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**Car Pooling Rate  
 Raised to 7 Cents**  
 See page 10.

**Please Help**  
 To donate to the lodge  
 renovation campaign or to  
 volunteer time, see Page 7.

M. "Doris" Jones (1911-2005)

**First Woman to Climb  
 All Three Sisters in One Day**

**M. "DORIS" (SIMS) JONES** – an Obsidian who was the first woman ever to climb all Three Sisters in one day -- died in a retirement home in La Pine, OR, on April 8 of age-related natural causes. She was 93. There will be a private scattering of ashes by the family at a later date.

Born Margaret Doris on Nov. 30, 1911, to Harry and Hazel (Austin) Osborn in Watertown, SD, she grew up in Eugene and graduated from Eugene High School in 1930. Doris worked as a school secretary from 1948 to 1984, retiring to Bend at that time. In 1960, she married Frank Jones in Yachats. Survivors include her son Jim (Ann) Sims of Springfield; a sister, Blanche Bross of Bend; and two grandchildren.



**DORIS, "PRINCESS WHITE DOVE,"** completed 137 Obsidian trips, including 20 climbs. She also enjoyed gardening, sailing and skiing. Her amazing Three Sisters feat on Labor Day weekend in 1949 was

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**Geologist Ewart Baldwin  
 Breaks New Ground, Turns 90**

**OBSIDIANS ARE INVITED** to an open house celebrating Ewart Baldwin's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at First United Methodist Church (14<sup>th</sup> & Olive) from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. An already sold-out Byways-By-Bus trip on May 17<sup>th</sup> is also dedicated to Ewart.

Ewart, emeritus professor of geology at the University of Oregon, recently received the Oregon Academy of Science's Outstanding Scientist Award. Now in his 58<sup>th</sup> year at the U of O, he is considered the foremost authority on the historical geology of Oregon. He has mapped more than 4,000 square miles of southwestern Oregon and the southern Oregon coast as a field geologist and professor studying the geological record of the Tertiary period, stretching from 65 million to 2.3 million years ago. He is the author of the widely used textbook, "Geology of Oregon."

**BORN IN A LOG CABIN** on May 17, 1915, near Pomeroy, WA, Ewart grew up in the Blue Mountains of southeast Washington. His education began in a one

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**Welcome!**

**New Member**

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7300 N. Mona Lisa Rd. #3217  
Tucson, AZ 85741

***Heritage Committee***

**IN 2004**, says Janet Jacobsen, “it seemed like an easy project when we made plans to frame 20 or so historical black and white Obsidian photographs”

Since then, Curtis Irish copied and enlarged the scrapbook photos, Wes Prouty made beautiful juniper frames, Rick Ahrens did the research for the captions and Janet typed the captions on labels. Many of the photographs will have additional labels on the backs of their frames with more information. Peter Graham has cut the mats and has completed the final steps in the assembly process. The cost for the matting and glass is around \$170. The Princesses donated \$100 for the framing project.

“We are fortunate to have so much volunteer help,” Janet says. “The next decision is whether we should wait to hang them until after the renovation project. If we do, that will make the grand opening even more special.”

**Nominating Committee**

**THE NOMINATING** Committee met Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the nomination procedure for selecting three candidates for election for three-year terms to the Obsidian board of directors beginning January 2006. The committee will meet again during the first half of June to finalize the list of candidates. The nominees’ names need to be submitted to the board at its July meeting. The election will take place at the October 10 annual meeting at the lodge.

Article IV of the Obsidian constitution (GOVERNMENT, Section C) describes the responsibilities of the board of directors and Nominating Committee.

The members of the Board of Directors shall be nominated and elected as follows: At the April meeting the Board shall appoint from the Club at large a Nominating Committee of five (5) Active Members whose duty it shall be to nominate three (3) candidates for the Board of Directors for the coming year. The Nominating Committee shall report to the Board of Directors at the July board meeting, the names of three (3) nominees for Board of Directors (with approval of those nominated). The names of nominees shall be published in the July Bulletin. Up to three (3) additional nominees may be submitted by petition (signatures of five (5) voting members required with approval of those nominated to the Secretary before the September board meeting. Complete slate of nominees shall be published in the September Bulletin.

Please contact any of the Nominating Committee members listed below before June 1 if you have members you would like to be considered as candidates or if you have suggestions or comments.

Lenore McManigal, [johnmcmmanigal@aol.com](mailto:johnmcmmanigal@aol.com)  
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<b>May 2005 - Membership Statistics</b>	
Active	455
Associate	37
Honorary	3
Junior	18
Life	<u>25</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>538</b>

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Mary Croson      Sandra Larsen  
John Pegg      Steve Schriver  
Susan Sullivan

*Board meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, except August, at the Obsidian Lodge.*

**Committee Chairpersons**

By-Ways By Bus .....Liz Reanier  
Climbs ..... Sue Sullivan  
Concessions .....Laurie Funkhouser  
Conservation.....Doug Nelson  
Entertainment ..... Kathy Hoeg  
Extended Trips ..... Lana Lindstrom  
Finance .....Ken Kodama  
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Ardys Ringsdorf, Yuan Hopkins, Ray Jensen, Lenore and John McManigal, Rose Marie and Dick Moffitt and Marshall Kandell

## COMING THIS MONTH

# *Coast to Canyonlands- Diverse Landscapes*

**EUGENE RESIDENT AND NATIVE OREGONIAN** James Johnston will present his slideshow "Coast to Canyonlands," which chronicles four years of exploring Oregon's diverse landscapes, from the canyonlands of eastern Oregon to the temperate rainforests of the Coast Range. James is the executive director of the Cascadia

Wildlands Project (CWP), a Eugene-based nonprofit conservation group whose mission is defending the forests, waters, and wildlife of the Cascadia bioregion. He has written extensively about local day hikes as the Outdoor Editor for the Eugene Weekly. His show will highlight some of the magnificent and easy-to-visit forests of

Lane County and endangered ecosystems throughout our beautiful state.

