



The OBSIDIAN

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TRIPS

- June 22-West of Waldo Lake to Waldo Mt.
Helen Smith leads.
- June 23-Lamb Butte--Up the East Fork of
the McKenzie. Art Steele leads.
- June 22-23-Over the new McKenzie trail
and Paula Vehrs will lead.
- June 29-Olallie Ridge-Horsepasture Mtn.
E. Fork McKenzie--Doug Appel ld
- June 30-Iron Mtn. An Annual Flower trip
with Ray Sims in front.
- June 30-Black Butte-McKenzie Pass neigh-
borhood with Parker Riddle.
- July 4th-Bohemia Mtn. and mines. Kenneth
and Robin Lodewick leading.
- July 6-Honey Lakes. A honey of a trip &
Don Payne will lead you.
- July 7-Dorena Reservoir-A bike trip with
Dave Cohen in the lead.
- July 6-7-Erma Bell Lakes-Dave Zevenbergen
leads and says good fishing.
- July 13-Lava Lake--Frog Camp--A shuttle
car doins with Lee Hatch leading.
- July 13-Three Pyramids up the Santiam &
Clarence Johnson leads.

CLIMBS

- June 22-23-Three Fingered Jack via Booth
Lake. John McManigal leading.
- June 29-30-Mt. Washing & Dick Moffitt
Leads. Let a dentist pull you up.
- June 29-30- Diamond Peak and leading
will be Bob Holmquist.
- July 5-6-Mt. Washington. A Saturday climb
with Dave Chase.
- July 6-7-South Sister by way of Green
Lakes. Lee Hatch in front.
- July 12-13-Three Fingered Jack. Saturday
Climb. Bud Proctor leading.
- July 13-14-North Sister and Chapin Clark
will be in the lead.

SPECIAL TRIP

- July 7 to 13-Travel the Pacific Crest
Trail from Calif. to Sky Lakes. F
For complete info contact Wesley Prouty.

PICNIC

Fourth of July Potluck at the Lodge.
Believe it or not, July 4th is on a Thur-
sday this year and it's on the 4th....so
there will be a potluck picnis at Obsid-
ian Lodge-1 p.m. Ray Sims makes coffee.

POTLUCK JUNE 22nd

6:30 p.m. the "Come and get it" will
ring out sweet bells for the hungry with
Dr. Richard Moffitt entertaining us after
wards with pictures and a talk on bicycl-
ing here and there, but concentrating on
bicycling among the San Juan Islands.

PRINCESSES JUNE OUTING

The Princesses will have an overnight
outing to Chemeketa Lodge Sat. and Sun
June 22-23. The Lodge is near Salem, on
Whitewater Creek. Members planning to
go--please call Mary Bridgeman 344-8952,
or Mary Castleloe 344-5168 as soon as
possible. Sat. dinner will be potluck,
Sunday breakfast served by committee and
sack lunch for Sunday lunch. Bring your
own utensils and overnight equipment,
and boots for hiking. Lodge fee is 50¢
per person.

Chemeketa President Marge Beaman will
be with us and Blanche Bailey too. Trans-
portation will be arranged by Vera Heid-
enreich and Lois Schreiner.

OBSIDIAN GOURMET DINNER

WILL BE June 20, Thursday at 2 p.m., at
the King's Table, 2470 W 11th at McKinley
call 344-5168 for reservations.

OBSIDIAN WOMEN'S PARTY

The Annual Women's Party (sponsored by
Princesses) is coming soon! It will be
Monday, July 15 at the Lodge. More infor-
mation in July bulletin.

PRINCESS NEWS

The Princesses will meet June 17, 7:30
p.m. at Lois Schreiner's home, 336 Ven-
tura; Charlotte Lemon will be assistant
hostess. The May meeting was at the home
of Dorothy Medill, with Vera Heidenreich
assisting. Jane Hilt described her trip
to England and displayed scenic post-
cards and folders. With the arrival of
good weather, Mary Bridgeman will soon
schedule the Willamette River Bank hike.
with Mary Gillespie's home to be either
take-off point or end of hike. Comments
were favorable on the new fireplace
screen purchased by the Princesses and
installed by Clarence Landes and Merle
Traudt.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS "HONEY" DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE THE FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS".

