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No. 10

TRIPS

- Because there will be no Bulletin in August (this is an old custom) trips and climbs listed clear thru to Sept. 9th...
- July 28 - Pyramid Mtn. French Pete country with Dave Cohen leading.
- July 29 - Sourgrass Mtn. This is listed as a bushbuster. Better take a machete along. Bob Holmquist.
- July 29 - Santiam Lake with Bob Cox. Up in the Santiam area.
- July 28-29- Pine Mtn. Observatory. That is if we can get gas enough to get there. We can coast back. Bob Medill is the crazy one.
- Aug. - 4 Obsidian Loop. This is an annual affair and always interesting. Ken & Robin Lodewick lds.
- Aug. 4 - Lowder Mtn. Up the East Fork McKenzie with Betty Hack.
- Aug. 5 - Canyon Glacier Meadows in a rather new area. North East of Three Fingers. Joy Ballinger
- Aug. 4-5- Park Meadows with Dale Carlson Dale knows this country like he knows his own back yard.
- Aug. 11- Diamond View Lake up in the Diamond Peak country. Merle Traudt leads.
- Aug. 12 - Millican Crater up in the McKenzie Pass. Michael Wright lds
- Aug. 11-12- Linton Meadows by a new route Greg Wannier will get you lost
- Aug. 18 - Mt. Fuji over from Japan. Dave Cohen pushing you up.
- Aug. 19 - Grizzly Peak. This refers to the peak, not bears. Near Mtn Jeff. And Dorothy Leland again
- Aug. 18-19-20-Bike trip for Teenagers. Too tough for oldsters & the leader Marianne Sandstrom.
- Aug. 25 - Irish Mtn. Not in Ireland, but Merle Traudt knows where.
- Aug. 26 - The Three Pyramids up the Santiam with Clarence Johnson.
- Sept. 1-2-3- Sky Lakes in a new proposed Wilderness area. Marriner Orum
- Sept. 1-2-3- Collier Glacier with Raymond Sims.
- Sept. 1-2-3- Sunshine Shelter (where it

used to be) For Families and small children and Dave Zevenbergen leads.

- Sept. 9- Lillian Falls to Klovedahl Bay. Don Payne leads. Near Waldo Lake
- Sept. 8-9- Dave Zevenbergen again up into Jeff Park.

CLIMBS

- July 27-28-29- South Sister with John Nosler in front.
- July 28-29- North & Middle Sister and Mr. Dick Moffitt leading.
- Aug. 4-5- Diamond Peak with Greg Wannier. South Sister with Ed Harms. Jefferson with Tom Taylor.
- Aug. 11-12- Middle Sister- Joel McClure. 3 Fingers with Dave Mention.
- Aug. 18-19- Washington. Doing by the light of Dave Moon. Moonlighting.
- Aug. 25-26- Thielson with a doctor. Doctor Bascom operating.
- Sept. 1-2-3- Broken Top. Clarence Landes.
- Sept. 7-8-9- Mt. Shihsan in Northern Washington and Norm Benton leads.
- Sept. 8-9- McLoughlin with Lois Schreiner
- Sept. 15-16- 3 Fingers again. Ric Craven.
- Sept. 15-16- Washington and Chapin Clark leads the last climb of the season listed in the schedule.

POTLUCK

Next doin's at the Lodge will be Sept. 14. Probably a Summer Camp Reunion.

OREGON EXPLORERS

July - 21-22- Sunshine Shelter - McKenzie Pass - Frog Camp. Shuttle. High School & College age. For more information see Frank Moore.

MEN! TAKE NOTICE

The Princesses Obsidian Womens party (an annual event) will take place August 20th at the home of the Bridgemens. 375 Cherry Drive, off Harlow Road. First off a pot-luck supper will be indulged in and then there is a program planned for you. All Obsidian women welcome. Time 630

IF YOU MOVE

Because of change in mailing your Bulletin will not be forwarded, so if you want your Obsidian it will be necessary to notify us of any change of address.

PRINCESSES WANT

They always want something, or so it seems, but this time it is something different. They have started a scrap book of old time Obsidian pictures and are asking for all these you can give them. Lets see if we can cover them up with pictures. The scrap books will be available for all to see at the club house.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

LOIS SCHREINER AND NORM BENTON will be attending the Iowa Mountaineers Summer Camp up in Canada this year. Let us know how you got along with the corn fed climbers from that State.

LEO PASCHELKE had a long and most interesting story of his life published in the Springfield News, the issue of July 6th. Leo has had a most full life being a logger, miner, politician, photographer wholesale jeweler and professional boxer when he wasn't doing other things.

HENRY & ANN JEPPESEN celebrated their Fiftyeth Wedding anniversary June 10th. The reception took place at the Sons of Norway hall which was filled to overflowing with relatives and friends congratulating them for this accomplishment. Grand old-time music was furnished by Mr and Mrs Kelly, which was most impressive, and also enjoyed by everyone. Refreshments were served by grand-daughters and daughter-in-law, Clarice Jeppesen.

ROXIE WALDORF home from the hospital recovering from being struck by an auto on the streets of Portland met with an accident which left her with a broken arm. Portland does not seem to be treating her so well. That's 2 Roxie. 1 to go

GLEN SIMS a;sp home from the hospital recovering from his accident while washing his car which left Glen with a broken hip. Glen is hoping soon to be able to finish the job of washing the car.

