Camp for a refreshing swim in Fletcher Lake and to set up our first night's camp. The next morning we ascended the 10,600-foot Vogelsang Pass, then descended over 3,400 feet to the Merced High Sierra Camp for our second night's camp and for another great swim in the

Merced River. On our third day we hiked down the beautiful Merced River Canyon to Little Yosemite Valley where we set up camp and again found a great swimming hole. On our fourth day we climbed 2,600 feet to the top of Half Dome where we had incredible views of the valley and the Sierra range. Our fifth day was a real challenge as we climbed another 2,700 feet to the summit of Clouds Rest with our full packs for more 360-degree views of Yosemite, then descended to Sunrise Lakes where we made our final camp at another great swimming lake. On our final day we hiked about 13 miles through Sunrise Meadows and the Cathedral Lakes area to return to Tuolumne Meadows and our vehicles to complete a loop of over 50 miles through some of this country's most spectacular scenery. The combination of the heat and smoke made this adventure more of a challenge than I expected, but it was still a trip that I would highly recommend to anyone looking for a world-class hike. Members: Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Steven Johnson, Darian Morray, Michael Myers, Harold Thompson.



Harold, Ben, Michael, and Darian on the Half Dome Diving Board.



Bike Trips

Clearwater Loop **August 12, 2020**

Leader: Richard Hughes
Bike: 21 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

PERFECT DAY TO RIDE ALONE OR IN A GROUP. Members: Richard Hughes.

Pleasant Hill / Dexter Loop **August 19, 2020**

Leader: Richard Hughes
Bike: 27 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

BEAUTIFUL RIDE WITH PERFECT WEATHER. No flats. No mechanical issues. We made a brief stop at Elijah Bristow State Park as it was open with just a few visitors. Members: Richard Hughes, Jonathan Jost, Ruthy Kanagy, Lana Lindstrom, Lynn Stearney. Nonmembers: Dale Schaper.

Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway **August 26, 2020**

Leader: Richard Hughes
Bike: 36 miles, 1,210 ft. (Moderate)

JUST ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL RIDE. Members: Betty Grant, Richard Hughes, Jonathan Jost, Ruthy Kanagy, Lana Lindstrom, Lynn Stearney. Nonmembers: Dale Schaper, Ken Davis.

Row River **September 27, 2020**

Leader: Darko Sojak
Bike: 26.2 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT WERE YOU DOING THIS SUNNY SUNDAY MORNING? We cycled 26.2 miles along Dorena Lake. Members: Holger Krentz, Rachele Masin, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.



Climbs

Mt. McLoughlin **September 19, 2020**

Leader: Trina Kanewa
Assistant Leader: Maryanne Reiter
Climb: 10.5 miles, 4,000 ft. (Difficult)

OUR TENACIOUS GROUP OF FOUR braved the newly smokeless skies, hoping for no new fires or changes in wind direction in order to climb Mt. McLoughlin. We opted for a Sunday climb rather than our originally planned Saturday attempt as the terribly needed rain was falling hard on Friday evening when we planned on camping. We left the trailhead at 6:06 AM, donning headlamps for the first mile and a half of our ascent. We were happy to see clear blue skies as we got higher towards tree line. The sunrise was beautiful,

and the company was wonderful. As predicted, the wind was barely blowing, and it was warm. We reached the summit at 10:16 AM and got to sit awhile and have lunch. Several other groups were beginning to arrive, so we grouped up for the beginning of our descent. We made it back to our vehicles at exactly 2:00 PM, and I handed out summit stickers to our climbers—the stickers are the best part. I couldn't have asked for a better day and group for my first lead of a climb. Maryanne was a great assistant, and our other climbers were fun and engaging. I look forward to leading many more climbs this next climbing season! Until next time. Members: Trina Kanewa, Patrick Mucker, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Mike Fleck.



Hikes

Olallie Mountain **August 24, 2020**

Leader: Joel Greer
Photographer Esme Greer
Hike: 7.2 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF 12 HIKERS MET NO ONE ELSE ON THE TRAIL the entire day. The trail had plenty of late summer wildflowers, with fireweed being the star of the show, but we also saw asters, pearly everlasting and lots of bear-grass gone to seed. We had lunch on the summit next to the recently burned fire lookout. Visibility was limited due to forest fires elsewhere in Oregon, and the Cascade peaks were only visible in outline. Temperatures were very pleasant and we all enjoyed the forest we hiked through to and from the summit. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Nancy Hoecker, Gwyneth Iredale, Gennett Johnson, Lana Lindstrom, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott.



