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## OBSIDIAN POTLUCK JUNE 28

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Program: Paul Laferty(Chief Webfoot) will show us some skiing slides.

## FOURTH OF JULY POTLUCK PICNIC

will be at the Lodge on Friday, July 4 at 1:30 p.m., with Ray Sims as host.

## OBSIDIAN WOMEN'S PARTY JULY 21

All Obsidian women are invited to come for dessert on Monday, July 21(not August as stated in May Bulletin). Princesses will be hostesses. Chairman Wilma Moore is planning some fine entertainment.

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY FIELD TRIP

Scheduled for Fri-Sat-Sun, June 20,21,22, in southwestern Oregon, with Harris Beach State Park as center of activities. Call Herb Wisner, 344-3634 for information.

If you're signed up for Columbia River Trip(Sept)--see Page 4 for information.

COMING

EVENTS

## TRIPS SCHEDULE

### JUNE

- 14 (Sat) Proxy Falls--Herbert McCornack. McKenzie Area.
- 15 (Sun) Yankee Mt. Shuttle--Lois Schreiner. Q From Lowder Mt. to Tipsoo Butte.
- 21 (Sat) Castle Rock--Helen Lynch. So. Fork McKenzie.
- 22 (Sun) Tipsoo Butte--Bob Yates. So. Fork McKenzie.
- 28 (Sat) Linton Lake--Keith Brunig. Upper McKenzie area.
- 29 (Sun) Santiam Lake--Bob Cox. Santiam Q area.

### JULY

- 4,5,6(Fri-Sat-Sun) Newberry Crater and East Lake--Roger Bridgeman. Car trip to Eastern Oregon.
- 4,5,6(Fri-Sat-Sun) Separation Meadows--- Q Helen Smith. Three Sisters Wilderness area.
- 6 (Sun) Iron Mountain--Ray Sims. Flow- Q er trip.
- 12 (Sat) Lamb Butte---Helen Smith. So. Q Fork McKenzie.
- 13 (Sun) Patjens Lake & Sand Mt.--Hazen Bressler. Santiam Area.

## CLIMBING SCHEDULE

### JUNE

- 14,15(Sat-Sun) St. Helens---Steve Moore, Forsythe Glacier.
- 14,15(Sat-Sun) Diamond Peak--Bruce Newell. West Ridge.
- 21,22(Sat-Sun) Mt. Rainier--Cal Crawford, Limited. Kautz Glacier.
- 21,22(Sat-Sun) Three Fingered Jack-- Clarence Landes. Regular Route.
- 21,22(Sat-Sun) Mt. McLoughlin--Gene Se- bring. From Four Mile Lake.
- 28,29(Sat-Sun) North Sister--Rick Craven. South Ridge.
- 28,29(Sat-Sun) Diamond Peak--Bob Holmquist. From Summit Lake.
- 28,29(Sat-Sun) Mt. Washington--Duane Muetzel.

### JULY

- 4,5,6(Fri-Sat-Sun) Mt. Olympus--Bob Dark.
- 4,5,6(Fri-Sat-Sun) South Sister--Ed Trotter. Sleep on the Summit.
- 12,13(Sat-Sun) Middle Sister--Marriner Orum. Regular Route.
- 12,13(Sat-Sun) Mt. Washington--Dale Moon. From Cache Creek.
- 12,13(Sat-Sun) Mt. Washington--Cal Craw- ford - limited. Southeast Buttress.

BOARD NOTESTREASURER - Cal Crawford

Beginning Balance		\$1373.71	
Receipts:			
Membership	24.00		
Trips (including bus)	510.70		
Entertainment	47.14	518.84	
		<u>1955.55</u>	
Disbursements:			
Trips	480.50		
Outing	75.00		
Lodge Expenses	191.26	746.76	
		<u>1208.79</u>	
Savings Account		<u>2037.72</u>	
		<u>\$3246.51</u>	
Bills presented for payment:			
E.W.E.B	23.95		
Postage--M.Williams	37.00		
Mishler's	18.80		
Supplies	3.35	83.10	
Approved for payment.			

OUTING: Bob Cox

Twenty-one club members have signed up already for summer camp in the Trinity Alps. Summer Camp coffers now has \$66.00.

Audit shows 52 lbs. of food left over from last year plus 86 cans of assorted foods.

Reservations for riding horses must be made individually. Write to:

Mrs. Ethel Steele  
Rt. 2, Box 327  
Cottonwood, Calif. 96022

Write now - right now!