MR & MRS EWART BALDWIN home again after an 18 months cruise which took them around the world twice. Ewart was teaching on one of those educational oriented ships and Mrs Baldwin was taking care of the library.

SUE RIEMER has around her neck a most unusual necklace. Perhaps the only one of its kind in the world. Their son is an anthropologist who, while digging in the hills just out of San Francisco, uncovered myriads of bird bones. Carbon dating placed the age of these bones at 4000 years. Sue's necklace is made of these bones.

CATHERINE JONES has been named assistant Dean of the College of Business Administration at the University.

DON HUNTER now known as Professor Don Hunter. Don recently gained the title after serving a good many years asso. prof. in the audio-visual dept.

ANGELA BARTA has joined the Obsidians. Angela has seen thru more people perhaps than any other member. She is in the Xray Dept. of the Eugene Hospital, so be careful. Don't say you were not warned.

MARY JO JOHANNIS way down in San Diego and we are sure glad she got home before the Zoo attendants got hold of her.

CHEMEKETANS had invited us to come up to their place to help in celebrating in their opening of the newly remodeled Chemeke-Den. Their invite came to late to include in our June Bulletin and the event will be over before the July issue

The event took place July 12th. Thank you folks just the same.

HOBNAILERS of Spokane are having their summer camp in the Wallowas this year. Their camp opens July 14th.

RAY SIMS was invited on May 3, by the Geography Class of the U. of O. to show slides of the "Recession of Collier Glacier at Condon Hall. Asst. Prof. Howard Horowitz introduced Mr. Sims before Prof H.R. Blank of the Geology Dept. and Prof Ed. Thatcher of the Library Staff and 24 attentive Geography Students. The slides cover from 1892 to 1969. by Ray Sims.

FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS will hold their annual convention will be held this year 8 miles northwest of Salem in the Oregon 4-H Educational Center, Sept. 1 and a 2 and a 3. Costs are for meals and shelter \$16 for the 3 days. Registration fees are \$8 bucks. Make reservations with Mrs. Edith LaBorde, 828 Kingwood Drive, N.W. Salem 97304. Bring sleeping gear.

DIED---3 HORSES AND A BULL

In cleaning out great piles of junk that, because of no proper place to put this so-called junk, the skeletons of 3 horses and a bull were uncovered. Now we know where that smell came from a few years back. The skeletons were all given a decent burial over in Day's Island garbage pit.

BLISTER FLUID HELPS HEALING

In "Ask ANDY" in the Register-Guard of June 13 is quite a comprehensive article on the subject of blisters that is well worth reading if you can find an issue of that vintage. As this is a syndicated article it is not our intention to jeopardize the Obsidians by reprinting it. Go to one of the many paper collection bxs if you do not have that issue and want one. submitted Parker Riddle.

NEXT BUS TRIP

Will be to the Wallowas and will leave Eugene, September, 13, Thursday at 7:00 a.m. The route will be thru Prineville, the Painted Hills, La Grande and on to Wallowa Lake Lodge for overnight. Friday at the lake. Saturday the route will be via Pendleton and Portland to Eugene Arriving in Eugene about 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$53 and includes transportation and lodging. Bring sack lunch the first day where a lunch stop will be made at the Painted Hills. Other meals will be on your own. For reservations call Gerry Fehly-343-2784 or Ray Cavagnaro 345-8431

SUMMER CAMP AT CORRAL FLAT!

Will you be there? Registration was closing the 15th, but due to a small registration we will hold it open a few more days. First week base camp is closed so give that to the 2nd week base camp or back packing trips.

Hikers take special note of these trips give yourself a week of hiking and exploring our country. You won't need to pack any food or cooking utensils into base camp, we have horses to do that job.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the Y. Take a look and sign up to come along.

The Forest Service supervisor, Mr. Zane Smith, and the McKenzie district ranger, Mr. Ed. Graham, have been extended invitations to visit us in camp. We hope they can do so. It is always interesting and informative to visit with the men in these positions. See you in camp. H. S.

POTLUCK STORY

From Mexico to the Santiam Pass was presented to almost a full house June 22. It was the story of a young man who made the back-pack trip all alone. Both his story and his pictures were most interesting, filled with good descriptions, wit and humor. Robert EWing, the young man involved, is now on his way to finish the hike completing the Mexico to Canada Skyline, or as it is known today, Pacific Crest Trail. We all thank you, Robert and sincerely hope to see you again when you return from this trip.

HENLINE MTN. A spiny rock outcrop which looks like a rocky fortress, is located in the east end of the wild and ruggedly beautiful Elkhorn Valley in the Detroit Ranger District. East of Salem on 22 for 23 miles to the Little North Fork-Elkhorn Valley turn off. Turn left for 16 mi. After reaching the Willamette Forest boundary continue on S80 3 miles to the Henline Mtn. Trailhead. Trail No. 3352. (From Willamette National Forest)

A DESERT TRAIL PROPOSED

The Desert Trail, as proposed, is a counterpart to the three well known north-south continental trails. It would traverse mountains, canyons, desert plateaus and valleys in contrast to the ridge crests of the Appalachian, Rocky Mtns. and Pacific Crest Trails. Yet it could cover a wide range of scenery from arctic type mountain terrain to Upper Sonoran Desert: the kind of beauty unusual to the majority of travelers. These lands are unique geologically, biologically and historically. There is also a great potential for recreation.

