

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TIME VOL 34 JANUARY THE OBSIDIAN 1974 FLIES NO. 4

TRIPS

- Jan. 12 (Sat) Potato Hill. Mary Bridgeman leads. Snowshoe.
- Jan. 19 (Sat) Big Lake. Same as above.
- Jan. 20 (Sun) Hendricks Park to Spencers Butte. Marriner Orum leads
- Jan. 27 (Sun) Echo Mountain. Ski trip by Jack Nitzel.
- Feb. 2 (Sat) Three Mile Lake and led by Hank Plant.
- Feb. 3 (Sun) Coburg Ridge and again led by Mary Bridgeman.
- Feb. 9 (Sat) Open Date.
- Feb. 10 (Sun) Skyline Trail north from Santiam Hwy. Jack Nitzel says ski only.
- Feb. 16 (Sat) Rockhounding south of Cape Arago with the Lodewicks.
- Feb. 16 (Sat) Belknap Lava Flow. Clarence Landes leads. Snowshoes.
- Feb. 17 (Sun) French Pete with Schreiner Lois that is.
- Feb. 23 (Sat) Yachats to Walport with Lee Hatch leading you.
- Feb. 23 (Sat) Proxy Falls oh snowshoes, and Mary Bridgeman again.
- Feb. 24 (Sun) Coburg Hills. Rock Practice Obsidians only. Wes Prouty
- Feb. 23 & 24 Tam McArthur Rim. Skis are required. Jack Nitzel Lds.

ATTENTION!

As of Jan, 1, 1974 there were 101 Obsidian members who had not paid their 1973/1974 dues. Single dues are \$6.00 couples \$10.00, Juniors \$2.00 and families \$12.00. Some Junior members obtained Senior status this year, Therefore, their dues are \$6.00. Families please note the rules elsewhere in this bulletin for college-age members. Please send your dues to Lois Schreiner, 339 Taylor St., Eugene, Ore. 97402 BEFORE Jan 15. After that date delinquent letters will be sent. Lois Schreiner.

FROM THE RATTLER sent in by Chuck Berkey

Two Eskimos were getting pretty chilly in their kayak, so they built a fire in it---and sank it. MORAL: You can't have your kayak and heat it too! Sorry.

Chuck is up in Richland, Wash. What else are you getting into up there, Chuck

FRIENDLY HOUSE IS SHOWING

- Jan. 13-Mt. Kilimanjaro and Animals of Tanzania with Steven and Margaret Lowe.
- Jan. 20-Mt. McKinlay of a 9173 trip by Gary Grimm.
- Jan. 27-Roaming the Western States with Rita Midlam.
- Feb. 3-Canowing down the Yukon River by J. Karel Donnal.
- Feb. 10-Tahiti Land with one who knows her native land. Lei McCornack.

NOTE!

Any member between 18 and 25 years, and enrolled as a full-time student in post-high school education, can write a letter to the Membership Chairman, Lois Schreiner, requesting Junior Membership status. If request is granted by the Membership Committee, dues are \$2.00 as for regular Junior members. Lois Schreiner.

UNUSUAL RURAL MAILBOXES

If anyone knows of unusual rural mailboxes, or mail box stands anywhere in Lane County, please inform Lois Schreiner at 339 Taylor St., Eugene - Ore. 97402 or phone 344-9848 or 686-3070.

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PRINCESSES

Meet at the home of Lenore McManigal, 741 East 38th, January 21st at 7:30 p.m.

THE NEXT PORLUCK

Will be January 26th at the Lodge and a program will be something. Nothing as yet has been atranged, but something will show up. Time 6:30 p.m.

District Ranger,
Blue River Ranger District,
Willamette National Forest,

Dear Sir:

I am concerned for the future of the remaining lookout houses, guard stations and shelters in our WNF which are outside of the Wilderness Areas. I realize that when they are no longer needed for administrative uses it would be difficult to justify budgeting funds for their upkeep and they have to be abandoned by the Forest Service.

In your district I know of four lookout houses remaining - Rebel Rock, Castle Rock, Carpenter Mtn. and Indian Ridge and two Guard Stations - Olallie Mtns. & Box Canyon G. S., but the others have been abandoned. I guess work crews may still use Olallie Meadows Guard Station.