**Join us on Friday, May 20**  
**Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; program, 7:30.**  
Bring your own plate, cup, utensils and a dish to share. Limited Parking. **Fee to cover utilities, etc.: \$1 per person.**

## POTLUCKS

### APRIL REVIEW

## *“Handsome Man in Cuba”*

*By Beth Kodama*

**PART TRAVELOGUE**, part lifestyle advice and (a very small) part sales pitch, Lynette Chiang's program introduced us to both her spunky philosophy of life and her bike trip through Cuba. A lively speaker with a personal touch, Lynette told how she quit her job in Australia seven years ago, bought a round-the-world airline ticket and set out with her bike on an adventure that's still unfolding.

She still has the same \$5,000 in the bank she started out with -- thanks to frugal habits, a willingness to rough it and many jobs along the way, including: stints as an ad copy writer (very successful), a waitress (fired after three weeks) and a chef (for three months). Her approach to life: don't study something; try it out first to see if you like it. To people who marvel at her risk tolerance she says, "If you thought too hard about things, you wouldn't go out the door."

**CUBA IS OFF-LIMITS** to U.S. citizens and you can be fined for going, but a quiet side trip to Cuba from Costa Rica will probably escape the notice of U.S. authorities, according to Lynette. (By the way, one Obsidian in the audience had been to Cuba -- Dot Leland, in 1986.) Tourists are the Cuban government's cash cow, so they want to be sure you have a good time...hence the requirement that you stay in hotels and guesthouses licensed for foreigners. But Lynette was traveling on a shoestring and looking for a different kind of experience. In most places she found friendly Cubans willing to risk putting her up in their unauthorized guesthouses. Others welcomed her into their modest homes and shared meals with her (invariably beans and rice, with cabbage and perhaps some tough pork).

Lynette likes to travel light; the less stuff you have, the less you have to keep track of. For three months in Cuba she got by with the contents of two panniers, her tent (seldom used) and a small bag on her handlebars. She showed us one essential item -- a little black dress for special occasions, in its own tiny stuff sack. With so little gear and her fold-up

bike, Lynette was able to hop a train or hitch rides in cars, trucks and even on a boat.

**THERE WERE FEW CARS** on the roads in Havana, and even fewer in the countryside -- great for biking -- but Lynette ended up taking a train from Havana east to the other end of the island and biking back, to have the prevailing wind at her back. Everywhere in Cuba she found people friendly, neatly dressed (the grungy look isn't popular there) and poor, but far from destitute. With daily ration cards for food no one goes hungry and there is free medical care, provided by doctors who earn about \$25 a month! Monthly incomes for most people average \$7 to \$17. With an economy like this, there are few places to shop or eat out. Lynette was glad she had a Tupperware container along so she could carry food (rice and beans, of course).

Havana was sprinkled with stunning, but poorly maintained, colonial buildings that often housed small capitalist entrepreneurs who refilled lighters or patched tires. There were plenty of hustlers, but they hustled in "the nicest possible way." Besides Havana, we saw slides of Cayo Granma, a beautiful island near Santiago de Cuba; Castle Morro, praised by Lynette even though she admitted to being "castled-out" after the British Isles; Mazanillo, with its ceramic sunflower memorial to Celia Sanchez, Fidel Castro's longtime confidante; and the mountainous eastern region of the island, with its balsa trees and oddly shaped limestone formations. But most of all we saw people and especially children -- the friends Lynette made among people she found unpretentious, warm and welcoming.

After the program, Lynette demonstrated her touring bike, custom-made to fit the buyer, like all Bike Friday bicycles. Lynette's proud of the company and thinks we should be too. They're a local success story. Only 12 years old, they sell five to seven bikes a day, most to buyers over 50, who like the low crossbar, and to well-known cyclists like Greg Lamont.

One last thing: Yes, we did see a slide of "the handsomest man in Cuba" and, frankly, he's not worth making the trip for. But that's also the name of Lynette's fascinating book about traveling in Cuba, available at the Eugene Public Library (or buy an autographed copy from her).

# BOARD NOTES

April 6, 2005

President John Jacobsen called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Wayne Deeter (VP), Mary Croson, Susan Sullivan, John Pegg, Sheila Ward (Treasurer), and Jim Duncan (Secretary). Also present: Kathy and Stewart Hoeg, Bill Johnson, Max Brown, Laurie Funkhouser, Marshall Kandell, Doug Nelson, Lenore and John McManigal, Brian Hamilton, Ed Lichtenstein, Janet Jacobsen, Sharon Ritchie, Rob Castleberry, Rick Ahrens, Margaret Prentice, Peter Assai and Barbara Bruns. The minutes of the April board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Sheila Ward): Monthly for April distributed. A CD at U.S. Bank (\$16,347.13 was renewed for 6 months, maturing on 10/25/05. A CD at Umpqua Bank (\$10,004.49) was renewed for three months, maturing on 08/01/05. The following bills were approved for payment: EWEB, \$204.95; publications, bulk mail \$100 and Insta-Print \$483.30; Sharon Ritchie (membership), \$333; Lana Lindstrom (extended trips), \$312.49; Shirley Froyd (membership), \$3.29; Sheila Ward (admin.), \$13.28; John Jacobsen (online), \$74.97; Peter Graham (heritage), \$177.68; Willis Insurance, \$1,556.00; Janet Jacobsen (publicity), \$35.

## Old Business

Trip Leader Awards: See story, Page 16.

By-laws Changes: Changes proposed by Doug Nelson would require most committees to present yearly summaries at January board meeting in addition to a report of committee activities at the annual meeting. The new language states "*The Chair shall report on the activities of the Committee at the Annual Meeting and submit an annual summary report at the January Board meeting.*" A motion to accept the changes was approved.

Fund-raising Committee: Ed Lichtenstein reported that to date, 136 members had contributed \$46,481.00 for lodge construction/renovation. See story, Page 7.

Nominating Committee: See story, Page 2.