The idea of a Canada to Mexico continental trail thru the western desert began forming in the mind of Russel Pengelly about ten years ago. Russ lives in Burns and had the opportunity to learn first hand the potential of a trail thru our interesting Eastern Oregon and beyond. He is a high school biology teacher with the knowhow to get the desert trail idea planted in other peoples' minds. He didn't just talk to friends and neighbors, but started a campaign of writing to anyone who could help establish a "Desert Trail" border to border. The National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management and the Malheur National Wildlife refuge were very cooperative in helping with the idea. Of course, budgets entered into the picture, and these governmental agencies have to move slowly until they can get appropriations for the Desert Trail project.

This trail idea is a point-to-point route thru a particular area rather than a step-by-step specified trail. It would begin at the Canadian border in Northern Idaho, but swerve eastward near Priest River closely following the Montana border in the vicinity of Lolo Pass. Then the trail would turn southeastward to cross into Oregon possibly near Homestead west of Baker the route would turn south passing west of Denio into Nevada. Winnemucca and Elko are near the proposed route, with the trail running east of Ely then turning westward near Las Vegas. In California it turns south again following the Colorado River from the vicinity of Vidal to Yuma where it crosses into Arizona and eventually reaches Mexico.

Some of the areas in Oregon that the trail would touch are Cottonwood Creek, Malheur River east of Drews, Warm Springs Reservoir (an area of paradise for rockhounds) and Coleman Mtn. and creek. The trail would follow the South Fork of the

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Malheur to Venator, then to the lava tube Malheur Cave, and Diamond Craters to the Steens. Two additional routes are proposed around the Steens for fall, winter and spring travel. One could be along the mountains, the other thru the Catlow Valley on the west.

This past February was the beginning of work to designate the route and name a part of the proposed Desert Trail. The first section to be developed begins at Diamond Craters in Harney County, passes thru the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to Page Springs, thence to the summit of the Steens Mtns. Hopefully this summer that portion of the trail can be named during a hike over the route. A tentative route has also been plotted from Denio to Hoover Dam by the Bureau of land management of Nevada.

Much of the proposed route is over public land, but some of the more scenic, choice areas are on private land. This will take considerable negotiation with individual land owners to establish the trail in those desirable areas. Only foot and horse travel will be permitted. Many side trails will be available from the main stem.

Altho the idea has been brewing several years, many letters have been written and publicity has been started. A Desert Trail Association was not formed until the fall of 1972. Of course, Russ is President. The organization needs lots of supporters and it can use information of an historical, geological and biological nature. And to belong it is only \$5 a year. The address is Desert Trail Association, P. O. Box 171, Burns, Oregon, 97720. Lois m. Schreiner.

IRON MT. 6/24

Seventeen left the Park Blocks Sunday at 8:15 a.m., traveling over the Freeway to Brownsville and on the South Santiam to the Iron Mt. Trail on the left, while parking on the right side of the highway.

Between 10 and 10:30 the 7 cars assembled and when everyone was introduced, Ray Sims, the leader began the trail trip with Robin Lodewick as assistant leader.

It was decided because of last December freeze very few flowers were on the lower part of the mountain, but as the 17 gained an open meadow color began and the upper half was a blaze of color.

The Lookout being a summer resident, greeted us and because of a good trail and its location that visitors come up nearly every day, but of course Sunday is the big day. Altho overcast making a

very pleasant day, but all of the mountains were visible from Mt. Jefferson to Diamond Peak. A bank of snow was near the top, so canteens were replenished and it was a pleasure to have old-timers Clarence and Dorothy Scherer with us.

Ken & Robin identified the many flowers and the return trip began about 2:30p.m. after lunch which was eaten at the lookout and after reaching the cars, most returned over the McKenzie cut-off past the two beautiful McKenzie Falls returning to Eugene by 5p.m. On the trip were: Mary Jane Arpin, Charles Berkey, Lorene Bressler, Dave Cohen (Dave's back) Loren Ellickson, Sherry Gilman, Bob Holmquist, Lori Jackson, Kenneth & Robin Lodewick, Marian Mathews, Ruth Nichols, Clarence & Dorothy Scherer, Peggy Smith, Wilma Wittenyer and leader Ray Sims.

THE MOUNT MCKINLEY BOOK

as mentioned in the June Obsidian and a copy was bot by Bob Medill. A good description of what the men went thru.

The price of \$8.95 seems a little high, but Dorothy wanted one as did I so that cuts the price to \$4.47½, not too much for an armchair climb of that Mtn. After reading what they went thru with, the only way I will climb McKinley will be by armchair.

Not wanting to run any more risks than necessary the party divided. ½ to make the dash for the summit while the second half remained in camp 7. The first party had the most beautiful weather possible while the second party, which contained Mark McLaughlin and Jerry Clark, had the most vicious weather ever which lasted 5 days. This weather change came after they were almost at the summit. weather so terrible no one could endure it for that length of time. Search parties later found two of the climbers bodies, neither one of them Mark or Jerry.

