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## CLIMBS

- May 4 - Little Tahoma with Steve Ross the leader.  
May 11-12-Mt. Bailey. This one a ski climb only. Marriner Orum lds.  
May 11-12-Mt. Hood over the Wy-East rte and Dale Moon the leader.

## TRIPS

- Apr. 13-Coast Range-A new area is promised and Clara Emlen leads.  
Apr. 20-Mt. Pisgah--Dorothy Leland leads this always a favorite early trip in the Spring.

## BUS TRIP

- May 4---A one day Coast Trip with stops here and there with Mary-Douglas Stoval in charge.

## BUS TRIP

May 4-Saturday. One day trip from Depot Bay to Florence. The bus will load at South Eugene Hi parking lot at 7:45 a.m. Take a sack lunch for our stop at Devils Punch Bowl. Wear Comfortable walking shoes or boots and warm clothing. From Depot Bay we will head south with stops at Devil's Punch Bowl, Newport, Seal Rock, Muriel O, Ponsler Memorial Wayside, Perpetua Visitor's Center, Devil's Elbow State Park, Darlingtonia Wayside and on the way home stop at the Gingerbread House for a snack.

Cost per person will be \$5.00. Call Mary-Douglas Stoval 344-8530, or Helen Weiser 345-1234 for reservations not later than April 20. Make checks out to Obsidians, Inc. and mail to Mary-Douglas Stoval, 2365 Cal Young Rd. 5A, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Cancellations will not be refunded after April 27, or to date if replacements can be found.

Join us and have a fun day at the beach

## OBSIDIAN GOURMETS

All Obsidians are invited to get together for dinner at the Original Pancake House on Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m. Call Mary Castelleo for reservations. The Original is located at 659 East Brdy

APRIL 20 POTLUCK - APRIL 20

At the Lodge. Time 6:30. There will be a program. See back page.

## PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE

Anyone planning to go on this trip, July, 7th to July 13th, please contact leader so plans can be made for transportation. To save gas hike will be from Pinecrest, Ore. (Hiway 66) to Margarette Lake plus hike out to Nannie Creek Trail. Total distance of 63 miles will average 9 miles per day (leave Eugene July 6th & return July 14th). Signup will be a week in advance and a pre-trip meeting will be held at the Lodge, on Tuesday, July 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Wesley Prouty 747-9511. AND give a welcome to:

GLADYS GRANCORVITZ, 360 N. Polk, Eugene  
SHARON GILMAN, #21 West 24th, Eugene &  
VICTORIA GILMAN, 8 years of age.

DAVE ZEVENBERGEN has had printed up a form to be filled in by leaders of any trail conditions that are in need of maintenance. These to be sent to Trips Committee Chairman when mailing in their trips reports and Dave will forward to the various Forest Rangers involved. The Forest Service has indicated to us that this will save them the necessary time to go over all the trails themselves and will be a big saving to them in both time and money.

FROM ED. JOHANN, P.O. Box 19171, Portland Oregon 97219---

The Obsidians,

Hi. I am writing to ask your Club, and any members of your Club to please send me any "info" they may come across during the year that has anything to do with trail trips, trail conditions snowfoot travel and "whats Happening" type stuff. I need this input of "info" for the Signpost Publications.

Thank you.

## IN THE MOUNT BAKER CLUB BULLETIN

"Thanks, Bob Medill, for all the publicity. Your paper proved to be the entertainment in my corner at our last Board meeting - real refreshing & thanks for the exercise we got from laughing".

The above in response to the comment made in the January Obsidian re all the ladies on their Board.

TIMBER!!

BERT EWING is leaving for the Appalachian Mountains to travel the Appalachian trail. He said not to ask him why.

CATHERINE JONES. Miss Jones is assistant Dean, College of Business Administration at the UO. Recently she has been awarded the Merit Award of the Administrative Management Society. The award was given her for her years of notable achievement.