Although the club packing bill will be higher this year, I still have hopes of refunding some camp money to our campers and keep out of the red to boot.

CLIMBING - Ron Nunemaker

Of 6 climbs scheduled for May 2 were successful. A total of 32 nonmembers and 6 members participated. Fees collected totaled \$28.25.

Three climbs were cancelled due to lack of sign up or transportation and one leader was unavailable. The notification of interested climbers by the Parks and Recreation Department undoubtedly contributed to the number of nonmembers participating in the successful climbs.

---SAVE FLAV-R-PAC LABELS---

Climbing - continued

Presently the snow school is tentative depending on availability of instructors and interest of Obsidian members. If you intend to participate as an instructor or student please call Ron Nunemaker 344-7668.

ENTERTAINMENT: Lois Schreiner

Paul Lafferty will show skiing slides at the June 28 potluck. Come and cool off in the atmosphere of a winter sport. This will be our last evening potluck of the season. However, there will be a Fourth of July picnic at the Lodge. Call Ray Sims for particulars concerning the picnic.

Bob Cox presented an informative program about Camp Gary Kirk at the Summer Camp Rally May 24. Patricia Harris from Corvallis showed slides of the Caribou Lakes area of the Trinity Alps, which gave us a preview of what to expect at this year's summer camp. Bob decorated the walls with large free-drawn maps of the area, and had colorful paper hats as centerpieces for the tables. Potluck responsibility was handled by the Entertainment Chairman, Lois Schreiner with the help of Mary Carr and innumerable volunteers. Thanks to all the helpers for another successful social activity.

TRIPS: Wayne Renfro

Wayne reported 6 trips - 1 cancelled--- (train trip to San Francisco). 55 members and 35 nonmembers participated. \$16.40 in trip fees collected.

EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC: Mary-Douglass Stovall

This committee, composed of Mary-Douglass as Chairman, Helen Weiser, Frank Sipe and Maxcine Williams has made a list of the flowers found on the Obsidian Lodge grounds. They made trips into the area May 10, 17 and 24th and picked up 35 plant families for a total of 87 species. This does not include ferns, grasses or shrubs.

PUBLICATIONS: Geraldine Fehly

Reports error in this month's Masthead: I managed to list Frank Moore as Conservation Chairman and we all know it is Don Hunter.

Board Notes (continued)

Clarence Johnson reported two new membes:  
Mary Hanson, 1676 Hilyard, Eugene, Ore.  
Phone: 343-1872

Bill Ross, (Jr. Mbr.) 50 Middleground,  
Eugene, Or.

Reinstatement: (Welcome back to the  
Trione Family!)  
Ed Trione and children David Alan, and  
Janet Lynn, Junior members, 3025 Firwood  
Place, Corvallis, Or. 97330

Correct address for John Nosler:  
253 Greenvale Drive, Springfield, Or.

Chuck Berkey's new address is:  
SP5 Charles A. Berkey, RA18957610  
HHD 224th Avn. Bn. (RR)  
APO San Francisco, Ca. 96307

CONSERVATION:

Lois Schreiner brought up the subject of  
paying our share of the advertising re-  
lating to conservation issues. The Board  
voted that \$50 be sent to the "Save French  
Pete Committee"... Mr. Gordon Murphy.

The Board also approved payment to Outing  
Committee Chairmen each year the amount  
of \$100 to pay advance expense of camp.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS - Clarence Landes  
Howard Byerly volunteered to operate his  
chainsaw to cut trees and brush at the  
south road right-of-way, so on May 17 we  
had a work party of 7 souls (Clarence &  
Johnny Johnson, John McManigal, Frank  
Moore, John Anderson) on the brush with  
Byerly on the saw and Landes looking  
busy.

Quite a bit of the area was cut and brush-  
ed out but a second session was needed.

On May 28, Howard and his saw was avail-  
able so the remainder of the cutting on  
the right-of-way was done plus cutting a  
dozen or so dead trees at the north park-  
ing.

Our sincere thanks to Howard for helping  
push this job along.

Now we are ready for a "wood" and "brush"  
party which soon will be arranged...  
Please don't feel badly if we fail to call  
you the first time; we will be trying  
again.

Building & Grounds (Continued)

On May 31 Dr. Robert Harland with his  
trusty "International" power mower whit-  
tled his way thru the grass, weeds and  
small brush at the roads, trails and  
parking areas. We surely appreciate  
this good help and we thank you Bob.