The group at the Olallie Mountain summit, next to the burned out fire lookout.

Hendricks Park Evening Hike

August 29, 2020

Leader: Denise Rubenstein

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 3 miles, 75 ft. (Easy)

LOVELY EVENING HIKE. Since there isn't an abundance of plants in bloom at this time of year, the changing light was perhaps the star of the show. As we walked back to our cars, we were accompanied by a cheerful chorus of crickets. Members: Joanna Alexander, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, Nikki Frank, Sheridan Gates, Evelyn Nagy, Denise Rubenstein. Nonmembers: Elizabeth Block, Linda Parks.



Another visitor enjoying Hendricks Park.

Bingo Lake

August 30, 2020

Leader: Kathie Carpenter

Assistant Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 6.7 miles, 350 ft. (Moderate)

EIGHT OBSIDIANS MET SUNDAY MORNING at South Eugene High School where we engaged in some good-natured trash talk with the other Obsidian hikers departing from that point. (Clearly they all wished they were on OUR hike instead!) Fortunately, we had planned a stop at Greenwaters in Oakridge; there we noticed one driver's car engine smoking away, showing that planning a pit stop can have more benefits than the obvious intended one. We were able to shuffle cars and get everyone to the trailhead. It's an easy drive and easy parking, even for non-4WD vehicles. The trail was well maintained with beautiful views of Waldo Lake through the trees, and just enough uphill for us to feel like we had earned our lunch. Huckleberries were pretty well picked over on the main trail but abundant at the lake, and we counted four different varieties that were ripe. It was a perfect late summer/early fall day, with only a smudge of smoke in the distance from the wildfires and not enough mosquitoes for me to unpack my Picaridin. The main trail was busy, but the path leading to Bingo Lake was empty, and we had the lake to ourselves. Thanks to expert guidance by Assistant Leader Mike Smith, we made it to Bingo Lake with plenty of time for lolling on the lakeshore, exploring the area, frog watching and picking our fill of huckleberries. This was a lovely, enjoyable, and delicious hike with a great group of hikers who not only helped me out with all the logistics of being a first-

time leader, but filled me in on the latest gossip about Harry, Meghan and Archie. Members: Joanna Alexander, Linda Anson, Kathie Carpenter, Evelyn Nagy, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Dorothy van Winkle.

Erma Bell Lakes

August 30, 2020

Leader: Joel Greer

Hike: 8.4 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

WE ENJOYED COOL, SUNNY WEATHER for our loop tour of forest and lakes in the Three Sisters Wilderness. We viewed Lower Erma Bell Lake first, then checked out the waterfall between Middle and Lower Erma Bell Lake. There wasn't much water flowing over the falls, but it was still pretty. We skipped past Middle Erma Bell Lake where there were several tent campers, then caught small glimpses through the trees of Upper Erma Bell Lake and Mud Lake as we walked. Our lunch spot was next to Williams Lake where we observed glacial striations in the bedrock. The last lake we saw was Otter Lake, about a mile before the end of the hike. We were treated to abundant huckleberries (blue and purple varieties) along the hike. Wildflowers were mostly finished except for asters. There were no mosquitoes, which would have been a big issue earlier in the summer. This was a very enthusiastic, talkative group, and we all enjoyed the social gathering (properly distanced, as best we could) and the beauty of the area. Members: David Clinger, Marguerite Cooney, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Nancy Hoecker, Gennett Johnson, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, David Morris, Cindy Rice.

Hunt's Cove

August 31, 2020

Leader & Photographer: Daphne James

Hike: 14.5 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

THE OBSIDIANS BACKPACKED TO HUNTS COVE in 1985 and 2011, but a search of our website does not show any reports



Brad, Marguerite, and Kathy crossing the meadow.