NEW MEMBERS

BETTY MAE STAMM-RE-instatement-Betty was a member way back in the 30's, dropping out in '37. She lives at 2050 Fairway Loop, Eugene 97401.

RICHARD A. FRANKEL - MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, University of Oregon, Eugene 97403.

THEODORE STERN, 2055 Fairmount Blvd. Eugene 97403.

H. JOE & RUTH I. JONES of 1625 Henderson Eugene 97403.

EVERTA HUTCHINS living at 1601 Olive Apt 1008, Eugene 97401.

MARGUERITE GRANTHAM of 361 W. Broadway, Eugene 97401.

TOO GOOD NOT TO PASS ON

Our thanks to the Idaho Alpine Club whose Bulletin this is copied from.

Not long ago a magazine aimed at a rural audience printed a picture of a deserted farmhouse in a desolate, sand-swept field, then offered a prize for the best 100 word essay on the disastrous effect of land erosion. A bright Indian boy from Oklahoma bagged the prize with this graphic contribution.

"Picture show why white man crazy. Cut down trees. Make too big tepee. Wind blow soil. Grass gone. Door gone. Window gone. Squaw gone. Whole place gone to hell. No pig. No corn. No pony.

Indian no plow land. Keep grass. Buffalo eat grass. Indian eat buffalo. Hide make plenty big tepee. Make moccasins. All time eat. Indian no need hunt job. No hitchhike. No ask relief. No build dam. No give damn. White man heap crazy".

BUS TRIP TO MT. HOOD

To all you mountain lovers who can't go to Summer Camp.

The next bus trip will go to Mount Hood August 10 & 11. We will stay overnight at Timberline Lodge with time to spend on the mountain enjoying the view, trails, flowers and birds, and just being there. Dinner & breakfast will be at the Lodge. Noon meals can be either sack lunches or bought at the Lodge. More details in the next bulletin. Leaders Helen Weiser Phone 345-1234 and Frances Kardell - 344-4057. Cost? See next bulletin. Out in July.

THE SKI HUT, 1615 University Ave., Berkeley, California 94703 has sent us their latest catalog and it is to be found at the Lodge on the table by the Bulletin Rack. Contains every item for all kinds of outdoor use.

SCHUSTER, 8 Munchen 2 Rosenstrasse, 3-4-5-6 also sends their latest catalog and it contains everything one can think of. Found at the same place as above.

FOUND IN THE OBSIDIAN MAIL

RAH RAH ROBERT!

Granted nothing is worse,
Than a bit of free verse.

But

With the Bulletin in sight,
I can no longer be quiet,
About the chuckles and grins
Our Editor sinds.

Whether sage or fool,
Each piece is a jewel.
For this jollity and mirth,
Here's a crown on this earth,
Versus the customary trend,
Of a kick in the end.

Whatever his past,
His present's a gas,
And we're lucky indeed,
His ditties to read.

For this super job,
Let's all drink to Bob!

Anonymous.

Obsidians, all famous for climbing and walking,
Are a bit shy except for their squawking
Which accounts for this ditty's

Being sent anonymous.
Its spirit sincere,
Though its meter quite onerous.

Bob has taken on the task of trying to find out who wrote the above by the process of illimination. He says he has the list cut down to 82 members now.

TRY IT-YOU'LL LIKE IT

No cooking--no fires--no cleaning up of dishes. It is possible today to make up several days food to take on pack trips that can be eaten without cooking and still furnish one with all the energy required. In some cases some foods would require water and in others perhaps milk which can be taken in the powdered form.

MAZAMAS lost a member, Bob Millus, who lost his life in an accident (not climbing) who was so well liked and thot of that they have carried his ashes to the summit of Mt. Jefferson and scattered them there. Bob loved this mountain and led many Mazama climbs to its summit.