Mark, while on the summit, sent a message to his parents here in Eugene saying he was on the top and would be seeing them in about a week. Another interesting development happened while the leader of the expedition was in radio contact with Park Headquarters. Asked by Park if McLaughlin was Handy and being told yes requested he be given the radio. A girl that at one time had been a high school student with Mark was at the Park and learned of Mark being with the party. They both talked for some time.

The writer spoke quite highly of Mark's climbing ability, his friendliness and being a most desirable climbing companion.

BUILDING & GROUNDS (clean-up)

Nineteen people (18 members plus Carolyn Brown, a guest of Paula Moffitt) did a "pro: job of dusting, washing, mopping etc, of the entire interior of the building. About 3 hours each was spent by the following: Dean & Pat Patterson, Mary & Mark Castelloe, Sue & Frank Riemer, Mary Jane & Duke Arpin, Edith & Mary Bridgeman Rose Marie & Paula Moffitt, Carolyn Brown Lois Schreiner, Lenore & Steven McManigal Dorothy Hayes, Marge Brittain, Clarence Landes. Our thanks to all of these people and especially to Dorothy Hayes for putting the work party together-Dorothy called all of these people to be there and from the response (both attendance & work) she must have been quite convincing

BUILDING & GROUNDS (improvements)

Ten people beginning on April 12 thru July 6 spent a total of 572 hours working on the following items.

Store rooms, walls, ceilings, shelves, and painting, climbing wall area, additional concrete footings, west of North addition: steps, retaining wall, railing back-fill and "dirt fill" graded to provide access to north storage area.

These ten (10) people have provided labor and the know-how to accomplish a much needed improvement to the building.

The total membership have also helped with financial aid and moral support. For all the above we are grateful & thank you.

Money-wise to date as follows:

Material used.....\$926.80
Material on hand (rock).....\$207.50
Equipment (wheel barrow, ladders) \$108.90

Yard-Don Payne mowed all roads, trails parking slots and border areas - 5 hours
C. Landes kept Don company.

CONE PEAK 6/23

A very comfortable day in the 'wooded areas' but real windy and scattered rain otherwise. Especially windy on top of Cone Peak, but was sheltered from the worst part of the rain for a little while in a delux cave near the top of Cone Peak

On trip: Richard Hanes, Dorothy & John Ieland & Ron, Dee Ann Melvin, Charlotte Mills, Bonnie & Bryce Shooch and the ldr. was Clarence Landes.

4TH OF JULY PICNIC

Twenty was the number of Obsidians that spent a 'safe & sane' 4th of July picnic at the Obsidian Lodge. Beside the fine food, Ray Sims, chairman, had the trail back to the old picnic grounds brushed out and clear. Also many walked the other trails viewing the many wildflowers on the Obsidian property.

Ray Sims

NOTICE

ABOUT BUS TRIP TO THE WALLOWAS
THE FIRST NOTICE WE RECEIVED QUOTED
THE COST AS \$53.00. THE LATEST ONE
QUOTED \$53.50. AS THE STENCIL WAS CUT
AND PRINTED BEFORE THE SECOND NOTICE
ARRIVED CALL RAY CAVAGNARO BEFORE

MAILING IN YOUR CHECK

NOTICE-TRIP CHANGES

Aug. 18-19-20 BIKE TRIP HAS BEEN SET
FOR SEPT. 1 AND A 2 AND A 3 to the
COAST. MARRIANNE SANDSTROME LEADER
JUNE 30th TRIP TO BOULDER CREEK IN
THE UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST HAS BEEN
SET FOR JULY 21-22. HOLLY JONES WILL
LEAD THE SHOW.

BOARD NOTES

Welcomed a new member Peter N. Swan,
of 54 West 35th, Eugene.

First off we barely had a quorum. Donn Chase was missing. Out being chased or chasing somebody else. Helen Smith was absent being chased thru the hills by Mary Bridgeman and Marriner Orum chased by the Forest Service down to South West Oregon someplace. We all thought that being short handed the meeting would be short but it turned out to be the longest yet.

Paid the following bills:

Mishlers (stencils).....\$ 5.00
P.O. Box rent.....\$14.40
Shelton-Turnbull (envelopes)....\$28.48
Staples (for bulletin).....\$ 6.70
Bulletin Postage (for June).....\$12.92
EWEB (electricity & water).....\$24.63
Postage (climb comm.).....\$ 8.00

Climb Comm. report; 6 climbs reported in
1 cancelled. 2 not reported. 38 either
made summits or tried to.

Trips: hikes reported 10 - 3 not. Total
of 111 persons on hikes.

Lois Schreiner gave us a long and interesting run-down of her attendance at the Recreation National Trails Symposium held at Colorado Springs. To quote all the story would take up the entire space in the bulletin. Someday may get a condensed copy and run it.

Dorothy Hayes said she had tried to sound out members on having a halloween party and found interest to rate from poor to mediocre. Dorothy asks if anyone interested in putting on such a party to please contact her. Otherwise there will be no upsetting of our buildings.

The Princesses petitioned the Board to be relieved of the Mother's Day Pancake breakfast, so the Board placed it on the entertainment list of activities.