Lodge Construction Committee: Brian reported on the twists and turns that the Construction Committee has taken in the past month. It was brought to light (with the help of several woodpeckers!) that the lodge is indeed insulated. While this rendered EWEB's energy analysis mostly invalid, it represents good news for the club since it eliminates a projected expense from Phase I renovation. A major bump in the road appeared when McKenzie-Commercial's cost estimates proved to be about 50% higher than anticipated due to the high labor costs of that firm. McKenzie-Commercial graciously agreed to step aside once it was determined that another construction company, 2G, could do the work for an amount close to the original cost estimates. Subsequent discussion with WBGs and 2G indicates the project should remain close to the original schedule, with drawings and documents completed mid-May, permits obtained in early June, and ground breaking in late June or early July.

Heritage Committee: See story, Page 2.

## New Business

Trip Carpool Fees: Janet recommended the fee be raised from \$.05 per mile to \$.07 per mile per rider. The board approved a motion. The new fees will take effect on June 1, 2005.

McKenzie Outfitters: John reported being contacted by McKenzie Outfitters who were interested in providing a 10% discount to Obsidians.

Natural Resources Study: John received information regarding the Goal 5 Natural Resources Study which could affect the zoning of the Obsidians' property. John Pegg agreed to look into this issue and attend a hearing on the matter on May 10. Rob pointed out that another study, the 2050 Planning Process, is ongoing and may affect the area around the club's property.

Club Insurance: Barbara Bruns reported insurance for the lodge and trailer has been renewed with Liberty Northwest through Willis Insurance at a total cost of \$1,556 (\$812 property, \$484 liability, \$245 trailer, \$6 OR assessment fee, \$9 terrorism fee). The board approved this amount.

Board Policy Issues: Wayne reported he located a board policy decision from 1998 that indicated the club would pay the cost of a class on first aid for all trip leaders. This raises two issues: the paying the cost for all trip leaders (John Pegg indicated the Safety Committee would address this issue) and how the club records (and remains cognizant of) previous board policy decisions. It was agreed to table discussion of the latter issue.

## Committee Reports

Summer Trips (Margaret Prentice): 11 trip reports received in April (59 member, 20 nonmembers, \$139.00 in fees).

Winter Trips (Bill Johnson): One trip report received in March (2 members, \$2 in fees).

Climbs (Sue Sullivan): Climb School completed. \$500 in fees.

Trails (Peter Asai): See story, Page 17.

By-Ways by Bus (Liz Reanier): 35 riders participated in the Oregon City Historic Homes bus trip in April. April 23 trip canceled (not enough riders). The trips scheduled for May are full; May 17 trip will celebrate Ewart Baldwin's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Conservation (Doug Nelson): Discussion group is going well.

Publications (Marshall Kandell): 500 copies of the April Bulletin were printed (\$444.30), 462 mailed (\$105.28), 500 Lodge fund-raising forms printed (\$39.00) for a total cost of \$483.30.

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): April potluck: (45 for dinner, 51 for the presentation, \$45 in fees collected). Sue Sullivan has donated a new white board and markers for the lodge.

Science/Education (Rick Ahrens): Margo Fetz has been leading a series of hikes on the Willamette River/Delta Ponds. Rick will lead a slow nature hike around Mt. Pisgah in May or June.

Membership (Sharon Ritchie): The board approved one application for membership (active). Total membership is 538.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): Nothing new to report.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Non-searchable images of bulletins are available from 1974 to 1981.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All trip reports have been recorded. Two lists of trip leaders (alphabetical and trips led) have been created and will be kept up to date.

Lodge Buildings (Rob Castleberry): A lodge maintenance work party is planned for June.

Safety (John Pegg): John is working with Sue in planning a first aid class.

# Monday Morning Regulars Make a Difference at Mt. Pisgah

By Beth Kodama

**MT PISGAH SEEMS** to have an almost magnetic attraction for Obsidians and other local hikers. Just ask Bep Fontana, who has probably made over 2,000 climbs to the summit by now; or Royal Murdock, who leads evening hikes to savor sunsets and moonrises from Mt. Pisgah. The magnetic force must be especially strong on Monday mornings, because every week a small group – including several Obsidians -- gathers at the parking lot at 9 a.m. to spend a few hours paying homage in the most meaningful way...by working to beautify the area.

This effort began in 1997 when botanist and Obsidian Dave Predeek joined the board of Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah (FBP) and started looking around for a specific way of contributing. He didn't have to look far before noticing that invasive plants, especially blackberries and Scotch broom, were taking over large areas of the park's hillsides, where they blocked the view and crowded out native plants. The oak savanna habitat of the park, once common in the Willamette Valley, is now a rare and precious resource and Dave resolved to begin an effort to protect and restore it.

**HE FOUND AN ENTHUSIASTIC** co-worker in Stewart Mulford, whose first object was to liberate a blackberry-smothered basalt boulder overlooking Trail 7. Dave and Stewart have kept at it steadily ever since, joined by dozens of others over the years. What makes this group remarkable, according to Val Rogers, FBP's volunteer coordinator, is their faithfulness and dedication. They show up every Monday, tailoring the day's work to the amount of rain or the intensity of the sun, but undeterred by either one.



*Monday morning regulars include Obsidians Shirley Froyd, Dave Predeek, and Max Brown*

Collectively, their volunteer time accounts for nearly 25 percent of the total volunteer hours contributed to FBP since they began keeping records. "Evidence of their handiwork abounds all over the mountain, from the [native plant] nursery in the north bottomlands to the summit savanna," says Val.

Judging from the photo, the "Monday Morning Regulars" enjoy what they do. I joined them on a recent Monday to see what they were up to. We donned heavy work gloves, shouldered a few hand tools, mostly loppers that day, and hiked up Trail 7 till we came to a nasty tangle

of blackberries just off the path. It was big enough for each of us to take a section, and we each worked at our own pace, without strain, enjoying the sunshine (you knew I'd go on a sunny day, didn't you?), the fresh air, and the easy camaraderie.