STEVE NORTHROP, son of Bob & Keena, was on a climb of Mt. Jefferson with 4 other young men. Three of the group became incapacitated in one way and another, one with a broken ankle. They spent a total of six days on the mountain, the last night spent in a snow cave dug in the snow. This morning Steve and another boy the only ones able to travel came out, and phoned for help. A helicopter brot the three out and all are in good shape.

KENNETH & ROBIN LODEWICK have a lengthy article in the Oakridge, Oregon Audubon Society's Bulletin on Pentstemons.

BOB COX reported sick in bed, and---

DAVE COHEN reported down in Florida. Everybody to their own taste.

ART & BETTY HERRON owners of a huge home on wheels. Where is this home on wheels? Why, at home on wheels.

DOUGLAS SPENCER, present Circuit Court Judge of Lane County is seeking the office again at the coming election. We do not intend to enter politics in the Obsidian, but want to call your attention to the fact that Doug has never, to our knowledge, ever sentenced an Obsidian to anything. Come to think of it we do remember of two Obsidians he sentenced to life. Together that is.

ADA SMITH Your name was left off the 1974 membership list and is our face red. We had just hired a new employe and he was given the job of putting together the list. His name is Cy Wash. No, he is not an Indian. He got that name because, like all children, he always knew where the dirtiest dirt was so that his mother was always yelling at him, "Cy Wash". We hired Cy because he agreed to work for half of what we paid Polly Tickle so we let her go. Cy Wash is such an unethical person he should fit right in with this publication. He will be in charge of the "Thru The Viewfinder" column. So all ye members--Watch your step.

VELO CLUB TAMALPAIS of San Anselmo, Cal is a new outdoor club recently organized and are seeking admission into the FWO. This club is exclusively a bicycle club.

In the current issue of National Geographic is the most concise article on the lumber situation, Forests and logging with several parts pertaining to Eugene and persons around Eugene. If you do not have a copy get one from a neighbor.

PORTLAND-if they have not already, will soon have double-decker buses from England. The manufacturer had to make some changes, as moving doors from the left side to the right side.

MAZAMAS of Portland are having one of their Summer Outings this year in the Three Sisters Wilderness. It will be located near Obsidian Falls.

NO WONDER CLIMBING IS SO DIFFICULT

Most of the terms used in climbing are of foreign origin. Arete, col, crevasse, gendarme, glissade, morain, piton, serac, rapple are French. Carabiner is German.

THE HOBNAILERS of Spokane have joined the trend of women's "Lib" and elected a female for President. Helen Lininger, their motto could be "Linger Longer wit Lininger".

LONGVIEW has a library that must be in a mess according to Loo-Wit-Kla-Ta-Wa. (interpretation please). One of their events was listed as survival in the wilderness at the Longview Library.

OBSIDIAN PRINCESSES

are invited to meet at Charlotte Lemon's home, 1280 Mill St., Monday evening, May 15 7:30 p. m. Thelma Watson will be assistant hostess.

The Princesses were delightfully entertained at Frances Newsom's home in April; Jane Hilt was assistant hostess. Blanche Bailey showed slides of her recent trip to Australia, describing her experiences. Decided to plan weekend overnight trip at next meeting; an impromptu local hike is planned soon; committee was named to help assemble Flav-R Pac labels at Mary Bridgeman's home in April; The two new Chiefs, Parker Riddle and Glen Meares sent Thank You notes for their new emblems (made by Helen Lynch).

Mary Gillespie thanked the group for contributions of materials for the Ivorena Nursing Home.

MARCH 22 POTLUCK & ENTERTAINMENT

Was well attended. About 70 persons for the supper and about 5 stragglers came after the supper to hear Mr. Les Anderson and to see his movies of the climb he and his son made of Annapurna. The pictures were marvelous and his description were very, very good. Several

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visitors attended which we are always glad to have. Dan Medill from British Columbia was one and he gave us a rendition on the oiano which was well received. Altogether a very nice evening.