Further a young chap, (second childhood  
maybe!) has been spraying some of our  
less desirable plants and shrubs, and  
more power to you Mark Castelloe.

FROM CHUCK BERKEY postmarked in Andorra.  
Hi there, all you Obsidians. I am just  
drawing to a close a month's leave with  
some hiking, climbing and photography  
here in the Pyranees of the absolutely  
charming little co-principality of An-  
dorra. Started out in Paris, thence to  
Chamonis for some skiing around Mont  
Blanc, but the weather wouldn't cooper-  
ate and decided to end the winter ski  
season, so I changed my plans and went  
to the Riviera to pick up a little sun.  
I'll be following your activities ac-  
cording to schedule and imagining my-  
self there with you. I hope that soon  
I actually can be.

NOTICE: A letter addressed to Obsidians  
asking whether it would be possible to  
obtain an address or information on "Mr.  
T. S. Easton whom we know was and may  
still be a member of your organization."

"Mr. Easton wrote a book entitled "Secret  
of the Wallowa Cave" which was published  
by the Metropolitan Press in Portland in  
1934. We want to buy a copy of this  
book very much and have been unable to  
locate a copy as it is no longer in print."

If any of you have this information please  
write to Mr. & Mrs. Gene R. Cripe, Rt. 1  
Box 185, Pendleton, Or. 97801

Obsidians send their deepest sympathy to  
Frances Newsom on the death of her sister  
Elise Schroeder Williamson; she and her  
husband John were former members.

James and Louise Berkey travelled to  
Grinnell, Iowa, to attend the graduation  
of daughter Martha at Grinnell College;  
she will be in Eugene during June, then  
will go to a position in Greece.

Save Betty Crocker Coupons for the Prin-  
cesses.

NOTE OF THANKS

Obsidians send special Thanks to The Original Pancake House, 584 Lawrence, for furnishing FREE the batter for our delicious pancakes at the May 11 breakfast. The Princesses, sponsors of the event, are very appreciative of this gesture.

PRINCESS NEWS

Princess Blue Waters(Florence Sims) invites the Princesses to meet at her home, 1040 Willa St., for a Strawberry Waffle Dessert at 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 16. PLEASE CALL FLORENCE AT 688-4826 IF YOU ARE COMING, SO SHE WILL KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR. Also, bring sweaters for the patio. The May 19 meeting was at the home of Princess Pine Tree(Thelma Watson); after a delicious date-pudding dessert, Princess Rainbow-on-the-Fog(Margaret Markley) told many interesting things of her stay in Mexico. The Pancake Breakfast report revealed \$84.72 profit; \$20 of this will be sent to the Obsidian Board to help pay Lodge expenses(Electricity, etc.); in addition we purchased a box of 150 plastic garbage can liners to use at the Lodge. It was agreed that the Breakfast was a big success socially as well as financially. Special thanks go to Bob Medill(Princess Robinson Crusoe), chairman, and to all who helped serve, cook, clean up, etc. Thanks also to all the Obsidians and friends who attended. Other business: Decided to buy another electric griddle like the one used at the breakfast(it proved its worth);(our Betty Crocker coupons will pay for both);Thank you notes are to be sent to Mary-Douglass Stovall who gave Obsidians an electric frying pan, and to Nellie Harmon who gave two heavy platters. Princess Lightning(Nellie McWilliams) will buy an electric can opener and knife sharpener with Gold Bond Stamps. Thelma will send for more Betty Crocker serving dishes. Date of the All-Women's Party will be Monday, July 21, Princess Pipsissewa(Wilma Moore) Chairman--all Obsidian women invited.

Congratulations to Mark Sebring, 14 year old son of Gene and Virginia, who received Scouting's highest award, the Eagle Award, at a Court of Honor on May 23. He is a member of Troop 175.

Mary Bridgeman has named her new colt.... Scamper. Those who have seen this lively little fellow think the name appropriate.