By 11:30 or so, we'd produced several huge piles of brush and Stewart had proudly liberated a small oak tree that had been all but hidden by brambles. We paused to enjoy the view and delight in our accomplishments before hiking back down the trail and adjourning to Grape and Grain for lunch.

**OBSIDIANS** Larry Dunlap, Shirley Froyd, Dave Predeek, and Marriner Orum were part of the group that morning. They're often joined by others, including Max Brown and Leona Devine, and many others have pitched in over the years. There's no way to list everyone, but you know who you are.... So, give yourself a big pat on the back – well deserved! I like to think that the Regulars are making a down payment, on behalf of all of us, on the enormous debt of gratitude we owe to our beloved Mt. Pisgah and the beautiful parkland surrounding it.

## Volunteer

You can help, too. Phone Dave Predeek, 345-5531, for details about the Monday Morning Regulars; or contact Val Rogers, 344-8350, to find out about FBP's other volunteer opportunities, including weekend work parties, the adopt-a-plot program and the new adopt-a-reach program. Note: Friends of Buford Park/Mt.Pisgah is a separate organization from the Mt.Pisgah Arboretum. Both do wonderful work and welcome your support.

# Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

To the following generous donors, for "honoring our past by building for our future."

Donations to the Obsidian Building Fund as of May 1, 2005

Mt. Pisgah \$1 - \$99	Diamond Pk \$100 - \$249		
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# Fundraising Focus Turns To Broader Participation

**WITH ABOUT A QUARTER** of the membership providing almost enough to fund the first phase of lodge renovation, the fundraising focus is now shifting toward gaining broader Obsidian participation through contributions of both dollars and volunteer efforts from the remaining 75% of the membership.

As of the first of May, \$46,400 has been raised toward the estimated first phase cost of \$50,000. Since so many have not yet made their contributions, the feeling is that those who have yet to give will not only help the club reach its initial goal, but also put some second phase goals within reach.

“**WE TRADITIONALLY** have strong, broad based member support and want to continue that tradition,” says Board President John Jacobsen. “We think it is important that as many of our members as possible

become a part of the effort.”

Preconstruction planning continues with design work and development of detailed plans. The Construction Committee hopes to get the plans to the city for approval

## Volunteers Needed

Use the form below to send in a contribution or to volunteer your time.

## Contributions Welcome

around mid-May. A new contractor, 2G Construction, has replaced McKenzie Commercial.

“As you look over the list of donors (see opposite page), you can’t help but be impressed by the tremendous generosity displayed...a dramatic testimony to the meaningfulness of the Obsidians in the lives of so many people,” said Jacobsen. “Not everyone who values

the club and its activities is in a position to be so generous in such financial terms. That is why we value any and all contributions, regardless of size. And, for those who would find it either easier or more personally meaningful to give of their time and energy, we will have many volunteer labor opportunities.”

**LANA LINDSTROM** and Joella Ewing are recruiting volunteers and will be scheduling work parties in coordination with the contractor. Such volunteer work will substantially reduce the direct costs (which is as good as a financial contribution!) and will be in tune with our long hands-on tradition. A variety of skills (and unskilled labor) will be needed with differing time commitments. Those interested should contact Lana or Joella or mail in the volunteer form.

## Honoring Our Past by Building for Our Future

### Contributions Welcome

**Count me in!** Here is my check to help renovate the Lodge and insure that future members continue to enjoy this vital structure.

This gift is in Memory, Honor or Gratitude

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# Celebrating V-E, V-J Days After 60 Years ...and Still On Deck !

By Ray Jensen

**WHEN THE WAR IN EUROPE** ended in May 1945, my amphibious landing ship, after 14 months of duty in the English Channel between France and England, was in Southampton Harbor. The British people had been celebrating for several days; and every sailor was eager to join them for a pint or two, plus rumor was that the local “birds” were very friendly.

Unfortunately, on V-E Day, I was on extra duty for minor infractions. My

punishment involved chipping rust and repainting the deck. In the navy, “If it doesn’t move, paint it!”

The next day I was on shore patrol, but the day following I had liberty. Instead, *we left port!* and sailed past the White Cliffs of Dover into the North Sea, up the Elbe River, to devastated Hamburg, Germany. There, we picked up British military police and took them to Oslo, Norway, where Germans were surrendering.

**FINALLY, BACK IN THE STATES** in July to the Navy Yard in Boston for refitting for the Pacific and the invasion of Japan. All of our commissioned officers and most of the ship’s company went on their 30-day leaves in August. About a dozen or so of us rated enlisted men remained onboard for transfer on September 1 to be the cadre crew for a new ship.

On V-J Day, August 14, I happened to be “Officer of the Deck” – really an empty title which was rotated among our small group. On that day, all shipyard work abruptly ended and everyone except me went to town to celebrate. I felt duty bound to guard the ship or prevent workers from stealing, or whatever. I was the only person on the LST 500 and it was a long lonely night for a 20-year-old.

**BUT THAT QUIET TIME** was an opportunity to say a prayer or two, giving thanks for the war’s end and to



reflect on many things...1945 was a watershed year with important events and changes. Some of these were:

- How to reconstruct Europe after the fall of Nazism and the rise of Communism.
- The social chaos learning of genocide and atrocities.
- The hope for a fledgling United Nations.
- Fear of a return to worldwide depression.
- After the death of FDR, would Truman be up to the job (he was).
- How to change the cancer of segregation we saw in the military and in the south.
- And, most disturbing, what will the atomic age bring us? Many of these issues remain unresolved even today.

**SO, HOW TO CELEBRATE IN 2005** (remember...I never got to celebrate in 1945)?

On this V-E Day, I will paint my deck (I am experienced).

On V-J Day, perhaps, a quiet drive in my Subaru to the beach and look across the Pacific toward a former enemy but now a peaceful friend.

And be thankful for 60 happy and healthy years.

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## Doris Jones

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reported in the Register-Guard, which noted that while 20 men had previously climbed all three peaks in one day -- a total climb of approximately 17,000 feet -- she was the first woman to do so. With her were Obsidians Lloyd Gust and Mike Stahl.

