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SPECIAL NOTICE

From July 15th to Sept. 15th all trips will take off from 19th and Patterson account of construction around the Park block.

TRIPS

- July 20-21-McFarland Lake. Leading-Dave Zevenbergen.
July 28----June Lake. Leading? Bob Cox.
July 27-28-Grasshopper to Chucksney Mtn. Helen Smith leading.
Aug. 3-----Obsidian Loop with Ken and Robin Lodewick leading.
Aug. 4-----Tidbits and Alvin Lynch leads
Aug. 3-4----Linton Meadows & Greg Wannier to accompany you.
Aug. 17-----Marie & Rockpile Lakes. Charlotte Mills leads.
Aug. 18----Scott Mountain. Melba Echhoff in front.
Aug.,25----Irish Mtn. with Nerle Traudt leading.
Aug. 31----Collier Glacier. Chuck Berkey for company.
Sept. 7----Fawn Lake and Gloria Hanan leading.
Sept. 8----Yapoah Lake. Again Bob Cox leads.
Sept. 15---Mystery Hike and leading will be John Cecil.
Sept. 14-15-Bert Ewing will lead a trip to be announced.

CLIMBS

- July 19-20-North Sister Via Hayden Glacier.Sat. Climb.Don Payne lds
July 20-21-South Sister with Jim Jeppesen leading.
July 20-21-Middle Sister.Gregory Wannier leader.
July 27-28-South Sister via Green Lakes and Joel McClure leads.
July 27-28-Mt. Jefferson and in front is Bob Dark.
July 27-28-Broken Top. Clarence Landes leads this one.
Aug. 3-4---Mt. Washington and leading is Rick McManigal.
Aug. 10-11-Middle Sister Via Scott Camp and leader is Jim Jeppesen.

- Aug. 10-11-Mt. Thielsen. John Bascom out in front.
Aug. 17-18-Middle Sister via Squaw Creek Go this one with Bruce Utsey.
Aug.,24-25-Diamond Peak with Dave Burwell leading.
Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2- Mt. Jefferson and in front is Rich Temple.
Sept. 7-8--Diamond Peak via Blue Lake & leading is Wes Prouty.
Sept. 14-15-Three Fingered Jack and Ric Craven Leads.

MOUNT HOOD BUS TRIP

The next Obsidian Bus Trip goes to Mount Hood August 10 and 11. We have rooms with twin beds, transportation and trips fee for just \$22. Non-members add 10%. Take sack lunch-coffee will be furnished. Dinner and breakfast are available at Timberline Lodge. We should have more than 24 hours in which to hike around, look for flowers and birds and just to enjoy the fresh air and the view To sign up call Mrs. George Kardell 344-4057 and send check to her at 350 Pearl St. Eugen, Oregon 97401, by Aug. First. Refunds can be made if there is a replacement. Timberline Lodge is a beautiful spot.

AWAY WE GO TO THE GREAT EXPO!

September 11, 12, 13, 14.

Yes, you'll be sure to go,
If you send in your "dough."
August 15th's the due date.
Please try not to be late!
Advance expenses we must pay,
So we can all be on our way.
You should take a sack lunch,
And dine merrily with the bunch.
With coffee please don't fuss,
There will be plenty on the bus.
If you need to know more,
We won't be a bit sore,
If you just call Gerry,
Three four three-
Two seven eight four.
If hse's not in her place,
Just call Grace 345-6568,
And don't make it too late!

THE KOFFEN KORNEN by Frank Riemer

Whilst sashaying thru yon "Marble Orchard" (cemetery) "twixt our pad and the University, I came upon a departed one's Epitaph, with a live one's Addendum forsooth:"

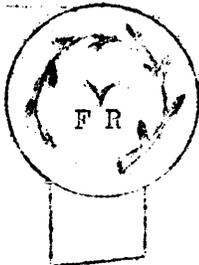
* EPITAPH *

Remember Friends, as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now, you soon shall be,
Prepare for death and follow me.