of previous day hikes to Hunts. There is a lot to see on this hike: Pamela Creek, Pamela Lake, Hanks and Hunts lakes, views of several peaks, the Cathedral Rocks and 10,497-foot Mount Jefferson. We had been monitoring for possible smoke

coming in from Central Oregon fires*; fortunately the winds blew in our favor. But although the air quality was excellent, morning clouds hung in, obscuring the mountain views. Then as we were finishing lunch at Hunts Lake, the sun broke through. We decided to take advantage of the afternoon sunshine and hike up to the wonderful meadows beyond the cove. We took the unsigned, but easy-to-find-and-follow user trail from the north side of Hanks Lake to the PCT. It is a steep 1.1 miles, but the lovely green stream-filled meadows are well worth the effort. I had the one surprise of the day while hiking alone on the trail between Hunts and Hank Lakes. I heard a nearby sound. I looked over and saw a large bear running away from me. *www.centraloregonfire.org/wildfire-smoke-air-quality-maps-2/ Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Daphne James, Becky Lipton, Lynn Meacham, Monica Ozwoeld, Kathy Randall, Paul Winther.

Local Walk with Music

August 30, 2020

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3.5 miles, (Easy)

WE MET AT HOPE ABBEY MAUSOLEUM in the Eugene Masonic Cemetery for their Last Sunday Open House. Former Obsidian Charlie Wright gave us a short tour before we started our walk through the grounds and then to the University of Oregon campus and the artwork at the new track facilities. There was a long line at Prince Pucklers so we headed back to the cemetery. Two of us stayed for the all-women brass quintet concert on the Public Square at the top of the hill. What a pleasant last Sunday! I collected membership applications for Diane and Amanda to take to the membership chair. Members: Carla Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Peg Straub. Nonmembers: Amanda Bell, Diane Davis, Linda Parks.

East Campus Art Walk

September 4, 2020

Leader: Kay Coots

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

THE HOT WEATHER PAUSED LONG ENOUGH for seven Obsidians and one nonmember to enjoy the exterior art of a deserted



Ceramic tiles by local artist Betsy Wolfston.

UO East Campus area. Evelyn shared information on the artist Ken Bartow whose sculpture graces the area near Kalapuya Illihi residence hall. In addition to several newer 'percent-for-art' pieces we walked to the Frohnmayer Bridge and enjoyed the stencil mural work completed by Nearby Nature which features 17 different plants and animals. Members: Mari Baldwin, Kathie Carpenter, Kay Coots, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Evelyn Nagy. Nonmembers: Carol Ipsen.

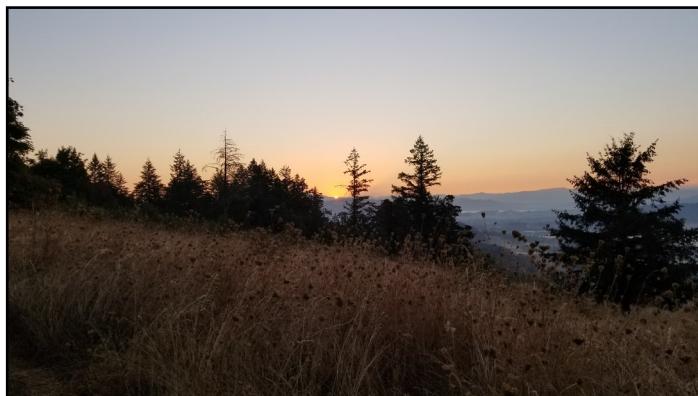
Baldy Sunrise

September 6, 2020

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3.5 miles, 950 ft. (Easy)

WAKE UP FOLKS! Four of us enjoyed a nice hike and that's a magical moment of the day. Members: Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.



That magical moment of the day.

Sunday Urban Saunter

September 20, 2020

Leader: Angie Ruzicka

Assistant Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

FIVE HIKERS, UNDAUNTED BY FOG AND EAGER FOR A HIKE, enjoyed a saunter along the river. As the fog cleared the group decided to go all the way to Clearwater Landing (increasing our walking distance from six to eight miles) where we enjoyed a snack by the river. There was lively, socially distanced chatter as we all marveled at the clear air and the feeling of fall in the air. We returned through the patch of old growth on the south end of Dorris Ranch. As we walked through the orchards, Darko used his handy Swiss army knife to crack the shells of filberts on the ground so we could sample tasty hazelnuts. We saw deer, raptors, ducks and numerous Homo sapiens out enjoying the morning. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Holger Krentz, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

Spencer Butte from Martin St.

September 21, 2020

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,520 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS THE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE COFFIN MOUNTAIN HIKE. It was a crisp fall morning and we were delighted that we met very few hikers on our way up. We encountered the tree blocking the Tie Trail but all of us successfully climbed,

crawled or rolled over it. All of us enjoyed visiting and catching up on the news since the smoke from Holiday Farm fire kept us inside. Members: Vicky Hanson, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Carla Lyon, Lynn Meacham, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Peg Straub.