The “Three Sisters in One Day” climb was first organized in 1931 by V. Edwin Johnson (Eugene mayor at the time of Doris’ climb), Clifford Stalsburg and Don Woods. Doris’ party left Frog Camp at 1 a.m. and reached the North Sister summit (10,067 ft.) at 8:20 a.m. They attained the Middle Sister peak (10,038 ft.) at 12:05 p.m. and then reached the summit of South Sister (10,352 ft.) at 7:30 p.m. The group reported very little snow on any of the peaks, but said they crossed one “good glacier” on South Sister.

Baird Memorial Chapel in La Pine is in charge of arrangements. Donations in Doris’ memory can be made to Central Oregon Hospice, 2698 NE Courtney Drive, Bend, OR 97701.



# Geologist Ewart Baldwin

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room schoolhouse. He earned bachelor and master degrees at Washington State University and reintroduced himself to his wife-to-be, Margaret, while both were working on advanced degrees at Cornell University.

During sabbaticals and while on a Fulbright scholarship, Ewart and Margie – and their sons Don and Neil – toured the US and traveled to Mexico, Guatemala, Canada, Europe and spent a year in Pakistan. A high point in their travels was a route that took them through Europe to such locations in ferment as Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Nepal. Since his “official” retirement 25 years ago, he and his late wife continued to travel the world...as he still does today. “If you try and reach him and he is not home, you can be sure he’s found a good travel offer,” says Bus Committee Chair Liz Reanier.

**AS A BOY**, Ewart’s family was interested in rock formations and minerals waiting to be discovered. So, it’s no wonder he has spent his life working, researching, digging and lecturing on geological issues.

Ewart, “Chief Talking Rocks,” joined the Obsidians in 1968 and is a life member and past president (1977). He has completed 82 hikes, topped 8 peaks, been to 8 summer camps and ridden on 100 bus trips (so far). Active with bus trips since 1972, he is one reason our trips are so special, says Liz. “Ewart lectures on geology and history wherever we travel. Whether it’s

the Missoula floods or how a valley or river is formed, he makes it all come alive.”

One special time recalled by Liz was a trip to Holden Village, where Ewart had once been a miner. “A reunion was being held about his early days and we got to see pictures and hear lectures about those times.”



**RAY JENSEN** has teamed up with Ewart and, together, they have taken bus trippers on impressive tours of old dredges, mining towns and ghost towns. They have enlivened trips up I-5 and through Columbia Gorge with their commentary. During a recent trip to the Olympic Peninsula, Ewart shared some mapping experiences and at the state capitol in Olympia he pointed out his ancestors pictured on the walls.

His trips to Steens Mountain and Leslie Gulch are legendary, says Liz.

“Once in a while,” notes Liz, “I have taken Ewart places he had not been. I felt great I could do that for him. Thank you, Ewart, for sharing your rich life with us.”

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## Swop 'til You Drop!

*By Beth Kodama*

**WITH THE OBSIDIAN** Bulletin taking on a new look, I’ve got an idea to suggest. My favorite magazine features are always the interactive ones – with reader input – and my all-time favorite is the “*Swoppers Column*” in Yankee Magazine, where readers try to trade their prized possessions (or services) for someone else’s. I’m constantly amazed at what people have to offer – and at what they want in exchange. For example:

*Will swop 1982 Honda motorcycle ... for alto sax.*

*Will swop vintage Madame Alexander doll in original box for complete set of metric wrenches.*

*Will swop collection of Donald Duck comic books, slightly worn, for photos of oxen.*

**SEE WHAT I MEAN?** I once swopped an antique tilt-top table with an inlaid chessboard for a bluegrass banjo. It was supposed to be a temporary swop, but the guy I swopped with moved to Japan and I moved to Oregon, so I guess it’s permanent. Now Rick Ahrens has that traveling banjo – but just on loan.

I think we Obsidians can have some fun with our own exchanges. Recycling is a local tradition and many of us are downsizing or outgrowing our homes and wardrobes, tiring of old hobbies and taking up new ones. There’s always e-Bay, of course, but if your collection of old comic books or souvenir tea cozies goes to a friend, you can retain visiting rights! And think what fun it would be to run into a friend wearing your old favorite hat. (If you think I’ve got my sights set on Richard Hughes’s brewmeister hat, you’re right.)

So, next time you want to buy or sell something, why not forget e-Bay and try the Obsidian Bulletin first? Propose a trade and see what happens.

## Flat Tire Clinic

**T**HOSE OF US who attended the Flat Tire Clinic on April 21st came away with some valuable tips. Wayne Deeter, of course, arrived appropriately at the lodge on his bicycle, the rest of us in the comfort of our cars. Because it was a pleasant evening we opted to have the clinic outdoors, so we gathered by the steps to listen and learn. Wayne produced handouts, which he went over in detail, discussing everything from categories of flats -- some of which may be avoided if one is alert to equipment: rags, levers etc. He thinks a floor pump (for home use) is optional, but he prefers the frame pump! The last category was equipment choice and the reasons for the choices.

Following the "lecture" session, we had a complete demonstration of how to fix a flat. We were reminded that if we wanted to get our wheel back on we needed to use the quick release break also. Although Wayne does it all speedily and efficiently, his last words were, "When you get a flat, remember to take your time and do it right, otherwise you may be doing the same thing down the road a bit!"

Wayne offered to repeat the whole procedure with his rear tire, but the mosquitoes were fierce by then, he was their main target and, besides, he had already given us a thorough lesson.



Wayne Deeter

-- Margaret and Bill Prentice

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## Book Review

### **New 100 Hikes Book By Bill Sullivan**

*100 Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades, 3rd Edition 2005, By William L. Sullivan; \$16.95, Navillus Press*

**BILL HAS RECENTLY** hiked all of these trails and utilizes hikers' comments to keep his guide up-to-date. He makes some tough decisions on which hikes to add or delete. Some of the new trips reflect recent trail work and some include GPS notations. The 14 new full-color pages include four pages of wildflowers. Each of the seven sections now begins with a list of places to stay -- such as campgrounds, bed and breakfasts, historic cabins and rental lookout towers. The lodgings are keyed to an overall map. A new source for purchasing maps is Nature of the Northwest Information Center, [www.naturenw.org](http://www.naturenw.org).