* ADDENDUM *

"To follow you, I'm not content,
Until I know which way you went."
Ye candead observer,
F. "but earnest" R.

As for me
Tho Heaven Bent
I'm not so sure
Of Sacrament,



BIKE TO BELLINGER'S LANDING 6/2

Three pedal pumpers pushed perserveringly from Alton Baker Park Pond Bridge to cross Autzen Footbridge on Sun. in 5 hours. If this time reminds of recent Calif. tortoise race, consider that the trio took 40 min. for lunch at bellinger's Landing off Camp Crk. Rd. (way to WALTERVILLE from Northeast Springfield) on shore of McKenzie R. It was ideal for bicucling 32 miles in a mildly breezy 60 to 70 F. brite sunshine & under pale-blue sky.

We rolled at 10 a.m. out Coburg Rd and soon saw pretty sight of horses, cattle grazing green meadows which reach east to Coburg Hills & west toward cloud-covered outlines of Coast Range. By 10:30 we had detoured to give our Colorado cyclist her first view of McKenzie R. & Armitage Park. Trip hilite was next 6 miles over McKenzie View Dr. seeing white water and grassy plains of McK. R. below & Coburg Hills above. At 11:30 we turned onto Hill Road, then Mohawk-Marcola Rd. (largely rutted & gravelled, impeding us) and up & down Camp Crk Rd. aside McK. R. to Bllgr Landing. (12:30)

Here we sat on log, talked about travel camping, cycling, trail, food. Ate lunch watched fastmoving McK. R. waters and motor boat powering upstream & flying downstream. After sortie toward WALTERVILLE we returned to Eugene on Mohawk Rd

"O", 5th & "D" sts.; very busy Baker bike path, crossed Autzen Bridge 3 p.m.

Trip leader had planned all-speed 8 hr 40-mi. circle ride between Eugene & WALTERVILLE to leave E. Park St. 9 a.m. and Baker Pond 9:15 a.m. What occurred to cause marked change from leisurely jaunt to hurried, shorter ride? Leader allowed trippers to ignore sign-up, tool & patch kits, bike & rider in good shape & plans (leave at 9, not 10 due to loose screw & no screwdriver: return at 5, not 3, due to commitment for canoeing).

What lesson learned? Prerequisites and plans must prevail when experience so dictates & bicycling is best way to see countryside. Learning & recovering from experinence were Belle Hendrickson, Jack Sjolseth and leader Dave Cohen.

FRENCH PETS 6/15-16

French Pete, as usual, was beautiful and especially so with the good weather we had. We packed in about 3 miles to the first large camping area we found. Some of su stayed there the rest of the after noon. Some of us went for short walks, the more ambitious ones hiked another 8 or 9 miles and the boys fished.

We couldn't have had nicer weather or have hiked in a prettier place.

(Dave: the snow level was about 8 miles in from the trail-head-not the 11 miles that people had been reporting).

Dorothy Hayes led the following people Mary Bridgeman, Maragret Brittain, Grant DeBuw, Al & Theresa Gamache, Gladys Gran-corvitz, Chuck Haddad, Marilyn Hartman, John Hribernick, Fred Huntington, Clarence Johnson, Bob Wordahl, Peter Stasney, Paula Vehrs and Dorothy Turner.

MT JUNE 6/15

We left 19th & Patterson at 8:15 in 2 cars and followed hiway 58 and turned off on Rattlesnake Road, then to Lost Creek Road to trailhead, leaving about 9:40 and reached summit at 11:45.

We were fogged in soon after reaching the Lost Creek Road and while hiking the trail. On reaching the summit we were above the fog. From time to time the fog would lower enough to see nearly all the snow capped peaks from Jefferson to Diamond Peak. We got to see little of the lower area. We returned to the cars at 2:30 and were home at 4 p.m. Cutting thru the fog were: David Adkins, Jean Calef, Tink, Matt, John and Jeanette Gent Rolfe Anderson was the leader.

NOTE: 5 signed up and did not show up).