MT. JUNE 6/2

Sixteen including three children met at 19th & Patterson at 8 a.m. where we loaded into cars and drove out hiway 58 to its junction with Rattlesnake Road. Then drove out Rattlesnake to its junction with the Lost Creek Logging Road. Both of these roads were in good shape except the last half mile including a spur road.

The trail to Mt. June was in good condition having been maintained this year.

All 16 hikers reached the summit within a half hour of the first. Mary Bridgeman acting as assistant leader brot up the rear at about 12 o'clock. The weather was clear except some clouds over the Eastern horizon and covering the summits of the Three Sisters. Several other peaks were visible, including Diamond and Mt. Thielsen. We returned by the same route arriving in Eugene at 5 p.m. Mt. Juners were Mary Bridgeman, Bob Capron, Duchess Cox, Todd & Troy Davis, Gladys Grancorvitz, Gloria Hanan, Elaine & Wilbur Gruner, Peggy Keith, Dorothy Leland, Bea Le fevre, Alvin & Helen Lynch, Dorothy Turner (Hello Dorothy) and the leader Rolfe Anderson.

MT. THIELSEN 7/7-8

The 19 climbers, who had signed up, arrived at the car camp on Summit Rock Road No. 2710 between 5 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Sat. Rise & Shine came at 4:30 a.m. Sun. We started up the Skyline Trail at 5:45.

A leisurely to moderate pace got us to the Thielsen Trail junction at 8. We arrived at the Saddle at 10:30. With good relief help from Glenn Meares of Corvallis on the belay, the entire party had reached the summit by 1:30 (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours for an average of 9.2 minutes per climber for belay. Phyllis Ford witnessed the Summit Certificates while the leader installed two summit boxes (one provided by the Mazamas & 1 box with weatherproof gasket for the Obsidian summit register.

Greg Wannier led an advance party of slower down-hillers ahead of the main party. Randy Zustiak, of Cottage Grove, was good help in setting up the rappel anchor and checking rappel set-ups of climbers (he also packed the Mazama summit box to the top). 5 methods of descent were made from the summit by the various climbers: Belay, Dulfersitz rappel, Brake bar, 6 carabiners and sling and shoulder rappel.

Probably the most unusual sight on the summit was watching a red headed teenager from Orland, Calif. climbing solo, scramble to the top in his bare feet. His comment was that it was the first Mtn. he

had climbed barefooted! Weather was perfect, with a cool breeze & no haze, providing good views of Crater Lake, Mt. McLoughlin and Mt. Shasta. We returned to the cars at 5:45. On climb were: Allyn Field, Wes Brooks, Allan Flood, Phyllis Ford, Dick Frankel, Chuck Haddad, Glenn Meares, Rebecca Field Lockhart, Tom Lockhart, Maryanne McNamara, Charlotte Mills Bill Pardee, Hank Plant, Dorothy Turner, Mary Uyeda, Greg Wannier, Namcy Wecker & the leader Wes Prouty.

MT. HOOD 5/25-26 CLIMBOBSIDIAN-EUGEN PARKS & RECREATION SCHOOL

This brave group of 1973 graduates of the E.P.R. & Obsidian Club Climbing School camped Friday night at the Still Creek Forest Camp in a drizzel of rain under very black clouds. The weather Sat. Morn was exactly as bad as had been pre-ordered and the climb started from the Lodge via Sunshine Route at 5:15. The wind blew, the sun shone and the congenial group stopped occasionally for demonstrations and discussions of climbing techniques. The entire party reached the summit in time for lunch. Everyone had a safe and sane descent and were off the mountain by 4:30 p.m. This happy dozen included Jan Clark, Dieter Engel, Brian Garrett, Dorothy Hayes, Steve Johnson, Pete Kraft, Craig Molitor, Alan Payne, Don Payne, Parker Riddle, Gene Thaxton, and Randy Zustiak. Thanks to Jan Clark & Parker Riddle as rope leaders and to Climbing Committee Chairman Don Payne as assistant leader on this very successful climb. Gene Thaxton was the head man.

TIDBITS MOUNTAIN 6/10

A bright sun smiled on our party of 11. We left the Park Blocks at 8:10 and arrived at the trailhead at 10 a.m. After bouncing by a logging rig set up on road 1512. The trail was in good condition.

There were a few patches of snow near the summit which displayed a few bear tracks. Several Humming birds and a wood pecker were observed and grouse were heard. A good many wildflowers were seen rhododendron, indian paint brush, trillium, yellow violets and bleeding hearts.

We arrived on the summit about noon, mounting the rickety steps to the site of the old watchtower. The Cascades were visible from Hood to Scott. After a leisurely lunch we started back, the advance party arriving at the cars by 2:10. Our congenial group included Duchess Cox, Gloria Hanan, Bob Holmquist, Lori Jackson, Jerry Mandigo, Alexander Rauh, Greg Wannier, Cindy & Lori & Mike Wright and Joel McClure, the leader.

KONSERVATION KORNER by Marriner Orum.