SCENE-SEEN IN BUS DEPOT IN EUGENE

Man pushes door to enter toilet-SOME?? one pushes from other side-a woman emerges-man says, "Well, one of us is in the wrong place".

PERMITS will be needed after June 15th for entry into the Jefferson or 3 Sister Wilderness areas.

FRANCES NEWSOM is to be congratulated on her article titled "The New Masonic Cemetary in 1859" which was published in the Summer 1974 edition of the Lane County Historian. It is a very interesting article for which Frances did some extensive research. M.C.

LOIS SCHREINER hopping around a little on her own. Her own WHAT? Her own ticket on the flyways. First to Washington D.C. and then up to Toronto. She's coming back

CLARENCE AND DOROTHY SCHERER back from ten days in Hawaii. You can't sell Buicks over there Clarence. They both brot back something from the Islands that they can not keep. That is a tan.

HELEN SMITH joins the growing list of retirees. Helen retires the latter part of June from school work in which she has indulged in all of her life.

MARGARET MARKLEY temporary address will be Florence, Oregon 97439. This until she is able to move into her new home which is under construction.

ART HERRON taking off the harness and collar and going out to pasture. Retiring in other words and he and Betty intend to do extensive living in their house on wheels moving from one place to another.

BOB MEDILL, ;earning of the impending gathering of the Princesses at his home, and in fear of such a gathering, left the country, infact left the State and fled to the State of Washington, where he stayed for two weeks to be sure that the wreckage would all be cleared up before returning.

MARGARET WIESE, we all extend to you our synpathies. Margaret's father died at his home in Omaha recently.

DR. ROBERT MOFFITT recently was awarded the coveted Spencer Alexander award for his outstanding and devoted work with the Boy Scouts.

THE BRIDGEMANS? Guess what? They are off for Bloody Ould England come a little later in the summer.

BLANCHE BAILEY BACK FROM Chicago where she visited with her sister, Eloise.

MOVED

BEN ROSS has moved to Portland. Address 1730 NW Couch 97209

PRESIDENT OBSIDIANS, INC.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and your group as the Oregon Vice-President for the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.

This past winter I have been busy talking to elected and Governmental Officials testifying at Hearings and reviewing en-

vironmental impact statements on a variety of subjects including Hells Canyon, Northern Spotted Owls, The Desert Trail, Lower Willamette River Plan, BIM Organic Act and many others.

Each of these activities I believe has benefitted your Club in some way, if not directly at least indirectly. Now I would like to provide a direct service to each of the Federation Clubs in Oregon. With your help I would like to compile a calendar showing all of the outings that our member Clubs will be having this summer.

If you will send me a list of all your hikes, climbs, river trips, etc. I will combine them into a master list for across the State. A copy of this master list will be sent back to your Club so you will know what the other groups in the state are doing.

Hopefully you can send this information to me as soon as possible so I can get the compiled information back to you as soon as possible. May all your outings be sunny ones.

Sincerely,

Al Miller,

2353 NW Kearney, Apt 3
Portland, Oregon 97210

P.S. I would like to have my name placed on your mailing list. (Have done. Ed.)

THE IDAHO ALPINE CLUB, congratulations to you for your latest Bulletin. It is a most unusual and beautiful masterpiece and a publication that you can be most proud of. Obsidian members can and should see it. Found on the table next to the Bulletin Rack.

And in this same issue of the Idaho Alpine is the following:

Some possible new Conservation Organizations:

Society to Abolish Chamber of Commerce Eager for money;

Critics, Rank and Numerous, of our Kooky Society.

Fellows Advocating Rehabilitation of the Corps of Engineers.

The Heroic Union of Disgruntled Dam Demolitionists.

The Society for the Preservation of Peaks Against Climber Erosion

The Society for the Manufacture of Edible Beer Cans.

Committee for Re-educating Anadromous Fish to Stay out of the River.

Climbers League to Investigate the Mt. Borah Syndrome.

Society for the Outlawing of Ridiculous Acronyms.

Advocated by one Jerry Jayne.