COAST BICYCLE TRIP 5/25-27

HARDESTY MT. 6/8

This was a 3 day bicycle trip on Memorial Day weekend. The tour was via Smith River Road over the Coast Range. It goes thru the Oxbow Burn area and is often called the Oxbow Road.

The 13 cyclists left the Lane County Fairgrounds at 9 a.m. Saturday under an overcast sky. We were all prepared for rainy weather and our "pummies" (bike saddle bags) bulged with rain gear. By the time we got to Crow Hi-School the sun was out. Some optimist brot suntan lotion and saved much burning.

The Oxbow Road has three mountain passes of at least 2½ miles each that we had to climb over on our 10-speed bikes. They were tough and every hill after those was "no sweat". We spent the night at Vincent Creek REcreation area approximately 55 miles from Eugene.

The next day we rode on to Gardner where we bought more provisions. Sunday night we camped at Siltcoos Outlet Camp. Walked to the beach. Played hide and go seek and got bitten by no-see-ems. This leg was about 45 miles.

Monday we battled the Memorial Day traffic going home from the beach along Hiway 126, (route F) 500 Campers must have passed us. Stopped at Gingerbread House for brunch. Created quite a scene - like people had never seen bicycles before. Last leg thru Florence, Noti Crow and to Eugene was about 85 miles. Bikers were: Kym Kirk, Kevin McCornack, Annette and Glenn Miller, Kevin & Steven McManigal, Alice Moffitt, Chris & Paul & Harriner Crum, Mike Roberts, Harriarne Sandstrom and Leader Richard Moffitt. (I have been told that on bike trips led by Richard Moffitt that one does not have to stay at home because perhaps in need of dental work. Dick carries tools to handle anything that may arise, and also have been told that one should take along complete dental care kits of dental gloss and toothbrushes unless wanting to get hawled out by him. Ed.)

FAWN ROCK 5/19

Rain showers along the trail with a "down pour" at lunch time, but partly clearing skies in the afternoon. With saws, axes and pruning shears the crew finished brushing out the trail to the top of Fawn Rock. Fawn Rock is in the upper Fall Creek area. I thank my good helpers for a nice job done. On this work party were: Barbara and Will Ross, Helen Smith, Ted Stern, Merle Traudt and leading Mary Bridgeman.

Left Hi-School parking lot at 7 a. m. and drove to Goodman Creek on Hiway 58. We started up the trail at 7:45 and on the summit at 11:30. After lunch about half of the group took a side trip heading for Sawtooth Rocks which we did not reach because we took a trail marked Sawtooth Trail that did not lead to Sawtooth Rocks. After returning to Hardesty we sunned and viewed until 2:30 before starting down. All peaks clearly visible including Mt. Hood. Arrived back in town at 6 p.m.. Al Gamache, Tink & Jeanette & Nora & George Gent, George Peefall, H.D. Young, V. Wiles and leader Lee Hatch on this trip.

McKENZIE VIEW DRIVE LOOP 5/12

We met at Alton Baker Park and went back on bike path to Autzen Stadium, where we cut over to Centennial, went out Garden Way, Harlow Rd. and Gateway to Armitage Park, where we waited for half of our party to catch up after repairing a flat. We had a few snacks and started along McKenzie View Dr., the 5-speeds struggling up the hills while the 10-speeders waited smugly at the top.

Bernice kept chasing away the showers by putting on her poncho. Back on Hill Rd. to Hayden Bridge. Tried to crash the gates at the filtraion plant hill to see the view, but no luck. Back along Hayden Brige Rd to Moffitts for rest & recuperation. Part of the group remained here while others made their way back to Alton Baker Park with various stops long the way. Bikers, one and all were Bernice Field, Kevin & Steven McManigal, Alice & Bobby & Dick Moffitt, Suzie Spitler and the leader, Rose Marie Moffitt.