ROSARY LAKES 7/7-8-9

About the time that you receive this the U.S. Senate will be voting on S-1081 which is legislation that would permit the construction of the Trans Alaska pipe line. Senators Mondale and Bahy will be proposing an amendment that would require a one year independent study of all trans Canada alternatives for transporting the North Slope oil to the lower 48 States; then a choice would be made by Congress. If the Bill passes then this amendment is important.

It is believed by many that the Alaska route would deliver the oil to the wrong place by the wrong route with certain destruction of environmental values.

The pipe line would cross about 500 miles of an active earthquake zone; the water on which super tankers would float millions of barrels of oil are stormy and treacherous for navigation, yet biologically most productive. According to Coast Guard studies major collisions and oil spills will be a certainty.

There has been a complete study of the trans Canada alternatives, but all available evidence does suggest that a trans Canada route may well be superior on just about all accounts.

Many Canadians are also concerned about environmental destruction from oil tankers discharges, spills and collisions off of their own West Coast. It takes little imagination to realize what the beautiful waters and shores of South Western Alaska, British Columbia and Puget Sound will be like with a thriving oil industry. It is expected that the vote in the Senate will be close. Senator Packwood is undecided; therefore his vote is crucial. Senator Hatfield is not undecided, he is supporting Senator Jackson's efforts to bring the oil to the Northwest.

At the time of writing this we do not know the exact date of the vote. We think that there will still be time for a telegram night letter to Senator Packwood expressing your views.

The oil has been under the Arctic tundra for millions of years. Certainly we can afford the year or two to objectively study all alternatives to develop the oil in the least damaging way to the environment.

PINE MOUNTAIN

If you intend to go on this trip in spite of possible gasoline problems will inform you now that you must take water with you for the overnight camp on top. One thing about it, the trip home is almost down hill for the 170 miles.

We left Eugene on Sat. July 7 at 8:10. and arrived at trail-head at 10:20 after a brief stop in Oakridge. We arrived at Norht Rosary Lake and our camp site at 1 For those who like temperatures, it was 68 degrees at 1 and 80 at 3 p.m. The lake temperature was 64. Our group had 6 kids ranging in age from 6 to 14. Sat. was spent swimming, hiking around the lake, boating, loafing, fishing and eating. Lee Hatch gave us a demonstration on how to roast marshmallows.

Sunday we were up at 8:30 to get ready for our Rosary Peak climb. It took us 1 hour to walk from the lake to the backside of the peak to the crack where we were to ascend to the top. Dave Zevenbergen climbed the rock and belayed the others up. With our small Children along, Dave Hatch & Kent Loobey assisted on parts of the rock in order to help the children up and to build their confidence. We all arrived at the top safely around noon. Temp. 72. Don Payne arrived with a troop of people and he helped with the kids down, (supposed they were not feathered out yet, hey Dave?) off the rocks. Dave belayed the kids and Don rappelled along side of them and helped them find hand holds. Don was a great help. All the adults rappelled down and then we departed for camp arriving at 3 thirty. Later in the afternoon Dave Hatch caught two beautiful Western Brook trout that were sure good. Dave Z. caught a 10" trout too, but it dropped off the hook at the shore edge (a true story). The evening was climaxed by watching the beautiful bats 'doing their thing' on the lake. They came pretty close to us at times. We left Monday for home at 10:30 a.m. Arrived at the cars at 12:45 and home at 2:40. We had great weather, lots of mosquitos and the kids sure enjoyed themselves. It was a good experience for them. On this trip Lee & Brian (8) & David (14) & Wayne (10) Hatch, Kent & Gonya (6) Loobey, Dave and Mark (6) & Mike (8) & D. Zevenbergen ldr

BOHEMIA MOUNTAIN 7/4

The trip started with a bob cat cross-in the road along Dorena Lake. Everything went as smoothly for much of the trip. The group made it to the top of Bohemia Mtn. just before noon to find it covered with a variety of flowers and the mountains visible from Jefferson to McLoughlin. This was a great help as most of the party was new, but with the aid of Merle Traudt, we got them all straight. We went back down to have lunch in the

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County Park at Bohemia Saddle. After lunch we followed the trail down over the top of Musick Mine to find that it was in partial operation and that it will soon be running full time again. The snow patch was not on the mountain, flowers everywhere and a good time was had by all.

The money below does not work out according to the rules. The two younger Kalez were not counted, one other family was eliminated by 3 members in the family rule. Mr. Kalez said it was worth a dollar so there is an extra 15 cents included. Up the Bohemia went Bob Capron, Dave Cohen, Loene Ellickson, Sharon Gilman, Lawrence Hawkins, Connie & Corine & Neal & Nina & Nola & Tony Kalez, Virginia Licky, Kent Loobey, Lorrie Schultz, Grace Smith, Merle Traudt and the leaders were Kenneth & Robin Lodewick.

QUAKING ASPEN LILY POND 7/1

Clarence and Dorothy Scherer met the group at Park Blocks and brot them to Burwells above Leaburg for coffee. Drove to McKenzie Bridge and up Horse Creek to trail-head. Up Horse Creek Trail thru beautiful young Douglas fir. Noticed areas where those trees were younger and smaller due to fires subsequent to the loss of over $\frac{1}{2}$ million acres. At about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles (where trail goes slightly down on top of ridge) left cross country for 300 years, thru open timber to Quaking Aspen Lily Pond. The yellow lilies were in bloom. About 40 aspen live on the sunny side of the pond and there are many new young trees. No sign of sheep camp. Ate lunch surprisingly free of insects.