FROM THE RIEMERS

"We surely did enjoy the Ka-Nee-Tah bus trip (and thats no April Fool); and felt the trip was enriched for all of us by Dr. Baldwin's being aboard. Really wonder if a "Geology bus trip" might be worked out subsequently with Dr. Baldwin as the entertainment committee. Also while our wonderer is working, how about a trip to the nuclear plant; and (in the other direction) a bus trip to Ashland for a bit of Kulture? "It hath been taught us from the primal state, that he which is was wished until he were" - and perhaps this wishing could likewise apply to trips"

OBSIDIAN FINANCES SOMETIMES IN THE RED

In looking thru the Obsidian for 1948 I find the following happened:

	Income	Expenses
Trips.....	\$31.45.....	\$43.95
Outing.....	\$1128.35.....	\$1322.31
Climbs.....	\$81.65.....	\$83.53
Lodge.....	\$46.25.....	\$60.60
Publication...	\$87.50.....	\$215.30

INTERMOUNTAIN ALPINE CLUB

of Richland, Wash. say in their bulletin "The Yodeler" that they will be making a hike trip along our Deschutes River Apr. the 6th. The April Yodeler also states that their Board at their last meeting approved a 1¢ increase in their transportation fees bringing the charge up to 9¢ per mile.

They also bring notice to all under age of 18 that to go on hikes and trips with them they must have an approved permission slip signed by his or her parents and that all leaders must demand these signed permission slips.

BOARD NOTES 4/74

As usual paid bills

EWEB.....	\$43.33
Postage-Bulletin..	\$15.99
Mislars-Ink.....	\$ 6.00
C. Comm. Books....	\$12.50
Climb C. Postage..	\$ 1.06
FWOV.....	\$60.00

Trips-Dave reported 4 reports in and 3 not reported and 1 cancelled. Total of 54 going on trips.

Outings--Helen & Merle will have their Summer Camp Rally at the Lodge May 18th.

Board decided to make a charge for the trip schedules to all non-members of 25¢ The same will be printed on the cover.

Membership turned in applications for membership of Gladys Grancorvitz, Sharon and Victoria Gilman. One application of Robert Nordahl had to be held over for corrections.

Bea LeFevre, Librarian attended and said as soon as she got the new membership list she would soon have her work all caught up.

Marriner - Conservation discussed to some extent the proposed tramway to the summit of Mt. Hood to be brot up from the Columbia River side.

Dr. Baldwin said he would have a report for the May issue of the Obsidian covering the Silver Creek Falls area, this to be of interest to all going on this trip

A long discussion was indulged in over the proposed changes in the Constitution and by-laws as proposed by Lois Schreiner and her Comm. To be brot up again at the May meeting.

The Board, having relieved the Princesses of Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast (at the Princesses request) are going to carry on and have appointed Bob Medill & Bea LeFevre & Paula Vehrs to arrange.

PENGR PASS 3/74

It was a difficult trip into Odell Lake (Boy! Cold we'll bet. Ed) because the trail was icy and I personally spent as much time falling down as I did skiing. However, it was a beautiful warm day and we had a good view of Diamond and Yoran.

We ate lunch at Odell Lake and after spending time sun-bathing and skiing around and exploring, we had an easy trip back to the cars. Summer in Oregon was on March 24th this year. Hiking into the lake were: Chuck & Louise Berkey, Debbie & Maude Caldwell, Niels Christiansen, Tim Cook, Shelly Curry, Rick Freeman, Dorothy Hayes, Man Wai Lau, Dorothy & Janice Leland, Marie Mulholland, Merle Traudt and the leader was Dorothy Hayes.