GORDON MEADOWS 6/15

This trip was re-scheduled for June 15 due to heavy snow remaining in the area in May. We used the old Gordon Meadows trail (re-opened last fall after being abandoned for several years). The trail begins in logging unit 3 off road 1348 near Cascadia. The 4 miles to the meadow included an obstacle course of winfall trees, some snow and some wet areas in the meadows. The highlight of the trip was finding the old Hyatt Shelter at the edge of the big meadow. The shelter is extremely picturesque but it needs extensive repairs to preserve it (new mud sill, ridge poles, shake siding and roof shakes. The 8 mile round trip hike along Falls Creek to the meadows was made by Wilbur Groner, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt Ted Stern and Leader Wes Prouty.

WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST
RECREATION FEATURE OF THE WEEK

Many recreationists are already aware that the Cascades Mtn.s recieved one of the heaviest snowfalls on record, last winter. They know of many areas on the Detroit District are still covered with snow--up to as much as 17 feet in places

Instead of writing about the present with discouraging snow pack information, some history about the North Santiam area--as far back as 1873 seems more intriguing.

the first record of white men in the area was in 1873. Ethman Henness and a companion, scouting a possible wagon rd. from the Willamette Valley to eastern Oregon, followed the North Santiam to its source at Santiam Lake. The two then went on over the mountains beyond Suttle Lake to the "flat" country.

Later, the men reported their findings to interested parties in Salem, advising them that there was an easy grade over the mountains except for a particular area near Niagra where construction of a road would be difficult.

John Minto, desiring a short route to eastern Oregon because he had large herds of sheep there, came up from Salem to inspect the pass. He climbed to the top of a ridge near Idanha reaching what is now called Gale Hill. Climbing a tree on Gale Hill, he was able to see Minto Mountain with its grass-covered summit and that he was looking into eastern Oregon.

Minto returned to Salem and tried to raise money to build the road across the mountains the cost of which he estimated to be about \$5,000. Minto was successful in raising enough money to make a survey of the location work for the road. With a party of 8 he set out in 1874 to do the location work.

Because of Minto's firm conviction that Minto Mtn. was the summit, his supposed knowledge of the high Cascades (which he had never seen), and considerable argument over his convictions, the mountain was named after him.

The work party travelled as far as Marion Forks and camped on what is now Independence Prairie. Here, the party split. Minto and half the crew went up Marion Creek, while the remainder of the crew went up the North Santiam.

The two parties reunited at Marion Forks and compared notes. Since the pass up Marion Creek and over Minto Pass was judged to be 15 miles closer, the decision was made to use it.

John Minto then went to Salem and continued his efforts to raise money to construct the road. He was successful in 1878 and a crew of about 25 men was sent to build the road in 1879. With this crew were two women cooks, one named Pamela and one named Marion. It was after these two cooks that Pamela and Marion Lakes were named.

When it soon became apparent that a wagon road could not be built for the money that was available, a trail was blazed thru and logs cut out over the pass to eastern Oregon.

Because of John Minto's efforts in securing money to build the road and trail the trail was named Minto Pass. So far as can be determined this was the first trail built over the mountains in this vicinity. Old Indian trails leading thru the mountains are reported by early settlers, but nothing definite has ever been proven about them.

(Historical information gathered by Glenn C. Charlton, Detroit District Ranger, '37)
BOOK REVIEW by Beatrice LeFevre

In his book The Meek Mountaineers Fred Jacobson tells of the urge to reach each summit, from childhood and Sunset Hill in Vermont to the Matterhorn, then the plan to top each Swiss Peak over 4000 meters and on to conquering the Stecknadelhorn and Sudlenz.

He reports the excitement, effort, thrills and joys of climbing, with many details such as the relative intensity of fear regarding 1000 ft. and 3000 foot exposures! There are black and white photos of many peaks and details of each Alpine climb, with description of many an arete.

This book is recommended to all climbers and would-be climbers who enjoy vicarious climbing or want to learn about the Alps.

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(This book came to the Obsidiens for review and to announce it in our publication. Prices vary as to amount of order. If interested communicate with the Board We may be able to send a cut-rate order)

BLACK BUTTE

Oregon has 8 Black Buttes, but the one we have in mind is near the head of the Metolius River. It is a favorite Obsidian climb and this is why we mention it.