BOARD MEETING

Bills paid---

May bulletin postage.....\$17.51

Bronson-Coast trip.....\$166.56

EWEB.....\$35.14

Lois S. White felt-emblems.# 1.50

The rock facade on the north end of the Lodge is up and Clarence Landes deserves a big hand for all the work connected with getting bids, supervising and other chores connected with this mammoth job. The total cost will run something over \$3000.00.

Rex Stevens loaned the Club a great big digger and front end loader to help with the wall. And Rex was up there part of the time to run it.

Considerable discussion arose over the idea of calling for donations for the Mark McLaughlin Memorial Fund for the wall and it was decided not to put on a drive, but anyone wishing to do so may.

Merle Traudt has donated an aluminum flag pole and it is securely embedded in concrete. Looks marvelous.

Dave Z. reported 11 trips reported in with 1 not reported in. On these 11 -136 persons attended.

Don P. turned in one report of a climb and one not turned in.

C. Landes told of the possibility of having the Coburg Caves area closed to all entry account of so many irresponsible people going up on the hill and taking guns with them and shooting at every thing that moves. Owners of this property are getting very angry.

Board authorized Bob Medill to purchase 4 dozen dinner plates. Bea LeFevre offered to donate a dozen Melmac plates. If there are any others who are able to do so call Bob. 726-7496.

Decided not to hold a meeting in July but have one in August. August, in the past, we have not held a meeting, but account of bi-passing July the next Vrd. meeting will be held in August. The 7th.

Voted on the applications of six that seek membership in the Obsidians and one re-entry. All accepted. Names in another item on page 2.

WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Recreation feature of the week.

Many of the high elevation trails on the forest are covered with snow and will remain that way for another month.

For those who are looking for a pleasant one-day hike at lower elevations, however, the Blue River District offers a number of trails which originate round

the area of Cougar Lake.

French Pete Trail 3311 winds five miles thru virgin timber along French Pete Crk. Hikers will find a number of wild flowers as well as a number of interesting foot bridges along this trail. Travelers will encounter snow at about the 5 mile point.

East Fork Trail 3308 is similar to the French Pete Trail. The Trail, paralleling West Fork Creek has a gentle grade and can be made as a short hike out of the Echo Picnic area. The trailhead is at the Echo Picnic location and boat launch. For a longer hike, take a second car about 6 miles up road 1778 to the trail crossing and hike the 6 miles to Echo Picnic area.

Walker Creek Trail 3330 and Rebel Creek Trail 3323 are both free of snow for about the first two miles.

They also report that the snow in Jeff Park is from 12 to 20 feet in depth.

OBSIDIAN MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

This event was a howling success if one judged by the racket everyone made talking to one another.

Approximately 135 folks filled up with ham, eggs and pancakes and over 200 cups of coffee & about that much orange juice.

Maybe it was the china plates instead of the paper plates used in the past, but everyone asserted that they sure enjoyed the breakfast. Several commented on the excellent ham and it was the best that could be bot.

Sue Riemer, Ruth Nichols, Paula Vehrs, Bea LeFevre, Edith Bridgeman, Dorothy Medill, Marge Serfling, Madelon Serfling, Dave Zevenberge and Harvey Harmon all gave their time and labor for which we do thank them. And while handing out the thanks wait to thank the Original Pancake House for furnishing the pancake batter.

The Original Pancake House has furnished the Obsidians for this event now for the past four years and we want to here and now, tell you that it is a very friendly place to eat, the service is exceptional and the host is a most friendly person.

The continuous picture show drew a lot of interest too. A most enjoyable day.

And we do not want to overlook thanks to all you people who came. It was you folks who really made the day. If you had not come it would have been a dreary day indeed.

LEWIS GLACIER

On the south east slope of the south sister by Prof. Edwin Hodge in 1924 honoring Meriwether Lewis.