FALL CREEK TRAIL 3/12

The Fall Creek Trail is a beautiful example of Oregon's Mossy, fern filled old rain forest. The 6 Obsidians and five guests enjoyed the easy trail, crossed the cascading streams and understood the reason for the lush growth on this, cloudy, dripping day. Lunch was at one of the Clark Camp Shelters followed by a walk on the Clark Creek Nature Trail. On this trip, Louise Berkey, Clarence Landes John & Peter Cecil, Mary Dour, Steve Ellickson, Barbara Flooring, Richard Freeman, Merle Traudt, Clarence Scherer and Dorothy Scherer, the leader.

KONSERVATION KORNER by Marriner Orum

From the Oakridge (ore) Audubon Society

"The Environmental Protection Agency's recent decision to allow use of the contro-versial insecticide DDT against the tussock moth outbreak in Oregon's Blue Mountains has been greeted with great applause by the Forest Service, the timber industry, and the entire Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Not cheering, however, are the entomologists. A UPI survey taken in January failed to turn up a single entomologist--even among those on the Forest Service staff--who would support the use of DDT. Instead, these experts continue to insist that (1) DDT has not been proved effective against the tussock moth; (2) the moth population is due to collapse this summer anyway; and (3) the known hazards of DDT use far outweigh its dubious benefits. When DDT was used against the Gypsy moth, a similar insect in the east, There was considerable evidence that the sprayings actually led to peak outbreaks that were worse than otherwise would have been the case.

The scenario for this summer is all too clear. The DDT---all 490,000 pounds (245 tons) of it---will be applied, the moth will die off and the Forest Service will be proclaimed "Savior of the Douglas Fir". Over in the corner will be the entomologists, pointing to two things: the evidence that the moths were killed by natural causes, not DDT, and the disastrous decline of beneficial insect and bird life over the entire 650,000 acres of Federal, State and private lands in the States of Oregon, Washington & Idaho

EPA has made the permit subject to environmental conditions and monitoring as well as proof that a comprehensive research program an alternatives will be submitted by Dec. 1974. How binding can this requirement be without full backing from the Dept. of Agriculture and the Administration?"

(The Oakridge, Oregon Sudubon Society seems to be a rather progressive organization judging from their bulletin).

#### WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

A few years ago a Lowell District Forester realized that many persons hiking Forest trails could enjoy their visits to the woods more than they were. He became more convinced as he watched an elderly couple spend most of a day carefully observing a small area of ground.

The couple told of how amazing is the

amount of plant & insect life contained in small portions of Forest area.

After noticing recreationists bustling from one spot to another on trails, the Forester concluded that many Forest users view only the most prominent features, while by-passing many others.

Fall Creek Trail 3455 offers a number of outstanding features. Many of them will be overlooked if hikers rush along the trail without taking time to become a part of Forest Surroundings. The next time you hike the trail try these suggestions:

Go slowly. Listen to the Forest sounds the birds, water, wind, leaves, crackling twigs, insects--really listen.

Become friendly with the plant life near the trail. Touch the leaves of growing things. Really feel the texture

View the features of plants and vines.

Look at the various shapes and shades.

Compare characteristics about the various plant life. Observe how different areas of the Forest look and feel, bathed in sunshine, from those areas that rest in shade.

An outing in the woods is more fun when you become aware, and a part of, the entire Forest scene.

#### MOTORBIKE RESTRICTIONS

J. R. Philbrick, Supervisor Umpqua National Forest, has announced restrictions of the use of motorbikes of larger than 90 cc's. Most bikers have brot this on themselves by unnecessary noise and damage to trails.

Mr. Philbrick stated that more than 125 motor bikes were in the Fish Lake area on Memorial Day weekend in 1973 and recreationists registered plenty of complaints about excessive noise. The noise was created mostly from larger than 90 cc motorbikes.

Supervisor Philbrick emphasized that the limitation on engine size is on a trial basis this year and if the conflicts are not resolved other measures will be instituted next year.

Trails on the nono list to larger than 90 cc's are Fish Lake 1570, Grasshopper 1574, Skimmerhorn 1575, Lakes 1578, Grasshopper Lookout 1580, Acker Divide 1437, and Hershberger Mountain 1435.