The name was first noted on a map of 1855. It is not known by whom it was so named, but it is a butte and it is, black.

OBSIDIAN WORK PARTY AT THE LODGE

June 23 - 10 a.m.

Merle Traudt, Mary Bridgeman, Don Payne, Charlotte Mills, Alan Payne, Eric Marshall, Aaron Cochran, C. Landes. A total of 35 hrs. Don Payne with his "power mower" mowed all the roads and trails, 4 hours of it, and it sure cleaned up the place besides improving the appearance of the outside areas. We thank you all.

Merle Traudt, with his chain saw fell three small trees and cut them into fire place lengths for the Lodge. The purpose of this effort was to prepare a place west of the Lodge building for a wood & storage shed. Also it helped the looks of that area.

The clean-up crew (brush clearing, wood stacking, moving temporary shed and contents, and visiting) was Mary, Charlotte, Alan, Eric, Aaron and Clarence.

All in all, it was a good effort and the results show that we are gradually gaining on some of the projects. We thank you all.

McKENZIE RIVER TRAIL 6/23

A small but unperturbed group left town at 7:45 a. m. to McKenzie River Crossing #1575. From here we took the trail as it follows the river on its northward course. And it's a long, long trail awinding under towering trees, laced by woodland, spring flowers and highlighted by the sparkling, rushing waters of the river. While sitting on a log, nibbling away at food, we glanced at 2 deer browsing thru the woods on the opposite shore. Thoroughly enjoying this perfect day were: Gladys Grancorvitz, Gloria Hana & Paula Vehrs, the leader. (Note: In every instance of mention of flowers on trips the groups have always encountered WILD flowers. On this trip flowers encountered were spring flowers. Ed.)

A MEETING

was held at the home of C. Landes with the Climbing Committee in attendance to discuss the using of the wall. Several plans and pieces of plans were talked over. Seems that other groups have expressed a desire to use the wall. One thos proposed was to let outside groups have use of the wall on February 30th & 31st, but the group closed the meeting with no really definite plans, but to ride along, and as time goes by to formulate plans by experinece. Some rules & regulations were approved of. Maybe more information will be available at a later date to put in the Obsidian.

LITTLE COWHORN L.O. 6/22

Every person on this trip needs a big gold star by their name for a job well done. We stopped at Lowell Ranger Station and picked up paint and miscellaneous supplies including two rubber water bags. Two cars went up but one was left at the saddle and the other one being Clarence' truck we loaded supplies, people & rocks into it so that we could go up a steep, older road but closer to the trail-head.

We got ourselves and supplies on top about 11:30 a.m., and after a snack proceeded with the work which was to paint the L. O. It took us all afternoon, but we did a fine looking job. It turned out to be a brown stain which was rather drippy, but using drip cloth and wiping up quickly the deck is moderately well speckled. Clarence was the organizer, which, needless to say, made for a smooth working party. Shortly after noon Wesley Prouty, with a party behind him, paid us a visit. However he had been forewarned that we would be there, so was not surprised. Chuck Haddad did a good job of hunting up trash and carried two large bags full out. When we arrived back at the car the men loaded the full water bags on their backs and carried them back up the trail to the L.O. We are to wash the interior down with water and a detergent to get the mildew off the walls which will be done in the near future. This was a Forest Service Volunteer project of which they have several and was a good experience for the Club members.

The F.S. can no longer budget funds to maintain buildings of this nature which they do not use for administration purposes, so if we wish to see them remain as emergency shelters or sort of historical sites, we need to help maintain them.

The busy bees were Mary Bridgeman, Merle Traudt, Duchess Cox, Chuck Haddad, Clarence Landes, Charlotte Milles and Helen Smith leader even the Clarence Landes was the labor organizer.

GATE CREEK

A toll gate was established here to collect tolls before proceeding up the McKenzie. Originally called Elliston. In 1900 the name was changed to Gate Creek but because of confusion with Gale Crk., up near Forest Grove the Postal Service asked to have the name changed so it was changed to Vida after a daughter of the local post master, Francis Pepiot. Established 1898.