End of Summer Evening Strolls #1 and #2

September 22, 2020

Hikes: 6 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

#1 Leader: Darko Sojak

PLEASANT WARM WINDLESS EVENING, NICE COMPANY and a great sunset. Members: Nikki Frank, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Sandra Larsen, Evelyn Nagy, Linda Parks, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Peg Straub, Dorothy van Winkle.

#2 Leader: Kathie Carpenter

PLEASANT EVENING STROLL along the edge of Fern Ridge at the time of day filmmakers call the magic hour, with warm light and lengthening shadows. This walk is enjoyable for all energy levels; there are benches for resting and enjoying the lake views, and it is paved most of the way, except for the top of the levee which is level but covered with loose rocks. Although we originally planned to go from Orchard Point to Richardson Bay, it turned out to be slightly shorter than six miles because access to Richardson Bay was blocked by the Yacht Club. Members: Jane Allen, Kathie Carpenter, Helen Martz, Pat Soussan, Lisa Van Liefde, Susan Wanser.

Suzanne Arlie Park South

September 27, 2020

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

CLOUDS AND FOG SEEMED TO BE EVERYWHERE this morning except at Suzanne Arlie Park. It was a sunny morning with nobody else using the site. We walked the roads and one trail that becomes a faint, narrow way through the dry, high grass. This 640-acre park is largely undeveloped but, with the maps of proposed plans, it was fun to visualize the potential of the area. Hiking, biking, birding, disc golf and more are in the plans for this area. It will be a great addition to the Ridgeline System when these plans come to fruition. Imagine starting at the Amazon Park, heading on the trails to the Martin Street Trailhead, and taking the Ridgeline through to the east end of Arlie Park and LCC. Then you can catch a bus back to the Amazon Center. Who wants to lead this hike? Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Dorothy van Winkle.

Mt. Pisgah from East Trailhead

September 27, 2020

Leader: Lisa Van Liefde

Hike: 7 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

BEAUTIFUL FALL MORNING AND AN EAGER AND HAPPY GROUP that was excited to approach the top from the East Trailhead. A bit of wildlife greeted us: Vaux swifts darting around overhead and a small snake halfway down Trail 3. A mix of fog and sun provided an interesting view and vibe. Met other Obsidians who were out enjoying the lovely day. Happy hikers all! Members: Marsha Barr, David Clinger,

David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Denise Rubenstein, Peg Straub, Lisa Van Liefde.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte Hikes

Hike: 5.2–6.2 miles, 1,170–1,530 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

August 26

Janet Jacobsen: 8 members, 1 Nonmember

Janet Whitesides: 7 members

September 2

Janet Jacobsen: 8 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Mike Smith: 4 Members

52nd Street/Spencer Butte

Hike: 5.2 miles, 1,150 ft. (Moderate)

September 23, 2020

Leader: Joanna Alexander: 8 Members

Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hikes

Hike: 8.5 miles, 1,740 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

August 25 Angie Ruzicka: 4 Members

September 8 Tommy Young: 2 Members

September 22 Tommy Young: 5 Members

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Various Leaders

August 29

Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Assistant Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

5 Members

August 31 (Sunset/Moonrise)

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.4 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

7 Members, 3 Nonmembers

September 5

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

7 Members, 2 Nonmembers

September 25

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

4 Members

October 1 (Sunset/Moonrise)

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.4 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

7 Members, 1 Nonmember

Lodge/Grounds Maintenance

Lodge/Grounds Work Party
August 21, 2020

Leader: John Jacobsen

Assistant Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

THIS COMBINED WORK PARTY FOR BOTH THE OBSIDIAN LODGE AND THE GROUNDS went a long way toward catching up on the summer growth at the Lodge and sprucing things up for the upcoming Get Acquainted Hike. Nine energetic folks made quick work of cleaning out the Lodge, washing windows, mowing the grass, cleaning out the planting beds, pruning back brushes and making the place look presentable. Members: Mari Baldwin, Kay Coots, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Helen Martz, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop, Pat Soussan.



Kay took on the job of mowing.