CONSERVATION KORNER - by Marriner OrumTHE GEOTHERMAL RUSH IS ON

Congressional amendment of section 15 of the Geothermal Steam Act is desperately needed, environmental groups agree

Altho some categories of federal lands such as National Parks, are closed to geothermal lease permits, almost all other Federal lands may be leased---creating a serious inconsistency in declared land use. Among areas in which geothermal leases will be permitted will be wilderness areas, wilderness study areas lands within the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, or studied for inclusion in the system, and National trails.

Oregon has the highest potential for geothermal energy of all the states and the Portland office of the Bureau of Land management has received 866 applications.

State Senator Betty Roberts has been sharply critical of possible leases in wilderness areas and other areas with high recreational use. "Any geothermal development will involve construction of heavy-duty roads, electrical transmission lines, generating plants to produce that electricity and the well sites themselves", she explained. Roberts named 3 examples of lease applications in unsuitable areas:

--In the Three Sisters and Mt. Washington Wilderness areas. (Chevron Oil and Sun Oil).

--In Willamette National Forest, close to Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area, Detroit Dam Recreational area and many hiking trails.

--In Mt. Hood National Forest on the east side, a forested area with heavily used hiking and ski trails (lease applicant, cities of Burbank and Whittier, Calif.)

OREGON NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY

The decisions made by the conservation movement today will effect our lives for centuries. Pressures on the natural environment are accelerating and many of our land use patterns will be irreversible. With foresight we can make progress toward wise land use, for the country is responsive to the issue. But we have got to pick up with every stitch

MYSTERY SKI TRIP 4/27-28

The mystery was Lakeview Mtn. which overlooks Odell Lake. This is a fine ski trip for the novice or intermediate; not too far, not a long hard grind up an endless slope, yet difficult enough to know that you have done something and also extremely rewarding.

A viable and healthy natural environment must have three qualities. It must be clean; it must have wilderness; and it must have diversity. The first 2 qualities are spoken of by antipollution legislation and the wilderness area system. But the value of diversity is yet to achieve its needed recognition in the conservation movement.

Nature's basic opportunism has produced a tremendous variety of organisms each of which is adapted to a specific environment. The present day diversity is as great as the earth has ever seen, but the tendency of man's control of the environment is, with notable exceptions, to reduce the extent of the diversity. The only way to counter this tendency is to set aside preserves of native ecosystems. For instance, only by reserving from the chain saw significantly large tracts of virgin timber can we preserve an entire community of species, including the Spotted Owl of Oregon, which are adapted specifically in that habitat.

There are many practical reasons why diversity is an important value. It provides baseline scientific data with which we can assess the effects of our manipulative activities. It provides a genetic resource which often has economic as well as scientific value. It provides broadening and enriching experiences for man which counter the narrow perspectives fostered by civilization. And then there is an impractical reason: other species should have as much right to survival as we have. Because of our potential destruction and because nobody else will, we must accept the responsibility to protect nature's diversities.

It is the goal of the Nature Conservancy to work for the preservation of this diversity. The same goals are not met by wilderness areas since they are aimed toward preserving untrammelled country and not representative biologic communities or natural features.

This diversity can be protected in a comprehensive natural area preserve system, and the first and essential step is to inventory the existing natural areas. From Oregon Environmental Council

There wer six of us on this trip. We left the railroad tracks at Crescent at 11:30. Taking a leisurely pace we were at Fawn Lake by 3:00. This gave us time to set up camp and do a little downhill sliding. The weather seemed threatening but the next mornig was bright & clear.

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We were away from camp by 7:30. With Paul leading a lively pace we were on top of Lakeview Mtn. in a little over two hours.

With the bright clear weather, Diamond showed in all its splendor. Altho not as high as some of our other peaks, Diamond seems to be more massive.

Aside from the 2 hour rush to the top, it was a leisurely trip. We had time to enjoy the view, identify the peaks, down hill ski and observe a couple of ospreys in their nest along the trail. We were back at the railroad by 3:30.