One of his new trips reflecting recent trail work is French Creek Ridge along the Opal Creek Wilderness. Phantom Ridge, a one-mile round trip, is part of this hike. In the 2nd edition, Phantom Ridge was listed as a separate hike. Because it is a long drive to the Santiam area, this combination of trails is more appealing.

**IN THE WILLAMETTE** Pass area, Patterson Mountain has replaced Deception Butte, which is also a wonderful wildflower hike. Parking for the Deception Butte trailhead is not fun; and the upper parts of that trail need some work which is why it has been replaced, perhaps. New featured hikes include Ankeny Wildlife Refuge, Shellburg Falls, House Rock, Echo Basin and Fish Lake, Three Sisters Waterfalls, Alder Springs, North Fork Middle Fork, Carpenter Mountain, Lookout Creek, Marie Lake and

Diamond Peak. Midnight and Yoran Lakes are combined, as are Rosary Lakes and Maiden Peak.

I recommend purchase of this book. Keep your second edition for the withdrawn hikes such as Rigdon Lakes, Muskrat Lake, Berley Lakes, Sand Mountain Lookout, and Triangulation Peak. Bill, an Obsidian, has again produced a helpful hiking guide. It invites one to explore more of the Oregon trails. It would really be great if a member would become familiar with one of these new hikes and add it to our trip schedule.

-- Janet Jacobsen

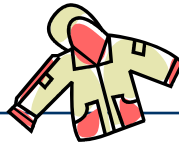
#### *Carpooling Rate Raised To 7 Cents per Mile*

**RECOGNIZING** the inequity between the current five cents per mile carpooling rate and the actual costs involved in driving today, the board of directors has approved an increase to seven cents per mile as of June 1st.

The new rate is still modest compared to those of other outdoor organizations across the country and way below any official governmental allowances (which are now around 40 cents per mile, federally).

The club is tremendously appreciative of all members who offer to drive on our trips.

# Good Wash Can Plug Leaks in Rain Gear



By Kristin Hostetter  
Special to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer

**WHEN YOU FORK OVER** 200 to 300 bucks for a fancy waterproof/breathable rain jacket, you expect it to keep you dry for a good long while. And you should.

But the time will come when your jacket seems to be absorbing rain rather than repelling it. This is because the outer fabric's DWR has worn off. DWR stands for



Kristin Hostetter

"durable water repellent," and it's the magic ingredient that makes water bead up and roll off the fabric. However, just like a good wax job on your car, this coating wears off over time, leaving you feeling wet even if no rain has actually made it inside your coat. When this happens, don't immediately go storming off to the shop that sold it to you -- there are some simple things you can do to revive it.

- **Wash it** -- It may sound simple, but I've known people who have gone years without washing their waterproof/breathables for fear that they'll harm them. You should always check the instructions on the label, but for the most part, occasional washing is a must. Over time, things like dirt and campfire smoke get into the fabric and prevent the DWR from doing its job. The best way to wash your rain gear is in a front-loading commercial washer (found at coin laundries) because they lack the spindle agitators that can be rough on your gear. Use cold water, the gentle cycle and a mild soap, preferably a non-detergent one. Don't forget to zip all your zippers and close all your Velcro patches to prevent abrasion on the fabric.

- **Machine dry it** -- Unless otherwise recommended by the manufacturer, machine drying on a medium setting will reactivate the DWR coating that's left in the fabric.

- **Iron it** -- As strange as it may sound, carefully running a warm iron over your garment brings even more of those DWR molecules to life. Before ironing, be sure to wipe the face of the iron with denatured alcohol to make sure it's clean.

- **Reapply a DWR** -- If you do all of the above and rain still doesn't bead up and run off your garment, it means your existing DWR is all but gone and it's time to apply a new one. There are a number of good DWR treatments on the market. You can buy either spray-on or wash-in treatments. In my testing, spray-ons (such as Kiwi

Camp Dry, Revivex and Tectron) tend to repel rain a bit better, but it's tough to get a smooth, even coating unless you have the hands of a surgeon. Wash-ins (such as Nikwax TX.Direct and Granger's Super-Pel Ultra), which you pour into a full washing machine, are easy, clean and give you a perfectly distributed coating.

- **Check the seams** -- If you have a leaky seam, you're gonna get wet. Lucky for us, most rain gear seams are factory taped these days. (You can see the outline of seam taping through the outside of the fabric.) And factory taping is almost always guaranteed by the manufacturer. If your seam tape is peeling or leaking, send it back to the manufacturer for a fix. If your jacket has any seams that are not taped, apply a seam sealer, just as you would on your tent.

*An outdoors writer for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Kristin was Backpacker Magazine's gear editor for seven years and continues to serve as that publication's "Answer Chick," responding to reader inquiries. See:*

<http://backpacker.com/experts/expert/0,6794,13,00.html>

*Kristin, who recently moved from Portland to Boston, spends most of her time in the outdoors testing gear. She has generously allowed The Obsidian Bulletin to reprint here P-I articles.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Look Like a Local

*I really like what you are doing with the Bulletin. Here is a suggestion for how Marshall can get the "Eugene Look." An event to watch for is the Sporthill Warehouse sale that occurs twice yearly. You might see some Obsidian friends, get some great bargains on quality outdoor clothing and sometimes even coffee as you stand in the early line at 7 a.m. Sporthill is at 725 McKinley. Watch the Register Guard for sale dates, usually at the end of the summer and once again in late winter. The only caveat is to try on and examine what you choose. This is a "not to miss" event for smart shoppers. See you on the trail in your Sporthills.*

*-- Norma Lockyear*

# Conquering Challenges South Sister...and Age

By *LaRee Beckley*

**ON A FOGGY SEPTEMBER** morning, a group of Obsidians and I left South Eugene High School parking lot at 6 o'clock and headed for one of the "crown jewels" of Oregon, the South Sister. The mountain rises 10,358 feet above sea level and, if you are lucky enough to be in the right place on a clear day, can be seen from various locations in the Eugene/Springfield area. My favorite view of the snow-covered peak takes place while coming down from the southwest hills on Hawkins Lane, usually early in the morning just as the sun has broken over the Cascade Mountains.