Trail Maintenance

National Trails Day

June 6, 2020

Leader: Matt Bell

MOST OF OUR GROUP MET UP WITH IVERY to remove false brome at the correct Amazon Headwaters Trailhead. We hiked up the trail, learning to identify false brome, practicing its removal and avoiding poison oak. Those of us whose dog decided to run off and explore the neighborhood arrived late and got in an excellent hike up and down the Headwaters Trail only to find everyone else on a parallel trail. We quickly learned to identify the yellowish grass with the slightly hairy stalk as false brome and remove it. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Pat Soussan.

Trail Maintenance

June 24, 2020

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

WE MET AT THE MAIN TRAILHEAD FOR A LONG HIKE down the Tie Trail followed by hacking at the trailsides with machetes. It was a rather warm evening and we all benefited from having brought plenty of water. Pat even used the skills she acquired during the previous outing to remove false brome. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Oliver Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Pat Soussan.



The Bell boys remove stinging nettles.

Summit Step Cleaning

July 29, 2020

Leader: Matt Bell

WE MET AT THE MAIN SPENCER BUTTE PARKING LOT for an evening of household chores conducted in the out of doors. For Dan, Larry, and me, our project was to hike to the top of the butte and clean the stairs. We used garden hoes to loosen and scrape away the caked, hard-packed gravel. Then we blew the remainder away with a backpack leaf blower which made short work of cleaning the stairs as well as blocked out the sun. Joanna and Clara cleaned the parking lot stairs so well it looked like someone blew them off with a leaf blower, but the lack of dust on the cars in the parking lot testified to their hard work. Members: Joanna Alexander, Matt Bell, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore.

Mt. Baldy Brushing

August 26, 2020

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

WE MET AT THE MT. BALDY PARKING LOT for an evening of light trailside brushing. We hiked up to the top of Baldy, which isn't very bald, cutting back blackberries from the trailsides and even cutting back the rare branch encroaching on our personal space. It was just about the perfect time of year for this outing as our work afforded us the opportunity to enjoy nature's bounty of small treats torn from the brambles as we cut them back. Some of our group even saw lizards



Having finished cleaning the kiosk at the trailhead, Clara gets busy on clearing out blackberries.

while working. Members: Clara Emlen, Pat Soussan. Joanna Alexander, Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Oliver Bell, Nonmembers: Fletcher Bell, Wally Miller.

National Public Lands Day

September 26, 2020

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

FOR OUR FIRST OUTING BACK TO OUR SATURDAY MORNING SCHEDULE we hiked and hacked along the Tie Trail. Larry, Pat, Janet, Naith and I hiked down to where we left off a couple months ago. Working our way back up the trail using loppers, hand clippers and saws, we opened up some headroom along the trail corridor, while being showered by water falling off of the vegetation. We then whacked and chopped with weed cutters to cut back blackberry, Oregon grape, black raspberry, sword ferns, and an assortment of other brush from the trailsides. The brush was so thick and overgrown that we only made it to about the mid-point of the trail before needing to head back. As always Clara immaculately cleaned the trailhead stairs. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Pat Soussan.



Larry's choice of tool for cutting back ferns is a machete.



Water Trips

Waldo Lake Kayak

September 2–4, 2020

Leader: Randy Sinnott

Water: 14 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

SEVEN KAYAKS AND A CANOE TOOK PART in this year's Waldo Lake flotilla, with nine paddlers propelling them through three days of the most placid water I've ever seen on the lake. Anticipating crowds of COVID-19 refugees, we were concerned this year about finding a campsite to accommodate a large group; however, as luck would have it, our first choice of unimproved sites was available in a lovely cove with a lengthy sand beach near Rhododendron Island. The weather was in our favor, as in daytime highs in the eighties and nighttime lows around fifty degrees Fahrenheit—a comfortable range for the High Cascades in September. After establishing camp, parties dispersed to paddle or hike, always observing safety practices such as not going alone. Huckleberries were ripe and were incorporated into several breakfasts. Instead of moving camp as in years past, we chose to remain another night at our site. Coasting the shoreline, it was evident that most of the best and largest campsites on the western shore were occupied.