CLIMB OF MT. HOOD BY REGULAR SOUTH RIDGE ROUTE--5/11/69. 13 climbers loaded into 2 cars(vans) and left Sheldon Meadows Community Ctr. at 1:30 p.m., Sat. May 10. Stopped at Alpine Hut in Portland--arrived Timberline Lodge 5:30 p.m. 7 other climbers joined us there and we established an overnight camp right on the parking lot---every foot of ground was still covered with 10+ feet of snow so we ate, slept and socialized right on the blacktop. Sunday morning I got the party up at 1:15 a.m. I logged our climb in at the Lodge, checked people's equipment, and everyone was finally ready to start the climb at 2:30 a.m. We climbed in a neat and orderly single-line party with 2 rear guards--Don Banton and Gary Ireland. We roped up into 5 teams of 4 on the hogsback and belayed each other across the crevasse(it was gaping wide and endlessly deep on both sides of the route--covered with a snow bridge at the point of the route; this bridge was very mushy on the descent--will probably last another week or two). Reached summit at 10 a.m.(7½ hrs.up). Weather was unusually spectacular with clear skies, warm air, and very little wind. It was so nice we spent 1½ hours on the summit just sunbathing. There was smog in the valleys but we could see Mt. Adams, St. Helens, Mt. Jefferson, the Three Sisters & Broken Top. We left the summit at 11:30 a.m., descended to the bottom of the hogsback and unroped. Margaret Seeley and Tom Schleich fell into very soft snow at the base of Crater Rock and both had to be pulled free--there were no injuries. I allowed the party to take their own time and straggle as they saw fit below Crater Rock, still using a rear guard(Don Banton) to clear the slope. Everyone from our party was off the mountain and checked in at base camp by 3 p.m. (3½ hours down) We leisurely broke camp and sleepily drove back to Eugene, arriving at Sheldon Meadows at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11. I hope everyone had as much fun and felt as much satisfying freedom on this climb as I did. Dale Moon, Team Leader.

(Climbers were: Don Banton, Mitch Daletas, James Glaze, Greg Holt, Gary Ireland, Dick Moffitt, David Moffitt, Nancy Mudge, John Nosler, Mrs. John Nosler, Kelly Renwick, Thomas Schleich, Gerald Seeley, Margaret Seeley, Chris Sstrom, Pete Sstrom, Bill Snell, Dave Tull, Barbara Young and Dale Moon)

'OH BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SMOG.....'

AMERICA THE RAPED - By Gene Marine  
Simon & Schuster - Publishers

The title is a shocker, but so is the book. In an effort to rouse the public from the lethargy with which it permits the despoliation of what remains of this continent's pristine beauty, Gene Marine has leveled a blunt j'accuse against the primary villains of the piece, "the engineers." His subtitle spells it out: "The Engineering Mentality and the Devastation of a Continent."

For "engineers," read all who seek to raze our forests, poison our air, defile our rivers, dam our gorges, drain our swamps and level our dunes. Marine admits the spoilers are no longer as crude as they were in Teddy Roosevelt's time.

"The old rapists," he tells us, "have learned technique." A lumber company, while continuing to strip virgin redwoods in Northern California, contributed a few thousand public relations dollars for a study of the vanishing American eagle. Detergent makers have learned to substitute "seduction" for "rape". Compelled by law to reduce water pollution, they now claim it as a virtue - "water conservation."

But Marine isn't fooled. His book is a chilling catalogue of efforts by engineers to bulldoze and concretize in the name of progress. "The engineers," he asserts, "are straining to fill in the Grand Canyon and dam the last wild stretch of the Missouri, to wall off the rich estuaries of Long Island, and to cover New Jersey's Great Swamp with asphalt." (In fairness to New Jersey, it should be noted that the state will preserve the Great Swamp from "improvement.")

Throughout his book the author cites chapter and verse across the continent for his blasts against the engineers. At the heart of his attack is the seeming indifference of the engineers and the developers to ecology - that is, the natural relationship between all living things and the regions in which they dwell.

One of his many examples describes how the Army Corps of Engineers "completely ruined" the beaches of San Diego by removing 11 million cubic yards of sand over the last 20 years and is now proposing to dredge out San Diego Bay to try to repair the damage. This dredging, according to the California State Resources Agency, will destroy marine life in the bay. All this, of course, was before an oil company recently caused oil to float onto the beaches of Santa Barbara.

Marine writes as an angry man, employing a rich arsenal of accusations to state his case. He is not subtle but forthright, not gentle but stentorian, and he makes effective use of sarcasm to ridicule the engineers. He is alarmed for instance at the effects on human and animal life of the sonic boom once the SSTs start flying across America. He quotes an Air Force general as saying blandly:

"A boom has a startling effect. The first time you might jump. But the thousandth time you don't do anything."