Although I felt some trepidation about being able to climb South Sister, the opportunity to make the attempt was one I could not pass up. The trail we would follow has an elevation gain of 4,900 feet, covers 5.5 miles and would certainly be a challenge for my 61-year-old body. I had been hiking with the Obsidians throughout the summer, starting with easier hikes before taking on more challenging ones, but none that compared to the challenge this one promised.

**BUZZ BLUMM** led our group and I rode with him, along with Lars Hoernlein (who had recently been accepted into the Eugene Police Department's training program) and Buzz's nine-year-old son, Andrew. Andrew and I shared the backseat. Buzz stopped to get Andrew pancakes in Oakridge and, while Andrew ate them in the car, I enjoyed their sweet smell.

By the time we reached the trailhead at the Devil's Lake Campground, the sun was up and we had left the Willamette Valley fog far behind. The trees are smaller on the eastern slope of the Cascades and the air feels drier—softer. I breathed deeply, enjoying the fresh air and the spicy-smelling pine. The rest of our party pulled into the parking lot behind us and we grouped together for some last minute information from Buzz. Craig Renkert drove and with him were Mary Wade, her friend David Meredith and Walt Dolliver. Two men driving up from Bend would be joining us on the trail. Buzz also explained that because of a hernia that had been bothering him, he and Andrew planned a slow ascent and would be bringing up the rear.

**WE BEGAN THE CLIMB** with enthusiasm and at a brisk pace. Craig, Mary, David and Lars were in the lead. The beginning of the trail is steep, consisting of basaltic soils and some loose pumice. Mountain hemlock trees are on both

sides of the trail, with no views for approximately the first two miles. Steve Burkett and Ken Frazier joined us as we crossed the Cascade Lakes Highway. After about two miles, the trail levels out and is a moderate, easy uphill ramble for the next 1.5 miles. This is the best part of the trail. The slope is a perfect rise and the open vista with its gnarled alpine trees and sandy soils is simply beautiful. Along this stretch we began to encounter views of the alpine lakes and familiar peaks (Broken Top, Mt. Bachelor) in the area.

The trail doesn't stay this easy all the way to the top, however; in case you were wondering about those final two miles or so. About 3 ½ miles into the hike, the slope turns sharply upward and the comfortable terrain changes to never-ending rocky scree. The trail becomes steeper and the

footing more and more difficult all the way to the summit.

**IN SPITE OF THE DIFFICULTY**, the trail was a busy place. There seemed to be a continuous stream of people ascending or descending and most far younger than me. With the summit in sight, I had to stop every few yards and breathe in all the air I could force into my lungs. During this stretch I looked into many tanned, slightly



concerned, young faces, possibly wondering if their CPR knowledge would finally be put to good use.

One laborious step at a time, I did make it through this final stretch to the top and was able to thrill in the incomparable view, as well as the exultation of accomplishing something difficult. To my surprise -- and gratitude -- coming down the scree was much easier than going up. The sweet level spot in the middle section of the trail was just as exquisite coming down as it had been going up. However, the very last stretch, the one that I had begun the day with feeling energetic and enthusiastic about, now seemed endless. My knees were protesting with each step by the time I drank the last drop of water I had brought and reached the welcome sight of the end of the trail.

Buzz and Andrew were the last of our group off the mountain. Craig and his riders waited with Lars and me to make sure they were safe. While we waited, bold gray jays flew around us, hoping to share in the snacks some of us had saved for the end of the day.

Just as the last light of the day was fading, we began the drive back to Eugene, stopping in Oakridge for dinner. I was still celebrating, and had *two* root beer floats. Buzz told us he had felt fine all day. We looked out at the moon and stars in the night sky...and listened to a Johnny Cash CD.



## Hikes

### Scott Mountain

July 25, 2004

Leader: George Baitinger

10 miles

**ON A HOT** and clear day, six hikers set out to hike Scott Mountain. The views from the top were as good as always. On the way back we went via Hand Lake and most of the group took a swim there. Despite the heat, we all had an enjoyable walk with views of the surrounding area.

Hikers were George Baitinger, Max Brown, Nola Nelson, Diane Jeffcott, Janet Hall and Daphne James.

### Eugene Intra-Urban

March 5, 2005

Leader: John Agnew

"A" Hike

**WE TOOK** a fast paced walk through the residential areas east of Willamette, the U of O, Hendricks Park, the U of O again and back to the old L & L Market.

Hikers were: John Agnew, Nora Nicolaidis, Bob Huntley, Ruth Romoser, LaRee Beckley, Tara McMahon (nonmember), Sharon Thomas, Walt Dolliver, Suzanne Steussy and Rick Ahrens.

### Trestle Creek Falls

March 5, 2005

Leader: Ann-Marie Askew

3.5 miles, 800 ft. ("A")

**OUR THREE VEHICLES** joined a dozen or more trucks unloading every possible type of off-trail motorized vehicle when we parked near the privy at Brice Creek's upper trailhead. Gifted with a clear sky and mild temperature, we entered the mossy old-growth forest of the Trestle Creek Falls hiker-only loop, grateful to leave behind the revving, exhaust-spewing engines on the road.

After hiking to the upper and lower falls, we lunched on the sunny rocks along Brice Creek. Hikers included Obsidians Ann-Marie Askew, Max Brown, Kathy and Stewart Hoeg, Norma Lockyear, Carol Petty, Bonnie Richman, and Nancy Whitfield; plus non-members Mary Lou Letson, Dorothy and Jim Shoop.