*Morning on the water.
Photo by Rachele Masin.*

Day two was another chance to hike, paddle, swim or just hang out in a hammock (as some did). Those wanting to hike to Waldo Mountain endured an hour paddle to find the trail-head near Elbow Lake, a thousand feet of elevation in 80-degree heat, and a paddle back to camp. The final day we had breakfast, packed boats, and coasted south to Klovdahl Bay and the historic dam and headgate built around 1914 as an irrigation and power-producing enterprise to serve the population downstream. To our good fortune, the project failed, saving the pristine gem of a lake for future paddling adventures. Waves of kayakers, canoeists, and paddle boarders were putting in at Shadow Bay as we took out. Thanks to all who made this trip enjoyable and everyone through the years

that have worked to keep Waldo a motor-less paradise. Members: Betty Grant, Jonathan Jost, Lana Lindstrom, Rachele Masin, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Joan Skarda, Lynn Stearne.



*Sunset from our cabin
Photo by Emily Rice.*



*Randy on an early morning kayak.
Photo by Emily Rice.*

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

October

13 Tue Blanton to Spencer Butte Hike M Ruzicka 521-6840
14 Wed 52nd Street/Spencer Butte Hike M Alexander 808-223-6993
14 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rubenstein 248-514-5092
15 Thu Zena Forest hike and Mill Tour Hike E Rolfe 206-9501
18 Sun Patterson Mountain Hike E Hackett 953-7046
21 Wed 52nd Street/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
21 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
23 Fri Finley Wildlife Refuge Hike E Hackett 953-7046
24 Sat Moolack Creek to Devils Punchbowl Hike M Sojak 799-9199
25 Sun Salt Creek Falls Hike E Hackett 953-7046
28 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M Whitesides 919-593-5578
28 Wed Talking Stones Hike E Hackett 953-7046
30 Fri Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise (long) Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251
31 Sat Trail Maintenance M Bell 503-884-8829

November

4 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M .. Smith 520-488-9569
4 Wed 52nd Street/Spencer Butte Hike M Lindstrom 683-1409
11 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251
17 Tue Microplastics in PNW Waters **Zoom ExploraTalk**
21 Sat Larison Rock Hike D Smith 520-488-9569
25 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M .. Smith 520-488-9569
28 Sat Trail Maintenance M Bell 503-884-8829
29 Sun Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise (long) Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251

December

21 Mon Mt Pisgah Winter Solstice Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251
29 Tue Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251

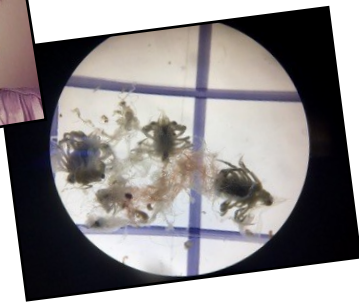
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ExploraTalks are Back—Online!



Zoom ExploraTalk on Microplastics

Tuesday, Nov. 17 4 PM



THE CONSERVATION, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION (CSE) COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING AN ONLINE ZOOM PRESENTATION with OSU's Susanne Brander. Please register for the talk on the Obsidian Online Trip Signup. All participants will receive emails with the Zoom link by November 15. Obsidian and CSE Committee member Diana Wheat, who teaches college biology, will be hosting.

Dr. Susanne Brander and other scientists from Oregon to British Columbia are scrutinizing the marine food chain from top to bottom, from zooplankton to killer whales. All are being analyzed for microplastics, currently a hot topic for local scientists. We are all concerned that our oceans are awash in plastic fibers and trash.

Specifically, toxicologist Brander will be discussing recent research findings from her and collaborators' labs on micro and nano-plastic occurrence in the environment and effects on aquatic organisms. This includes field work on PNW marine organisms such as rockfish (a bottom-dwelling species) and filter-feeding mussels. Studies also involve behavioral responses of larval fish, measured in the lab, to commonly detected microplastics such as particles generated from tire material during use on roads and fibers from ropes, nets, and clothing.

Are the plastics killing the animals? Should we be worried about eating local seafood? How are plastics being monitored in local waters? Attend this Zoom session to find out what Dr. Brander can tell us about her research and answers to these questions.

Questions about the ExploraTalk may be directed to scied@obsidians.org.

Local Trust Offers Online Environmental Series

MCKENZIE RIVER TRUST IS OFFERING A VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES in October called *HabiChats*. The series explores some of Oregon's plant and animal species and local restoration efforts with partners and local experts. These events are free, but do require preregistration. If you are interested, check out their website:

<https://mckenzie-river.org/presenting-habichats-habitat-speaker-series/>



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Cathedral Peak in Yosemite National Park - Photo by Steve Johnson (See trip report on page 11.)

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