Urging a halt to the widespread despoliation, the author appeals to public opinion to stop the engineers before they turn our affluent society into an effluent one. A good way to start would be to read the book yourself and then suggest that your Congressman do the same. W.G. Rogers, Saturday Review Service.

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The above was copied from the Sunday Register Guard, May 11, 1969, in the hope that Obsidians who may have missed it in the paper will take note and read it now.

On the back page of the Alaska Sportsman, June issue, is a beautiful picture of Lake Kluane, Yukon Territory, Canada, taken by Maxcine Williams. This is one of the areas in which Maxcine collected Botanical specimens for various universities. Some of the beautiful flowers to be found are dwarf Fireweed, wild Crocus, wild Sweet Pea, Northern Ladies' Slipper, and the tall Fireweed. Maxcine reports this to be a beautiful, forty-mile long lake on the Alaska Highway. It is a big game area where Sheep Moose and Bear can be found.

TIRE MOUNTAIN 5/4/69

(Lowell Ranger District)

Nes Prouty ordered a special sunny day for the 10-mile, round trip, hike to 4330 ft. Tire Mountain. Six members and 8 nonmembers spent most of the day going over, under, and around fallen trees, limbs, and other debris that remained on the trail. The trail was still covered by snow and the going was rough. Nine hikers made it to the top by 12:45 p.m. We stayed until 2 p.m., resting in the warm sunshine in a thawed area, just south of the shelter. The spectacular view of Diamond Peak and Mt. Yoran dispelled all rumors that there is no view from Tire Mt. The old shelter survived the heavy snow but the rotted ladder to the treetop lookout is now on the ground.

The Miller family did not have suitable shoes for the snow. Accompanied by Pat Pattison, they had lunch at the snow line and they started back ahead of us to keep warm.

Nonmembers on the trip were Don Miller, Mrs. Don (Elizabeth) Miller, Annette Miller (age 12), Glen Miller (10), Robt. Moffitt (8), Kelly Kenwick (15), Paul Gribskov, and Pat Pattison.

After observing Lady Slippers and Trilliums near journey's end, we walked out at 4:30 p.m.

Others on the trip were Elizabeth Glover, Dr. Richard Moffitt, David Moffitt, Helen Smith and Barry Tomlinson. Ldr. W. Prouty

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC - 5/30/69

With the weatherman cooperating, twenty members enjoyed the Memorial Day picnic at the Lodge. Ray Sims was chairman, assisted by the ladies. Ray's album of Oregon scenery and two beautiful books on animals and birds were of interest to all. After the meal, a quiet afternoon was spent strolling the grounds, visiting and soaking up sunshine. Maxcine Williams

Your Editor is pretty red-faced and offers apologies for the glaring mistakes appearing in the May bulletin. I will try not to let it happen again! All you need is a new editor!!

When cashing Gold Bond stamps be sure to ask for your Redemption Certificate and turn them in to the Princesses. Save Betty Crocker Coupons for the girls too!!

CAP HAGEN - 5/10/69

Even before leaving our cars along the McKenzie River Highway above Nimrod, we knew that we were going to have a warm, clear day for our climb, even though the day had started out cloudy.

As we hiked the old roads and then the trail, we enjoyed many Dogwood trees in bloom, and some Rhododendrons starting to open. We also found a number of low growing wild flowers blooming. Although the trail is no longer maintained, it is still in reasonably good condition. We improved it some by tossing aside some of the branches fallen across the trail. After a hot climb, with not much breeze to cool us, we appreciated the refreshing cool water of the spring along the trail. Although hungry, we delayed lunch until reaching the top, where we relaxed for 1½ hrs. until starting down at 3 p.m. We enjoyed the view of the high Cascade peaks and other points of interest, especially through the binoculars. Enjoying this trip were: Mary Jane Arpin, Mary Bridgeman, Ina Foss, John Johnson, Ward Shine, Helen Smith, Roger Smith and Norman Benton, Leader.

COLUMBIA RIVER FROM PORTLAND TO ASTORIA  
September 20-21, Departure time 6:30 a.m.

We will travel to Portland by charter bus travel by Greylines boat to Astoria where we have motel accommodations for overnight. After visiting historical spots in Astoria we will be taken by bus down the Oregon Coast and return to Eugene... Details of the trip are being worked out and we hope to have full information for the July-August bulletin.

Cost of the trip will be \$32.25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. This includes your motel reservation and trip fee. There will be an extra charge of \$3 for anyone wishing single accommodations.