Again, I submit a favorable word for spring snow camping. It is an excellent time of year for camping. No bugs, no skeeters, no need to be hot, Thirsty or dusty. Furthermore, it is one time of year you can have the country to yourself. Spring camping is not like trying to survive in a snow cave above timberline. In spring the weather is usually much better and the days are longer----- longer than at Labor Day. With modern light-weight equipment it is no difficult to be comfortable without lugging every thing but the kitchen sink. Snow lovers were: Brian Hall, Jack Nitzel, Steve Northrop, Doug Stewart, Paul Orum, and leader Marriner Orum.

EAGLES REST 5/4

Leaving the 3 cars on gravel road 203 this group of 12 hiked along a logging road until it crosses the stream. Shortly thereafter we met Helen Smith and Mary Bridgeman clearing a new section of the trail. They had started at Ash Swale and worked downward, following the old telephone cable. The new trail is a joy to use. A short time was spent at the shelter to fix a loose shingle & observe the skunk cabbage and other wildflowers.

Eagles rest was reached just about noon the weather was co-operating so there were nice views from the rocky outcrop. About an hour was spent eating lunch and relaxing in the sun. On the way down we again met Helen and Mary; they had made quite a bit of progress. We stopped again for a chat. We reached the cars about 3:15. (Some flowers observed were wood violet, angel slipper, spring queen, trillium, spring beauty, spring queen, manzanita, dog wood, sedum, paint brush). We had driven up from Rattlesnake Rd. and Lost Creek and came back via Goodman Creek side. Those participating in this leisurely hike were: Kenneth Adams, Ellen & Ross Bondurant, Michael Hawkins, Dianne Holmes, Sharlyn Jackson, Kathy Landwehrkamp, Laurel Moody, Bob Nordahl, Wesly Prouty, Paula Vehrs and Clara Emlen Idr.

MT. BAILEY CLIMB 5/11-12

The ski touring season came to a close with one of the best trips of the year.

A tour and climb on Mt. Bailey located just west of Diamond Lake.

It was a 4 hour drive to Diamond Lake. Really a beautiful drive down the freeway and up North Umpqua taking an interesting short-cut from Wilbur to Glide. Don't drive that road if not full alert.

We started up Mt. Bailey early afternoon first following a logging road then an old wagon road and finally cross country to a camp spot on a ridge with a view of Diamond Lake and Mt. Thielsen. We could see parts of Mt. McLoughlin and had fleeting glimpses of Mt. Shasta. Sunday morning we awoke to a light falling snow. It was quite icy underneath so we decided to walk to the top and leave our skis in camp. The weather deteriorated as we went further up the mountain and as we became more exposed. There was increasing wind and snow and decreasing visibility. The last $\frac{1}{2}$ mile was a bit of a scramble over a rather narrow ridge with rock outcroppings and icy slopes falling away on either side. This would probably be a snap under more favorable weather conditions, but with the poor visibility, snow and wind made it seem quite hairy.

After awhile we arrived at a point in the clouds where we could find no more up and the altimeter put us 50 feet over the top. (sure heavy clouds. Ed.) After about 2 minutes we made a hasty retreat back down to camp where the climate was much more moderate.

We returned to Eugene via the east side which is but a 3 hour trip arriving home by 5 p.m.

This is a good late winter or early spring climb because the highways to Diamond Lake are kept open providing good access. There are scattered trees quite high on the mountain which give some protection from the weather and the mountain is not very steep. Watch for this trip next year and join us. With the leader were Tim Cook, Jack Nitzel, Paul Orum and leader Marriner Orum.

GIBRALTER & LITTLE COWHORN 6/1

Beating the bush up onto Gibraltar and then doing Little Cowhorn thru the hot parts of the day plus somebody eating some lunch at various intervals (seemingly most of the time) our trip was a joy. This group was blessed with a beautiful day and a grand view of the snow covered mountains from "Jeff" to Diamond.

Then the "Joker in the Deck" was a clean-up job at the Little Cowhorn Look-out building and the immediate yard area. This effort was originally promoted by Helen Smith and Mary Bridgeman.

The work included as follows: Removed shutters, dry scrubbed, dusted and swept the building, cleaned yard area (a mess as a result of a re-roofing job.) There is another chapter of this effort & you will hear more of this later.