THE NEXT POTLUCK WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER..

MYRTIE HAMLIN, Princess Drifting Cloud

earned her Princess status in 1932. An Obsidian for many, many years up until her death July 2nd, 1974. A most loyal member and one who did a tremendous lot for the organization. Myrtie has not been very active the past few years, so you newcomers have not had the privilege of knowing her, but those of us who have had this pleasure know just how much her loss means to us all.

HELEN HUGHES. We extend our sympathies to you at this time. Helen's mother, Ina Belle Hughes died recently. She had been a resident in Helen's home for a number of years. Ina would have been 83 years of age July 18th.

TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

Beginning with the date July 11-1974, there will be a practice session at the Obsidian Rock Wall.

Due to the limited number of persons that the area will accommodate we are asking that any of you that plan to be there please register ahead of time by phone.

These sessions will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each Thursday. Climbing Comm.

Also a member may arrange dates other than the times above by having someone qualified to take charge. It will be necessary to call Clarence Landes 344-4500 to register and allow for entrance. It is of the utmost importance to call your attention to the fact that entrance must be made so as not to park outside of the gate causing complaints about blocking the road. Again to get access to the ground before going up to the Lodge!!!!!!!!!!!!

FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS CONVENTION

The 42nd Annual Convention will be held this year at Red Barn Ranch August 31 & September 1 & 2 at Auburn, Washington. Registration Fee - \$10 per person. \$15 per couple or family. Room and Meals \$15 per person (Sat. lunch thru Monday lunch.) Bring your sleeping bag. Reservation deadline - August 19th. For reservations write Barbara Crow, 2935 - 74th Avenue, Mercer Island, Washington 98040.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S MEETING

The Annual Princesses entertaining of a;; the women of the Obsidians will take place at the Lodge July 15th beginning at 7 p.m. This affair will be a smorgasborg.

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NEXT PRINCESS MEETING

Will be at the wigwam of Mary Gillespie 277 Grand st. N. 7:30 p.m. with Florence Sims co-hostess.

IRON MT. 6/30

16 left the East Park Blocks at 8:20 and headed to Hwy 5 & turned at Brownsville to S, Santiam parking across from Iron Mt. Trail. After introductions we were on the trail by 10. Snow was on the trail in shady places, but the meadow was clear, but only 1/3 of the many flowers were out. The large snowfield near the L.O. had a good trail across the middle, so the party moved across with ease. The same L.O. was the same as last year. The day was clear and the Mtns. from Diamond to Hood were easily seen in their mantle of snow. Most stopped at the McKenzie Falls on the way home which was reached by 4:30. On this hike were: Ken & Robin Lodewick, Herbert & Evelyn McCormack, Agnes Chapman, Kenneth Hixson, William and Donna Dodge, Marion Mathews, Teresa Nutt, Nancy Marshall, Idannay Rowley, Bill Seavey, Marion Svinth, George Squires, Robin Lodewick rear Guard and Ray Sims leader.

CATHERINE JONES & MARGARET WIESE resting up after having to sweat out two weeks over on the Islands. Hawaii that is

DAVID ZEVENBERGEN

Arranged the program for the June 22nd potluck and should have MC'd the evening I hereby acknowledge this oversight on my part. Bob Medill

SUSAN ALICE SPENCER

Most folks, when having a daughter get married, gain a son, but the spencers are not. They are even losing a daughter Susan and her husband, Robert Bettis will be making their home in Kansas City.

BARBARA, Mrs. Don Payne (you did not know? Well, you do now,) has presented a United States flag to the Club to be used on the new flag pole that has been presented and put in place by one Merle Traudt and one Clarence Landes.

PAULA VEHRS getting a face lift. Her house that is. A new white covering.

DEDICATION

Dedication of the completion to the completion of the addition to the Lodge was held a few evenings ago. Just a few close friends of Mr. & Mrs Stewart McLaughlin along with the McLaughlins to see the finished work of the wall.

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