Last Saturday, Oct. 27, a party of Obsidians (I am a member of this organization) and guests visited Carpenter Mtn. and found the lookout house in rather poor condition. All but one shutter was off, one window would not close tight, but no broken glass, some of the ceiling boards were off, but stacked on a table and paint was peeling off both interior and exterior. The roof seemed to be alright and the fence was o.k. No unsafe conditions existed yet but just a general deterioration of the building. There was some removable trash inside and outside which we collected into litter bags and carried off. This happens to be the second house which I have helped clean up this year. Last July another Obsidian Lady, Mary Bridgeman, and myself cleaned up the Rebel Rock House.

If those of us who wish to see these buildings remain as emergency shelters would keep them clean and do what we could to repair them, could we do so and would you be able to leave them for our use? Sincerely, Helen Smith.

Miss Helen Smith:

In your letter of Oct. 29th, you inquired about the unused guard stations & lookouts upon your district. Of course you are correct in your statement that budgetary limitations preclude our maintenance of these unused buildings. This district has decided to leave these structures standing, open to general public, until they become a public hazard. The buildings of which I speak are: Olallie Guard Station, Olallie Lookout, Carpenter Mtn. Lookout and Rebel Rock Lookout. Castle Rock Lookout belongs to the McKenzie Ranger District; Box Canyon Grd.

Station and Indian Ridge Lookout are still maintained for our administrative use.

There are several avenues available which may permit the public to use and maintain these structures.

(1) The present system of allowing public use of these facilities with maintenance and cleanup performed by users, or;
(2) Pursuing the possibility of placing the structures under Special Use Permit to an organization for use as emergency shelters.

This second approach has stipulations requiring the permittee to make the structures/facilities available to the general public and to maintain the facilities to acceptable standards of maintenance and orderliness. There would be a fee attached to the permit.

Should any of these areas upon which the structures are located ultimately attain wilderness status, the structures would have to be razed to maintain wilderness environment.

I visited the Rebel Rock Lookout in Sept. and the cleanup work which you and Mary Bridgeman had performed was quite evident. Thank you.

Sincerely, Philip H. Mahone.

Mr. Philip H. Mahone:

I was pleased to receive your letter about the unused guard station and lookouts on your district and your suggestions for saving them.

Under the present system, I will be glad to do as much clean-up work as I can and I hope that I will have the help of some of the other Obsidian members in doing repair work in order to keep them in reasonably good condition. I am wondering if the remaining solves can be left? Last summer there was one in the Rebel Rock Lookout and there used to be one in the Plalife Guard Station and I assume there is still one in the Olallie Lookout. I realize that leaving them adds the burden of providing wood or the houses would gradually be torn down.

If the second suggestion was followed up what would a special use permittee gain for the payment of a fee? What would the fee be? If it would mean that the grove could be left and that we could use these buildings at times other than emergencies, it might be worth it.

Perhaps in time placards could be placed on the doors of the buildings to the effect that they were the property of the Forest Service and destruction would

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bring a fine. That maintenance was performed by the Obsidian Club and that any one could use them as emergency shelters

Every user would be expected to leave the building in as good a condition as it was found and would be required to replenish the wood supply.

The thought that we who are concerned for the condition of these buildings could do something to save them is a new idea and it is difficult to know what is the best way to proceed. Cleaning them up is no problem, repair work is more difficult and keeping up a wood supply, if the stoves are left, is more of a problem. But knowing that we are saving them from sure destruction and that we may use them occasionally with their stoves may be more of an incentive to us to undertake this work, I'm sure.

Sincerely, Helen Smith.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Seventy people showed up for this year's greeting to Santa Claus, but not before dining on a sumptuous dinner.

A beautiful tree brought in by the Dick Moffitts was decorated by Merle Traudt & two apprentices, Connie Myers and Dave Barkely. It was one of the best decorated trees we have seen in a long time.

Duchess Cox gave us a rendition on the flute, followed by a reading by Sue Riemer. We were treated by the Moffitt foursome, 3 violins and a viola and guitar music by Ronnie Leland, all of which was exceptionally good. Tori Edwards with Dorothy Medill at the piano gave a short song. Then Duchess Cox came back on the flute with audience singing, which was interrupted by arrival of Santa grunting and groaning under a heavy load. In a sack, not inside. With the help of several more than willing little helpers gifts were handed out.

To wind up a wonderful evening Dave Zevenbergen playing the piano and the entire audience singing several songs were sung, which made for a wonderful ending for a 1973 Christmas Party.