Then on the way down from Little Cowhorn a part of the group tagged a suggested route to re-establish the lower part of the trail. However the Lowell Forest District has in mind a more extensive route which seems very suitable. Later we are to converse further with Mr Wilt and from this one or another of the routes will be worked upon and we hope to be able to help.

The Lowell Ranger District office, according to Mr. Wilt, will check out this suggested route.

Laborers were David Atkins, Mary Bridgeman, Rich Freeman, Dorothy Hayes, Chuck Haddad, Clarence Johnson, W.K. Joneschild Elaine Jefferson, Helen Smith, Barbara Stiles, Merle Traudt, Paula Vehrs, Thelma Watson. The leader Clarence Landes.

COAST BUS TRIP 5/4

36 Passengers left the South Eugene parking lot promptly at 8:00 for the bus trip to the Coast. The day was near perfect weatherwise. We headed north to Corvallis via Peoria thru lush green fields (we did no such thing---we stayed on the road. Ed.) and on to Newport where we turned north to Depot Bay. After an hour of varied activity such as seeing the aquarium, watching the boats in the bay, and shopping we returned to the Devil's Punchbowl for a sack lunch. After lunch we drove to the Marine Science Center in Newport to see the fine displays of marine life and to learn more about the expanding marine research carried on by Oregon State University. Our next stop was the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center where we enjoyed a short movie & slides of coast flowers and plants before driving to the top of the cape for the fine views north and south. At Devil's Elbow State Park we again took a coffee break while some picked up rocks and stuck their toes in the surf. Time was getting short, so we had to by-pass Darlingtonia Wayside and hurry on to the Gingerbread House for a short snack. We were in Eugene by 7, tired but happy after a long day of constant activity. This is a good time

of the year for a trip to the coast as the countryside is beautifully green, many flowers are blooming and the weather is usually good. Riding thru the green fields: Muriel Aufderheide, Alice Bissel Margaret Block, Keith and Bessie Brunig, Mary Carr, Ella Carrick, Bailey & Mary Castelloe, Duchess Cox, Geraldine Fehly, Irene Flynn, Gladys Grancorvitz, Virginia Horton, Grace Iseminger, Art and Lillian Johnson, Karen Laretz, Bob & Dorothy Medill, Nellie and Mac McWilliams, Frances Newsom, Ruth Nichols, Janet & M.C. Pattison, Frank and Sue Riemer, Pita Ridings, Grace Smith, Myrtle Smith, Betty Mae Stamm Helen Weiser, Maxcine Williams, Ada Zinser, and Mary Douglass Stovall - leader.

HUMBUG MOUNTAIN 5/26

After breakfast at Humbug State Park or at the motel restaurant a congenial group on a bright blue day climbed flower-filled pastures to an ocean view from the ridge. We followed the sheep trail under the grand fir, past monkey flowers that lined a trickle of water in the rocky draw. A steeper slope led to lunch just below the 1800 foot summit about noon. While Jennie napped a group followed a well brushed-out trail from the top of the pasture to the true summit.

Dropping down thru pastures toward the distant beach we checked such wonders as sheep skulls, wild cucumbers (bitter), and the gopher burrows that hide under small mounds of dirt.

Once on the sand we cooled our feet--- and a few of us cooled a little more when the surf swished shoreward.

The lead party of teenage boys had ample time to fortify the beach with a solid driftwood stockade complete with pole and a bright flag fashioned from a yellow plastic bottle. Their elders retired to the fort for refuge from the blustering beach wind during afternoon snack break.

After a dinal mile of beach trudging, carrying treasures of driftwood and dragging 20 foot bull-whips of kelp we straggled to the waiting car for the ride back to our starting point. Said a newcomer, "I thot it strange that you planned to drive back from a hike, but now I see why!" Making up this party: Diane & David & Denise Blyce, Jennie and Jane Flanagan, Joe & Marge King, Beverly Sonoda, Ross McFadden, Marta Saltzman, Theodore Stern, Dick Wicklund, Kelly and Mike & Steve & Freeman Wicklund, Ruth & Tom & Paula & Mary & John Bascom with John the leader.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

At the 1970 Summer Camp at Black Lake many worthwhile trips were taken. The one over Purgatory Saddle, Many Yellow Columbine as well as fields of Shooting Stars were encountered on the way to Emerald Lake nestled between rugged ridges its blue-green water was beautiful to be seen.