Your fare should be remitted to Gerry Fehly, 1601 Olive St., Apt. 211, Eugene, no later than September 1. In the meantime please call 343-2784 and confirm your reservation as soon as possible.

ROOSTER ROCK - April 24, 1969

M. J. Arpin, Mary Bridgeman, Anna Jeppesen, Henry Jeppesen, Jim Jeppesen, Terry Jones, Alvin Lynch, Helen Lynch, Georgia McCornack, Rose McFaddin, Hank Plant, Bill Ross, Helen Smith and Richard Young turned out on a beautiful Saturday morning for the Rooster Rock trip.

The valley was rich in spring greenery & the ride up through Sweethome along the Santiam was a treat with young leaves coming out, some flowers in bloom and the river was about as full and clear as I have ever seen it.

We parked at Fern View Forest Camp and viewed our destination not too far up, so it looked. Several flowers were in bloom along the trail or just coming out. There was also some poison oak and noticeably smaller than in the valley.

Toward the top we crossed through old, light-colored rocks which most definitely must be old Cascade material. The top was welcomed by all and a leisurely lunch was eaten. After an hour most hated to leave.

The old lookout is completely burned down except for pieces thrown over the side to the east.

Henry and Anna Jeppesen, both around 80 years, arrived on top a bit later than the rest and received congratulations from the others. Anna had trouble walking and almost couldn't so was helped considerably by Hank Plant who even carried her approximately 1/3 of a mile on his back.

I had a wonderful group and feel that the trip was a success. This time of year is a good season for this trip.

James H. Jeppesen, Jr

FRENCH PETE CREEK - May 30, 1969

Four Obsidian ladies took an unofficial trip into the area, hiking about 1½ mi. on the trail and surprised and delighted at the unbelievably beautiful scenery in the area. It is inconceivable to think what it will look like when logging begins. We met people who make weekly trips to the lovely campground where we had our lunch. Many of them have been writing letters in an effort to save this area from complete and utter destruction. Have you written your Senator?

REBEL ROCK, SOUTH FORK MCKENZIE 5/24/69

Pleasant drive to starting point of trip, trail #3324 above upper reach of Cougar Dam. Day was overcast and ideal for a good hike. Trail was in good condition and well marked, some down-fall along the trail but of no serious obstacle. This trail climbs quite steadily and ... about 1 p.m. we reached summit rim, elevation 5100 ft. Had lunch stop beside a cold rivulet of snow melt, investigated old cabin this side of rim. Hiked on to South Fork vantage point and obtained view of beautiful timbered area. This South Fork area has been logged in many places and clear-cut areas form quite a patchwork on over-all appearance of country. Day was too cloudy to get a good view of the high Cascade Peaks, but we were able to see Mt. Bachelor and base of the South Sister. Investigated Rebel Rock Lookout that is well located on a considerable section of South Fork drainage. We also passed a marked Forest Service Heliport adjacent to the trail and slightly above the R.R. Lookout. A far cry from the old pack strings taking in supplies. Now the lookouts can come and go by "whirly birds". A good group and a good outing.

Bill Dean, Mary Bridgeman, Norm Benton, Al Lynch, Helen Lynch, Bill Morris, Lois Morris and Paul Lafferty, Leader.

MT. JUNE - May 18, 1969

We enjoyed the nearby scenery because we couldn't see anything else!! We walked in fog all of the way, and there was a fairly constant drizzle which gradually increased to a downpour by the time we got back. Everyone donned raingear, and the light rain and wind at the top didn't seem to dampen any of the crowd's enthusiasm for lunch at an early hour! There were only a few small fields of snow to cross. Many kinds of spring flowers were at their best. Ray Cavagnaro provided a little excitement by losing his car keys near the top. Everyone was happy when they were found! Entire group seemed to genuinely enjoy the hike in spite of the damp weather. On the trip were: Ron Bramble, Ray Cavagnaro, Mildred Clark, Duchess Cox, C. W. Johnson, John Johnson, Juli Johnson, Terry Jones, Bill Ross, Clarence, Dick, Dorothy, and Susan Scherer, Lois Schreiner, Bob & Ilene Yates, Leader.

REMINISCENCE - By Ray Sims

We Obsidians extend our deepest sympathy to Edna Temple in the sad loss of Roy, as another of our good friends has gone.

It was Dr. John Baascom who asked me how Roy became a cook, along with his many other accomplishments. Roy was with the crew who built the "Skyline Trail" thru the length of Oregon during which time he did the cooking. This was in 1920.