Barbara Hasek's two grandchildren were to make an appearance singing, which they had been practicing for some time but, because of severe colds could not make an appearance, much to our loss.

WHAT NEXT?

As fast as the Forest Service cuts wood for Forest Camps the wood disappears. A place in particular is Clark Creek Campground. The F.S. received word that this Organizational Camp Ground was to be used by a party and delivered wood

to it, only to find out that some party hauled the wood away before the date of occupancy. The F.S. also had about five cords cut and stacked in the woods at another place and it, too, disappeared. So-----no more wood-----people using this area in particular will have to supply their own wood.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

An interesting item from the Intellectual Digest has the following: Lincoln was elected in 1860. Kennedy was elected in 1960. Both Presidents were murdered on a Friday. Lincoln's Secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln. Kennedy warned Lincoln not to go to the theater. Lincoln warned Kennedy not to go to Dallas. Both of their successors were named Johnson.

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

ANTHONY J. VOGEL, a long time member of the Obsidians died in Bend. Tony, while not a member for the past few years, will be remembered by all the older members, as Tony was a strong pillar in the outfit when living here in Eugene. He became a Chief in 1936. ANOTHER OUTDOOR CLUB WITH A LADY PRES.

The Idaho Alpine Club of Idaho Falls is (Manned) by a female. Barbara Brown. The Ladies, bless 'em, may they run the clubs uphill.

ROBERT & ELIZABETH GOUGH are artists, and are now turning out note folders and letter heads with very interesting pen drawings of various scenes. Really something new and original and unusually suitable for gifts. Their address is Rt 6, Box 285, Eugene, Oregon 97402. We are only sorry that we did not learn of this in time to put this note in the December issue of the Obsidian. Robert and Elizabeth, along with their two children are members.

LOIS WESLEY is now Lois Hopkins and lives at 507 Locust St., Oakland, Oregon 97462. Her Husband is Kenneth and by trade is a carpenter, having worked at that trade in Alaska for the last 18 years. They were married in Fairbanks in June. A June Bride no less.

THE CASTELLOES Who do they think they are, running around in their new Buick, and a station wagon at that. Got it from Clarence Scherer's Springfield Motors. Who else?

HARRY & DOROTHE EVERTS at it again. I E, living off of the Castelloes. Obsidians at home in Prescott, Wis. out here for a visit with Dorothe's brother, Mark Bailey Castelloe and Mrs Castelloe, Mary.

KONSERVATION KORNER from Committee for Nuclear Responsibility, and the Future Power Committee.

We cannot solve the energy problem by creating a radiation problem. Nuclear power plants are not clean. They create terrible radioactive poisons which can cause cancer and genetic injuries (birth defects, mental retardation, increased incidence of heart disease, diabetes, etc). There is no disagreement about that.

Just one tablespoon of radioactive plutonium-239 represents the official "maximum permissible body burden" for 200 million people.

Radioactive waste from nuclear power plants, which includes plutonium-239 and strontium-90, must be kept out of the environment for 100,000 years or longer, according to the U.S. Atomic Energy Comm. There is no disagreement about that.

Nuclear fission is the only method of making electricity which comprises the future for essentially all generations to come.

Nuclear power provided only 1% of our energy in 1972, and it could be phased out of operation by 1980 without causing a single blackout or costing a single job. Much of it could be replaced by fuel made from trash; it's being done in St. Louis. The rest could come from safe power plants using natural hot water (geothermal energy): The equipment is available now. In addition, the U.S. has enough coal to last at least 200 years. Mining coal is not as bad as mining nuclear fuel (uranium), and coal can be made into non-polluting gas--a technique we developed in the 19th century. It takes only 5 years to build clean coal-power equipment. Also within 5 to 15 years, we could have cost-competitive power from the sun, according to a panel of the National Science Foundation; solar energy is an inexhaustible source of clean safe power.

Government and industry agree that nuclear fission could contribute no more than 30% of our energy, even by the end of the century. In order to get the great bulk of our energy (70%) we will have to develop our non-nuclear sources of power. There is no disagreement about that.

Since there is plenty of energy in non-nuclear sources to meet 100% of our projected demands, why should we develop nuclear fission at all? We can get all the energy we need without the dangers and special costs of nuclear power.