#### CAMP CREEK

This stream was called Chaston by the Indians, but the meaning is unknown. A party of pioneers pursuing a war party of Indians camped on this stream for a time and was known ever after as Camp C.

IN THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY THE OBSIDIANS WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKES

FEED FOR THE HUNGRY

THE OBSIDIAN LODGE STORY

From the beginning in 1928 the Obsidians dream was to eventually have a club house. As to where was the big question. Some wanting one out in the hills, some that a town house was the answer. Several places were discussed and looked at. In Dec. of 1936 a site at the base of Deer Butte was finally approved, sanction of the Forest Service was granted and M. B. Castelloe was appointed Chr of finances.

In June 1937 a meeting was held where everyone had a different opinion as to where the club should have a place located. Lots of discussion arose.

Feb. 1940 sees a meeting called where a vote was taken as to whether they give up the location where they were then at Lost Creek Ranch Cabin and go to what had been the Belknap CCC Camp Officers quarters building. The vote said move. This was located a short distance above McKenzie Bridge. A work party was organized for April 14th & 21st, 1940 to put the Belknap place in some kind of order. April 20th & 21st Leo Paschelke took his truck, and with a work party moved the Obsidians stuff to Belknap. This place served the Obsidians for many years and a work party was called every year to go up there and clean up, repair and cut wood. In fact every time a party was held there it meant a work party to clean up after the pack-rats had the place to themselves between parties.

Feb. 1941 the group started to talking up the fact that we should have a town house. We knew that we had a lot of stuff books, records, camping out equipment, and it was scattered all over town in attics and basements. This included a lot of climbing gear too.

Finally we bot lot in April 1944 at the corner of 17th & High. A lot 66x157. July 1945 Bulletin carries a letter from Doran McKee saying he, along with a lot of members calling for two Comm. of five each; one to plan the building; one on financing. It was finally decided that a suitable building could be built for about \$1000. This was figuring on the members doing a lot of construction work.

In Oct. 1949 Doran McKee reports that his Comm. was very active & building costs were being carefully figured out building prospects looking better all the time and we might see action in the next year.

During 1950 the building Comm. consisted of Florence Sims, Bailey Castelloe, Dorr Hamlin, Omar Gullion, Ray Boals, Chester

Pietka, Paul Campbell, Doris Sims and Doran McKee.

Oct. 1951 Doran & Comm. were busy with preliminary planning a Town Club House and wrestling with problems of zoning. A fund raising social was held which netted \$45 for the building fund.

Jan. 1952. A report was made that progress was being made for permission to build on our lot and Comm. hopes to have good news soon to offer Club.

Oct. 1953. The Obsidians were ordered to pave the street around their lot and this created a hege deficit in their building fund. A rummage sale was held to help recover from that.

Feb. 1954 Bailey Castelloe reported to the Board that the Comm. had a contractor busy on plans and costs of building.

Oct. 1954 report to the Board was that "Our Town House is getting more & more in the realm of possibility--your pledges and contributions are important".

March 1955--Buletin is this item: "Do we really want a Lodge badly enough to make a personal sacrifice to give the monye necessary to build--to date we have recieved \$2616 with cash on hand and 700 dollars in pledges we have a total of \$5313. The Board feels we must have a minimum of \$7000. Plans have been drawn showing a building 47x66 with an auditorium 30x48. These pledges and cash were the result of a meeting held at the River Road Womens Club House on River Rd. called for the purpose of asking all the Chiefs to come up with \$50 each with the guarantee of refund if the building was not started within the year. At the end of the year the building had not been started, so all contributors were asked to wave the guarntee for another year. Only one asked for a refund.

April 1955 the Board appointed a Comm. to look into the possibility of trading our lot for an old house & lot out E 6th At this time it was discovered that our lot at 17th & High, because of building codes then in force, one being the requirement of parking, was not suitable.