But the "Big Trip" of all was the Jet Boat down Hells Canyon on the swift water of the Snake on Aug 12. I had the pleasure of sharing the boat with Robert Dark, Anita, Delyn and Eunice. We entered the boat at 9 A. M. and at first in the shade of high ridges, Oregon on the left and Idaho on the right, some clear water, but mostly fast and beautiful green water. Our course down river came to a stop as big rocks and overgrowth extended clear across the fast moving river. Here most of the party went down the bank and walked down the sandy edges of the river back to the boat.

On the trip upstream a sandy beach on the Idaho side was spotted, so a lunch stop was made but before lunch a delightful swim was had by Dr. Bob, Delyn and Eunice and at this spot Indian "Housa Area" relics when the Indians lived in houses dug in the ground about the time of Christ.

MCKENZIE VIEW DRIVE BICYCLE TRIP 2/25

From Alton Baker Park we bicycled along Coburg Road to Armitage Park. We stopped here just long enough to pick a returnable bottle (3¢). Just across the bridge we turned right onto McKenzie View Drive. With the sun popping thru some clouds it was warm enough for shirt sleeves. There's always lots to observe along this 6 mile drive - views of the river and farms, many different wildflowers, birds and other wildlife. Where the McKenzie View Drive dead ends we turned right onto Hill Road, then right again onto Mohawk Road to Marcola Road where we ate lunch near the bridge. We cycled back thru Springfield via Marcola Road, N 5th, D st., Garden Way & Day Island Road to the bikeway to Alton Baker Park. Only two Obsidians made this enjoyable trip: Wes Prouty and Leader Clara Emlen.

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FINLEY WILDLIFE REFUGE 5/5

We started our hike by watching swallows building their nests. They were busily flying to the marsh and back to the barn with mud. One bird inadvertently dropped his supply right smack on us!

Fred Seillemaker, the refuge biologist was our guide and as we hiked along an 8 mile lopp we saw many different species of birds, plants, trees and wildflowers. (lots of Iris) While we were observing some birds in the waterfowl display pool a large flock of Canada geese flew overhead. Altho they couldn't fly, the geese on the water answered the call of the flock as they went by. Later we watched other flocks fly over the refuge wa we were enjoying our lunch in the warm sunshine. We arrived back at Park Headquarters, got drinks of water, thanked Fred, rested a bit, then left for Eugene by 4:45. Sunny weather, nice people-good hike On trip! Mary Bridgeman, Sharon & Victoria Gilman, Tim Cook, Gladys Grancorvitz, Ellen Houser, Beth Moursund, Bob Nordahl Marriner Orum, Hazel Peck, Jon Thompson, Merle Traudt, Paula Vehrs, Ron Leland & Dorothy Leland, Leader.

SILVER CREEK FALLS 5/18

After waiting 20 minutes for the other 6 people who signed up but did not come, we left the parking lot just as it began to rain. Optimistically, believing the weather man report that the weather will clear we proceeded undaunted. However, it did not clear and in fact we were deluged with water the rest of the day-overhead nad underfoot. Besieged by the environment we were not able to fully appreciate the beauties of the park and falls and wild flowers, as we would have otherwise. However, in spite of it all, the glorious beauty of the area won, over the distaste for the weather, and, we all voted after the return to the cars that we were glad we had come. All those waterfalls and wildflowers are indeed an inspiration! The hardy souls who braved the rain: Rolfe & Bertha Anderson, Gladys Grancorvits, Ruth Nichols, Robert Nordahl, Don Payne, George Peffell (member Seattle Mountaineers) Merle Traudt & leaders Hazen and Lorene Bressler.

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