If we let nuclear fission plants provide 30% of our energy by the end of the century, they would necessarily create more long-term radioactivity than the explosion of a million Hiroshima atom-bombs every year. There is no disagreement about that. Atomis bombs and atomic power plants make exactly the same poison

The disagreement begins over the likelihood that people will manage to keep all the poison contained. There is no room in nuclear power for the normal level of human error and corner-cutting. Even 99% success is not good enough when you have to contain as much radioactivity as a million Hiroshima bombs every year. It's not honest to pretend that nuclear hazards are like ordinary hazards in everything we do.

Containment of radioactivity depends on near-perfection in the people who design, manufacture, construct and operate nuclear power plants, and who transport, process, and store their radioactive poisons. Successful containment also depends on business constantly rejecting the temptation to cut safety corners in order to increase profits. Because of human nature, the probability is high (not low) that nuclear power will mean radioactive pollution. If we could clean up nuclear poisons when they get out, we could treat them like other pollution problems. But we can't. Radioactive plutonium-239 won't go away in 25 years like some other pollutants; it takes 24,000 years for just half of plutonium to decay. Nuclear mistakes could poison the earth and water forever, at least in human time-scales. It violates minimum morality for our generation to endanger the future for all generations which hope to follow us, in exchange for a little electric power today.

For more information write to the Committee for Nuclear Responsibility, Inc P.O. Box 2329, Dublin, Calif. 94566.

BOARD NOTES

Gasoline problems cut the attendance by three, but there were enough to form a quorum, so some business was transacted

The changes in the Constitution and by-laws as recommended by the Committee appointed to study this problem was tabled until all members of the Board were present.

Climbing Committee has summit books for each mountain; these to be carried by the leader to be signed by climbers

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and carried back by the leader. Not to be left on the summits account of past stealing add also filling the books with nothing but filth.

Clarence Landes has contacted a few rock masons re construction of the rock wall.

Bob Medill was ordered to get two new legs for tables that have had accidents. It is not known how the accidents happened, but it is known that they did not result from skiing.

Climbing Comm. has set up 27 climbs for the climbing season.

Talked about 2 summer camps. One drive in and one pack-in. More on this later.

BARITE MINE & PASCHELKE RANCH 12/15

After leaving Springfield at 9 a.m. we arrived at the mine around 10:15. A TOUR was made of the upper mine, now covered up, and a cave further up the hill. We then ventured into the lower mine & saw the beautiful crystals all over the walls. Most of the participants climbed the ladder and got a deeper look into the mine. As we all left the mine. Leo gave a demonstration of how complicated his mine lock-up is. He was on his back in order to lock it up. We then traveled to the "Paschelke Ranch" and saw all the Mexican geodes, agates, wood, crystals, lava bombs, etc., outside the house. On entering the house we saw big collection of gems, jewelry and pictures. A very enjoyable trip by all. On trip were: Mary Bridgeman, Peter R. Cecil, Leo Paschelke, Jon Thompson, Merle Traudt, Mark & Mike Sevenbergen, Dave Zevenbergen, Ldr.

TRIPS CHAIRMAN SAYS

Open hike dates for 1974 are Sun. March 3 - April 6 - May 18 and May 26.

The hiking schedule goes to the printer in February.

Those leaders failing to turn in trip reports in 1973 were not contacted to lead hikes in 1974.

A 2¢ per mile was approved by the Trip Committee for all riders going on hikes.

Leaders not calling in their hike information to the Trips Chairman by 10 p. on the Sunday before the hike will not have their hike listed in the Register-Guard.

There will be no "Bus Trips" scheduled this year.

The Trips Committee has worked hard on providing a good 1974 schedule. Lets all get together and make our Club grow.

NEW YEARS OR BUST

Only 20 showed up for this event which made a very informal gathering. Seemed as tho everyone had stories to tell that had been on ice for a long, long time. Some were very good and well worth listening to.

Games of several kinds were indulged in, and the Liars Contest was won by a foreigner, Dorothe Everts of Prescott, Wisconsin. The contestants were Dorothe, Ray Sims and Robin Lodewick.

Hot and cold cider, coffee and loads of goodies were on hand for eating whenever the urge to do so was felt.

Midnight arrived rather quickly, lights went out and quite a lot of kissing greeted the New Years along with the bells, horns and other noise makers.

FALL CREEK TRAIL 12/8

Left Eugene at 8:00 in two cars. Had a flat with one, met second car at 10:15 then on to Bedrock Bridge. Left car #1 & with car #2 went on to Puma Trail head.