Around pond thru brush then into open timber on N.E. side of ridge for 2 miles X country. Noted changes in forest type and under story species and ground cover and reasons due to whether original fire killed all trees or left some living due to flat slope. Nature's partial cuts result in a hemlock and cedar stand which does not thin the other weaker trees. Thus the shade is so dense that no ground cover or understory exists. Up onto ridge with madrone and chokecherry in the sunlight. Due to many stops and late hour we went down a deer trail to Roney Creek instead of continuing the ridge to Separation Cliff. Returned to trail-head 5:30 p.m. tired. Following the Burwells: Mary Bridgeman, Linda Danielson, Ann Kemp, Joel McClure, Alan & Joan Newstadter, Clarence and Dorothy Scherer, Frances Stillwell, Paula Vehrs, Jill Warrington, Gale Burwell and leader D ve Burwell.

NATIONAL AVALANCHE SCHOOL

The USDA Forest Service invites your application for the Thrid National Avalanche School, which will be held at the Seattle Center, Washington, Nov. 12 to 16

The school this year is being sponsored in response to the many applicants who could not be accomadated in previous years and in response to the requests by varoous Government Agencies, the ski area industry, the National Ski Patrol System highway departments and others. It is being held before the avalanche season in order that the foremost authorities in the avalanche fields may participate, both in the instruction to the students.

There is no tuition charge, but participants will be responsible for their own travel, meals and lodging. Interested write to Richard H. Spray U.S.D.A. Forest Service, 444 East Bonita Ave. San Dimas, Calif. 91773 and refer to 6140 - Training (2300). Applications must be in not later than September first.

The above put in for any who may be interested.

SOUTH SISTER 6/23-24

Everyone struggled into camp above Moraine Lake by dark. Had been very windy in afternoon but died down towards evening. Then rained during the night. We noticed an interesting occurence when 2 of our stoves simultaneously sputtered And died, then wouldn't restart. Couldn't figure it out. Change in air pressure, maybe?

We had a leisurely start, heading up the mountain at 6:20 in the morning. One person became sick the night before so he stayed in camp. Thick clouds hovered at the 8500 foot level, & the 6 climbers were soon in a near white-out which occasionally thinned to give short glimpses of the distant clear-cuts. The fog improved the infamous Red Ridge, tho letting one see only 22 feet of it at a time. Reaching the summit at 10:10 and right on cue the clouds dispersed. The unexpected break made the climb truly worthwhile, especially for new climbers, Michael Wright and Cody Sorenson. We enjoyed the top for an hour in a sheltered spot out of the bitter wind. Several good glissades on the way down, with everyone sliding into camp about 1:15. Good climb and a good party. Tim Cook, Don Payne, Cody Sorenson, Bruce Utsey, Michael Wright and the one who got sick and did not get to the top was Mike Northrup. Bert Ewing was leader.

MT. THIELSEN-CLIMBING SCHOOL 6/3

(one of two graduating climbs)

Weather was excellent - conduct of the class was 'tops' (one a little slow) expressed thier appreciation, courteous, and enthusiastic.

Very little snow on the mountain, nore at timber-line than anyplace. There was enuf snow near the 'gendarnes' for limited 'Glissade' - wet fannies however. Enuf wind at Sat. evening camp-site kept the skeeters pretty well pinned down.

Graduating were Ken Ball, Beth Collver Tim Cook, Dieter Engel, Jerry Eagle, Alan Payne, Michael Johnson, Victoria Payton, Instructors: Don Payne, Wes Prouty and clarence Landes who was leader.

MT. WASHINGTON 6/2-3

We left town Saturday afternoon and drove to Big Lake. Hiked up the North Ridge and made camp. Got up Sunday morning at .0500 hrs. It was clear and cold but with a very strong east wind. at .07 hours Clarence Landes met us at camp. He had left home at .0200 hrs., seems he likes to get up early. We hiked on up the North Ridge with the Mazamas, then watched them climb while we ate a snack, then followed. We went up as they came down. It was very nice up on top of the mountain, the wind had died down and it was hot the rest of the day. On the climb: Dorothy Hayes, Clarence Landes, Randy Zustial, Alan Payne, Lois Schreiner and leader Don Payne.

DAVE COHEN's BICYCLE TRIP 6/16

Stan Sweeten & Dave Cohen faced harsh elements Sat., to conquer Dillard Road & complete a 15 mile circle trip to Goshen. We left the 19th & Patterson parking lot at 8:20 under cloudy skies & chilling winds of a January-in-June day. Some 4½ hours later, after enduring continual cold showers, we parted at 30th & Alder when, ironically the weather was warming and clearing.

To reach the steep, twisting curves of Dillard, we pedalled along University & Potter sts. (from 20th) & enjoyed a good view of South Eugene. Weather deteriorated into chilly rains & estimated 45 degrees on the way up & across the Dillard crest. We rode most of the way up & walked the final steep leg to the power line.