Jan. 1955, Bailey Castelloe, Bldg. Comm. Chr. reported if possible we should sell our lot and get another one in a less expensive area. To date we have received \$2167.50 in pledges, \$926.94 from food sales, rummage sales, etc., and \$186.50 in a Door Hamlin Memorial Fund to apply to the costs of a fireplace. (When our present building was being built Myrtie Hamlin contributed the balance of funds necessary to build the fireplace).

cont. in May.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

The 1970 Summer Camp was at Black Lake just across the river in Idaho and the only time Clarence Johnson was Chairman.

Crossing the Snake River above Hell's Canyon Dam, the real test for a car was the Kleinschmidt Grade, an 8 mile zig-zag dirt road built in 1898 with nothing done to improve it since. When getting to the top it affords a grand view of the grade, the Snake River and the beautiful brown hills.

About 22 miles more past a lookout on the top of one of the points, then driving to the very edge of this blue Black Lake, camp was set up in an area of Blue Pentstemon in the shade of tall trees.

A fine cold creek was near as well as the entrance to many gold mines were in the area, as we learned they were mined at the time in history of the Kleinschmidt Grade. We were in the Payette National Forest, where a sign "Botanists Paradise" in the Seven Devils area gave us many days of seeing these Blue Pentstemons and hundreds of more beautiful wild flowers on all of our trips.

CASTLE ROCK 3/16

The day didn't start right. First I was late leaving home. I had 21 signers; 16 finally went on the trip. I nearly left the sign-up sheet on my car bumper. We left with a gray overcast sky that could clear up: It didn't. It was raining steady as we started up the trail, the trees sheltered us some; there were patches of snow at the trail-head and as we progressed onward the snow increased in depth, so with a steady slow drip from the trees and sky the snow was very wet and spongy. Also numerous small creeks were running full up. One creek we had to cross on a high foot log, which entailed some little "hand assistance".

After about 2½ miles at the saddle, at the start of the steep grade, we took a vote and decided not to go on. The snow was about 13 inches deep and very wet. We were sinking in to our knees, everyone

was wet and cold, it was hard going, so we ate our lunch, changed socks, those who had dry ones along and turned back down the trail; also fog was closing in all around so you couldn't see much anyway. We made better time back to the car where we started heaters and shed outside wet clothes and headed for home.

Ho Hum! We go on a snow shoe trip and have not enough snow, then we plan a hike and have too much snow and no snowshoes. You can't win! On this trip were Louise Berkey, Clarence Landes, Mary & Glen Dour Dave & Steve Ellickson, Barbara Floreing Gladys Grancorvitz, Jim Lewis, Barbara & Will Ross, Helen Smith, Bonnie Thomas, Dorothy Turner, Robert Walden and Merle Traudt, leader. (The Editor wishes some one would set him right on the spelling of Barbara Floreing, Flooring, Floering, Three trip reports and spelled different on each report).

NORMAN SKURDAL dream may be coming true. A few years ago a restruant in Springfield on Main St. burned down. The lot remained idle and became an eyesore.. Norman, as a Boy Scout project, decided to make a park and rest area on the lot, but the owner stopped it. Norman had done lots of work there when stopped. The lot has remained an eyesore since, but now the Springfield Kiwanis Club has decided to take over where Norman left off and finish the project.

AND AT FRIENDLY HOUSE

April 14-Tour Mexico with Oscar Norberg.

April 21-Thango to Africa with Max McCarty.

April 28-For a change we will go to the Antartic. Greg White takes us.

May 5th--Off to New Zealand with Fred Swanson.

May 12th-And for the next week we go to Taiwan with Sam Boggs.

APRIL 20th POTLUCK

At the Lodge. 6:30 p.m. The program is going to be a surprise. Even going to be a surprise to the entertainment Chairmen. But we will have something of interest.

The program Dave had lined up fell thru.

SAVE YOUR APPETITE FOR THE MOTHER'S DAY ANNUAL PANCAKE, SAUSAGE, EGG, COFFEE & FEED.

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