Had a leisurely hike down trail. Clouds cleared and was sunny and warm. Fall Crk was full and very muddy and wild!!!! As usual a good group, good day, good time.

On this trip were: Duchess Cox, Chuck Haddad, Clarence Johnson, Ted Stern, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt led by Mary Bridgeman. NELL HARMON ordered to appear in Court & Bob Medill ordered to appear in Court. Don't know what Nell is in for and wont tell what Bob is in for, but all you who know him can guess and you won't be very far off.

CHEMEKETAN ANNUAL BANQUET

This is their 46th and will be held on Saturday, Hanuary 26th at the Kopper Kitchen North, located at 3400 Portland Road N. E., Salem. The dinner is Buffet style and starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Their program for the evening will be a slide show with music background by Dr Pat O'Shea and the theme "Mountain Magic" Adults \$3.75- 10 to 16 \$2.50 Under \$1.50 For reservations write June Zink, 2240 5th St. N.E., Salem, Oregon 97303.

THE RAMBLER CLUB OF BELLINGHAM

has a lady for President. How about that? Not only that, but all members of the Board are women except for two, who are of the male species. And they have women as Chairman of the various committees. They do not list and entertainment Chairman, but working on a Board like that who needs any more entertainment.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

This ideal summer camp in the Trinity Alps in 1969 was attended by an average of forty campers.

A trip to see the area was taken early going past the first of the Caribou Lakes and eating lunch at the rushing cold crk that crossed our trail in a beautiful green area, following the trail upward past the spring flowers of "shooting stars". As the trail went over the high ridge, but from the top was seen the Emerald and Sapphire Lakes, where a wooden mine building of the 1849 area, where they used square wood nails,

Back in camp of course swimming was done all the time but catching chipmonks was a daily habit of the Shepherd children and "Dad" even built a box to house them.

Horse shoes was another game that took both young and old players, but Norman and Joyce were the most frequent.

BEN ROSS leaving for Katmandu so you won't be seeing him much for awhile. Come to think of it, havent been seeing much of him lately anyway.

THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO SEEM TO BE OUT OF GAS IS THE SERVICE STATION OWNERS.

CLIMBS

Feb. 16-17-18. Diamond Peak on snow shoes with Jack Nitzel. All of you who have been wanting a winter climb, here it is.

FLASH!

Entertainment for the January potluck will be a double feature which includes the Eugene made movie "Dammed Forever" and Paula Vehrs tour of Australia. Don't get to thinking that this will be too much at once. The movie is one half hour and Paula's pictures are about the same length of time.

The movie "Dammed Forever" has had nothing but praise where ever shown. Also won a "Chris" award in the Columbia, Ohio Film Festival, a silver "Cindy" from Film Producers of America at Palm Springs, Ca. and a "Golden Eagle" award from the Cine Film Festival in Washington, D.C. We are very fortunate in being able to bring this to you.

WHY IS IT?

with no gas nobody is at home? One can phone this person and that person and other persons and phone and phone and no one is at home. Please answer, somebody.

THE BULLETIN TO NON-MEMBERS IS \$2.00 PER YEAR. AND A FINAL WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS. THIS ISSUE WILL BE THE LAST TO ALL WHO HAVE NOT REMITTED THE \$2.00. THANK YOUSE.

IDEAS? ANYBODY? ABOUT ANYTHING? ESPECIALLY FOR ENTERTAINMENT. IF SO WRITE THEM IN TO THE EDITOR. HIS NAME AND ADDRESS IS ON THE FRONT PAGE. GOT ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOOT AND HOLLER ABOUT? SEND THEM IN TO THE SAME PLACE. THEY WILL BE PUT INTO PRINT. SIGN YOUR NAME OR THEY WILL BE DELEGATED TO THE PRINTERS DEVIL. AMEN.

ANY ITEM TO BE PUBLISHED MUST BE IN BY THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. VOILA! KNOW ANY SCANDLE? JUST SEND IT TO THE EDITOR. IT WILL BE PUT INTO PRINT - NON-NEIN.

YOUR BULLETIN WILL NOT BE FORWARDED. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR RESIDENCE YOU MUST SEND IN IF YOUR NEW ADDRESS SHOULD BE 2605 STATE STREET, SALEM IT WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.

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