After traversing the mile long crest we waited for 20-30 minutes under the sheltering branches of a side-road fir tree until the rains abated. To enhance braking on the steep descent, we wiped off wheel rims: then plunged downward to hi-

way 99, eastward 2 miles. Another chilling shower swirled about us. Caught in wet cold we changed course to head ~~west~~ and north on 99 for Goshen, instead of right and south to Creswell and Cottage Grove, our original goals. We biked to the Goshen Cafe on 99 where we warmed & fueled up on hot food & coffee (3 cups for 15¢), 4 for 30¢ so beware of eagerly proffered 4th cupsful). Instead of renewing efforts southward in the continuing chilly rains, we decided to retrn to Eugene on 30th Ave. It's of note to report the leader completed the climb up 30th non-stop atop a 3-speed. When we summited the sun shined thru, enhancing the view of the valley below to reward our uphill efforts. We coasted to the bottom where we agreed to trk a flatland bike ride on Sat. July 7. Rolling along up & down thru cold rains Stan Sweetened & leader Dave Cohen.

LAMB BUTTE & THE POTHoles 6/9

We made a car shuttle and hike-thru of this trip by leaving a car at the trail head of the East Fork Trail then driving over to the Olallie Trail and hiking north on this trail to the East Fork Trl then down to our car. Side trips were taken to the Potholes and the top of Lamb Butte. Found Marsh Marigolds in full bloom in the meadows also bird bill. The meadows were a little drier than usual & we were able to walk out to the Potholes without getting soaking wet feet and there were no mosquitos. Stopped for lunch at Lamb Springs and then went on to the Lamb Butte Trail. It was cloudy in the morning, but broke away in the afternoon and we had an excellent view of the mountains from the trail along the way from the top of the Butte. Found that the extension of the East Fork Road across the East Fork Trail had cut the trail down from the Olallie Trail about ½ mile. Following the leader were Dorothy John & Ronnie Ieland, Helen & Alvin Lynch Hazel Peck, Karen M. Seidel, Thelma Watson. The leader none other than Helen Smith.

LIZARD LAKE & RIGDON POINT 6/30

This trip is a new one for the Obsidians. The trail is not clearly defined - good in spots - hard to follow in others. Old blazes hard to find. Everyone enjoyed the trip. Where we had lunch there were fine views all around. At the lake and seeing the point were: Wilbur Groner Melba & Karen Eckhoff, Myrna Helikson, Helen Smith, Kazuko Toelken, Paul Vehrs, Mildred Wilson and leader Mary Bridgeman.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

No. 108

The 1967 Summer Camp was another successful camp, with a variety of places and things to do.

One afternoon Bob Cox set up a "dummy" in the area of campfire and of course Bob put on one of his shows at campfire to everyone's delight.

Another day in camp Norm Benton showed an attentive group of boys the highlight of his recent climb of Mt. McKinley.

Among the many flowers a very unusual Pentstemon was found in the dry soil with its self quite high with the blooms pointing up.

The day we all returned from the trip up the ridge, Blanche Bailey sent word to me that a car had driven into camp and there was someone to see me -- was Kitty Lou Shaw, who I had not seen for 16 years when she was a "cute good looking College girl" in the John Craig Memorial ski race across the snow bound McKenzie Pass in 1951. But this day, Boyd and Nat Morgan had driven Kitty Lou, her husband Ken Holden and their two children Shawn and Ray over to our camp. So in my slides is Blanche, Nat, Boyd, Kitty Lou and the two children.

Deer were seen daily in the meadow that was part of camp.

WILDERNESS PERMITS

A certain amount of confusion exists on just where and when permits are needed, so the following from the Willamette National Forest.

The U. S. Forest Service is continuing its Wilderness Permit System this year altho the system has been modified from

When the Doctor's wife goes on vacation she takes a box of apples. An apple a day keeps the doctor away. Out of the mouth of Paula Vehrs.

a year ago. Permits are required in 7 of the 14 Wilderness areas within forests of Washington & Oregon. Included in the system for 1973 are Eagle Cap, Mt. Jefferson, and the Three Sisters in Oregon. G. Rocks, Glacier Peak, Mt. Adams and Pasayten in Washington. Permits are required for all visits to Eagle Cap Wilderness.

Permits are needed only for overnight trips to Mt. Jefferson and Three Sisters in Oregon and all four Wilderness areas in Washington. Wilderness permits will be necessary thru Nov. 15, 1973 and are being issued in person or by mail. While permits are available at any Forest Service office, persons wishing to Mt. Jefferson are asked to pick up the permits at Detroit Ranger Station in Detroit or the Sisters Ranger Station in Sisters. Persons visiting the Three Sisters area are asked to get them at the McKenzie Ranger Station at McKenzie Bridge or the Bend Ranger Station in Bend.

They also mention where there is a regulation in all Forest Fee Campgrounds stipulating that the required fee must be paid within 30 minutes after locating your camp site.

An increase in larceny from cars is accruing on the District (Detroit) at various trail-heads. Please lock money and all valuables in the trunk of your car. (This may very well apply to other Districts as well as Detroit areas).

The Willamette National Forest extends to every one an invitation to call them at any time if you want any information about trails, snow levels, roads, fishing and other information you may want.

HELEN ROBBINS we are pleased to report that she is able to leave the rest home and is now in an apartment of her own at Willamette Towers, 1313 Lincoln.

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