In 1950 at the wonderful summer camp in the Tetons, Edna and Roy did the cooking for the 50 campers and I am sure many will remember how the "stragglers" at the table were served hotcakes filled with tin lids and/or string.

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HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS  
No. 65 Ray Sims

Camp Carlson continued on into the second week in August of 1954, but I left to meet the Sierra Club at Devils Garden at the beginning of the second week.

The Obsidian Board had instructed me to write a letter to the Sierra Club to welcome them to our Green Lakes area as.... that would be their first camp in the Northwest.

I met them at Devils Garden at that evening's campfire. The late Judge Robert W. Sawyer of Bend was the speaker for the evening, reporting that the Wilderness bill was favored in Congress. He had just returned from Washington D. C.

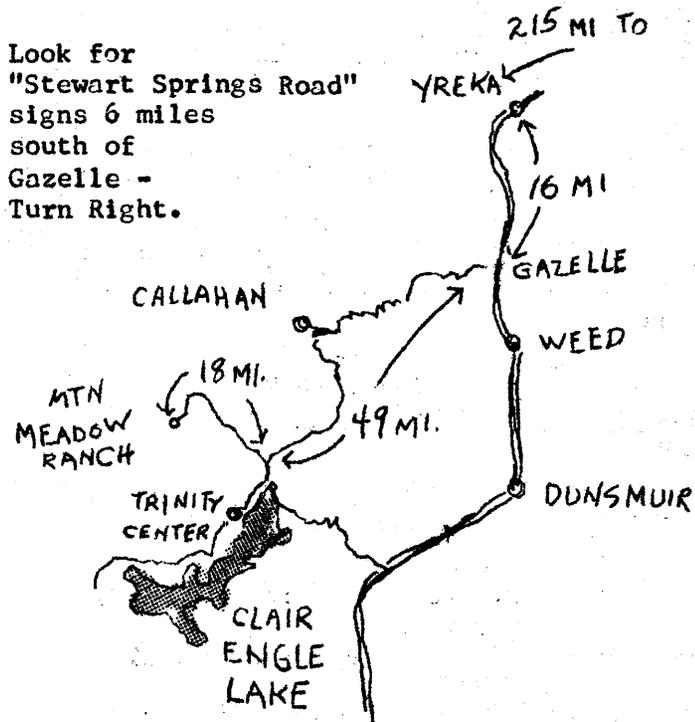
The next day was used to go into Green Lakes to make camp. Their cooking and eating areas are much different than Obsidians. With 92 people in camp it is difficult for them to build a table as we do, so they stand, sit on a rock or just sit on the ground.

At the second night's campfire they had "Ray Sims Night" and I presented Oliver Kerlin with an Obsidian arrow point (found at Obsidian Camp in 1928) and after I had talked to the group of 92 for half an hour, Mr. Kerlin gave me a "polished silver cup" to hang on my belt. (This is a Sierra Club cup.)

The next day I began the four-day "high" trip as leader, with ten Sierra Club members and Al Schmitz, a Mazama of Portland.

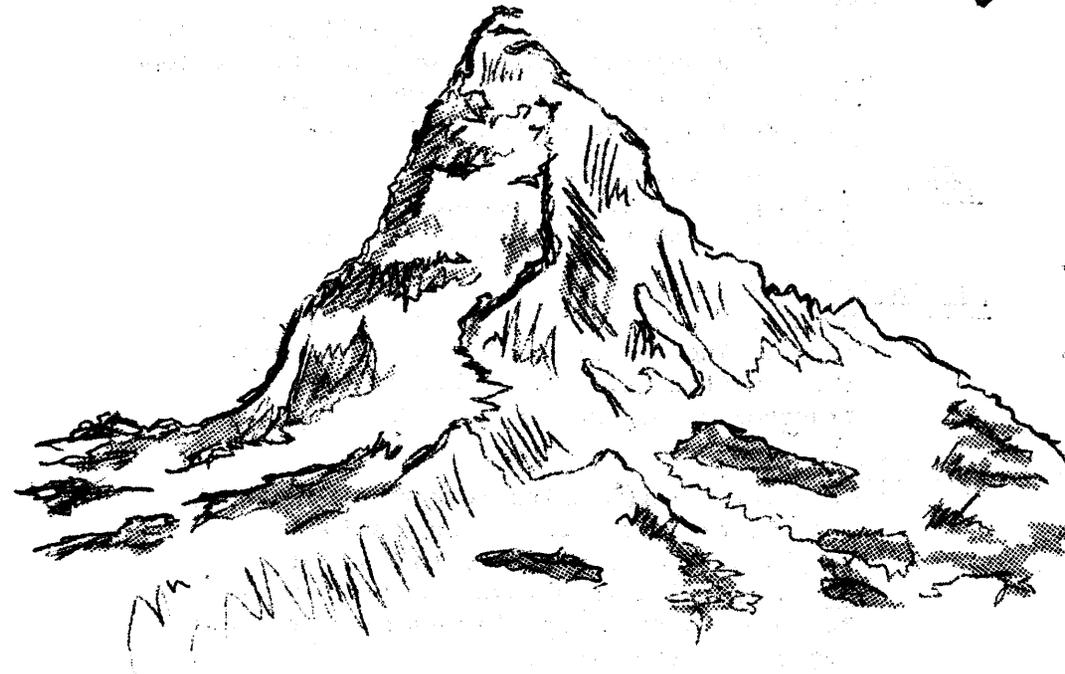
Unless our packer tells us differently, this will be the route we will take to Mountain Meadow Ranch. The road in from Gazelle should be in very good condition, by latest reports, and the whole trip by car should be made in one day with ease.

Look for "Stewart Springs Road" signs 6 miles south of Gazelle - Turn Right.



# OBSIDIAN

41st Annual Summer Outing



CAMP GARY KIRK

Aug. 5 - 15, 1969

With a loud YAHOO and a YODEL LADY, we will see you in high camp the 5th.

TRINITY ALPS, CALIFORNIA

REGISTRATION Make your reservation by Saturday, July 19, with a \$10 deposit. This will allow us enough time to procure enough pack animals for your gear. Make your check out to Obsidians, Inc. Send it to Bob Cox, 2124 Harris St., Eugene, Ore. 97405. Balance of fee to be paid before leaving for camp.

FOOD Once again Selma Vangsnes will be our "Chef Du Superbe." All food will be furnished, as will be plates, bowls and napkins. Bring Own utensils and cup. First meal will be Dinner, August. 5. Last meal will be lunch, August 15.

COST \$6.00 per day for members.  
\$6.50 per day for nonmembers.  
\$3.00 per day for children under 10.

TRANSPORTATION Members are to make their own arrangements for getting to Caribou Lakes trail head. The committee will help those who have no transportation and need a ride.

PERSONAL GEAR Gear for horse packing must be at the Lodge July 30 or 31 between 7 and 9 P.M. for weighing. Packing charge is 20¢ per pound. No backpacking is allowed on horseback. Remember, besides regular gear - extra socks bug juice, sun cream. Plan on warm days and cold nights.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA High, rocky, exposed area at 6,850 ft. alt. jagged peaks and deep cut valleys sculptured by glaciation. A beautiful and unique country, many parts of which are little known and seldom visited. Spectacular scenery and rare fauna. Altitude at trail head is 5,072 ft., which leaves less than a 2,000 ft. climb in 8½ miles of trail.

ACTIVITIES Hiking, fishing, swimming, climbing, exploration, campfires.

LAW OF THE WILD

- in this case does not mean every man for himself. A successful summer camp means that everyone helps. A bit of extra courtesy to your fellow camper goes a long way. Keep the cook happy with lots of water and a little help. Remember - without her, there would be no lemon meringue pie, no summer camp.

You do not walk away from camp alone. You sign the camp roster every time you leave, and say where you are going - then go there!

CARIBOU LAKE

This is the largest of a string of lakes in the Caribou Basin. It is 72 acres in size, and 72 feet deep. It is the largest glacial lake in the Trinity Alps. Fish are abundant, with Brook the predominant fish, along with rainbow and brown.

As this camping area is rocky, be sure to consider a rugged air mattress, or a sponge mattress. Either will be essential to your comfort.

ONE DAY'S ITINERARY It will go somewhat like this:

7:45 A.M. First call for breakfast.  
8:00 A.M. Breakfast bell.  
9:00 A.M. K.P. crew into action(dishes, wood, water).  
10:00 A.M. Leave on trips after signing roster.  
Lunches will be made individually before leaving camp.  
5:45 P.M. First call to dinner.  
6:00 P.M. Dinner bell.  
7:00 P.M. K.P. duties(dishes, water, firewood).  
8:00 P.M. Campfire and trips review.  
9:00 P.M. Taps.