### Delta Ponds River Walk

April 7, 2005

Leader: Margot Fetz

3 miles, no elevation gain ("A")

**FIFTEEN PEOPLE** walked along the river, in a loop around Delta Ponds and back to the river. In warm rain, we learned from Lorna Baldwin, Stream Team coordinator of Eugene Parks & Open Space Div., how the city and other government agencies are working to improve the Delta Ponds ecosystem, while accommodating increasing recreational demands from our growing population. We saw new trail building and new planting. Lorna told us how the ponds originated from gravel pits and showed us remarkably contrasting aerial photos of the area since 1936. She also described how Stream Team volunteers monitor wildlife, remove non-native plants and plant native plants. Obsidians are welcome to volunteer.

Some of the group saw an osprey carrying its fish breakfast and among others we saw wood ducks and red-winged blackbirds. David Walp gave us interesting wildlife information and showed us evidence of beaver activity. Because of the rain, which ended about an hour after our hike, we didn't linger and were back at our cars in about two hours.

The consensus seemed to be, despite the weather, the walk was well worth it. On a fine day, the trip would be divine. Our group included members Max Brown, Shelly Call, Walt Dolliver, Margo Fetz, Bob Foster, Margaret Prentice, Barb Revere, Bonnie Richman and Nola Shurtleff; and nonmembers Lorna Baldwin (and her assistant, Kathleen), Mary Beth Crawford, Tom Crawford, Carol Stern and David Walp.

### Gillespie Butte & Cemetery

April 9, 2005

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

3 miles, 100 ft. ("A")

**WHAT A SURPRISE!** It was a sunny day for our short mile hike from Starbucks at Valley River to Gillespie Butte. We crossed east over the bridge, left on Willagillespie Road, right Clinton Road and right on Crenshaw Road, which dead ends at the cemetery road. The cemetery is on a hillside landscape that was once part of the homestead of the Reverend Jacob Gillespie, who purchased the land claim from Adam Peek in 1852. In May of 1895, Jacob and Elizabeth Gillespie donated a parcel of land measuring 12 by 14 rods on the north end of Gillespie Butte to the Gillespie Cemetery Association to be used as a burial ground. The graves face eastward and markers are placed on the west end of the grave. Near a spectacular field of shooting stars and blooming lilacs, we located the graves of Jacob Gillespie and his wives, Amelia and Elizabeth Goodpasture. Sherry Perry was pleased when she located several of her husband's relatives' graves.

Janet read some information written by member Karen Siedel about the Woodsman of the World (WOW) monument of James Armitage. From there, we walked to the top of the butte for views of the city. We wondered if Gillespie and other settlers enjoyed picnics from this lovely spot. On the way back to Valley River Center we met Bonnie Richman on her bicycle looking for us. She misunderstood where we were meeting. Several of us walked back to show her the way to this interesting Eugene landmark. On the hike were Gail Berge, Joan Bradley, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Barbara Morgan, Barbara Revere and non-members Jean Coberly and Sherry Perry.

### North Bank Deer Preserve

April 10, 2005

Leader: John Jacobsen

8 miles ("B")

**WITH ONE OF THE BRIDGES** still closed on the North Fork of the Smith River, I changed the destination to the North Bank Habitat Management Area, a 10

square mile preserve overlooking the North Umpqua River (near Wilbur) listed in Sullivan's "100 Hikes in Southern Oregon" and recommended in wildflower guides. Although we did not see the rare Columbia white-tailed deer (again), we saw an abundant variety of wildflowers, such as buttercup, spring gold, popcorn, fiddleneck, pearly everlasting, shooting star, fawn lily, baby blue eyes, Oregon grape, unidentified flowers...and a tremendous crop of poison oak! The loop trail wanders up and follows the ridgelines over rolling hills, through open oak savannas, Pacific madrone in full bloom, and green meadows with fields of flowers.



We hiked along the ridgeline where we had 360 degree panoramic views including the North Fork of the Umpqua River drainage and the lower mountain ranges. The loop trail, open all year, is especially enjoyable in the spring when the area is so green and filled with wildflowers. While we had pleasant partially sunny skies the whole day, the recent rains had made several short sections of the trail quite muddy. This did not detract at all from a great hike to an area which was new for all except John and Janet. Hikers included Walt Dolliver, Kitson Graham, Daphne James, Janet and John Jacobsen, Barbara Revere and nonmember Elizabeth Chandler.

**Bike Path from Delta Highway**  
**April 14, 2005**  
**Leader: Margaret Prentice**  
**"A" Hike**

**THREE OF US** met and set off along the bike path, which begins at the Delta Highway. It was a brisk, sunny day, just right for walking. For the first and last portions of the path, away from the river, there is heavy traffic noise from Beltline, but it was delightful walking along both sides of the river. We saw a lot of waterfowl, the ubiquitous Canada geese,

a bufflehead, mergansers and of course, mallards. Tall grasses were growing on the osprey platform so we wondered if the osprey was still around. Among wildflowers in bloom were dainty soft leafed geraniums, larkspur and a couple of California poppies. At the Owosso Bridge we looked down on a carpet of English daisies. Our meeting point was convenient for our bus rider and we were back in time if we wanted to shop at Market of Choice before heading home for lunch. The members enjoying this outing were Barbara Bruns, Margaret Prentice and Nola Shurtleff

**Clay Creek**  
**April 16, 2005**  
**Leader: Rebecca Hansen**

**MEETING AT SEHS**, raining cats & dogs, three dry hikers decide to go hiking anyway on the Drift Creek Trail, believing it would stop. Traveling by the Alsea Falls highway, we were about halfway when one hiker decided not to continue on. So we turned around and headed back to SEHS. By the time we got back to SEHS, the rain had stopped. After the one hiker got out, the two left still wanted to hike, so Dave and I headed for Clay Creek Trail and checked it out. With a steep grade, it is a sweet, short trail, with flowers, invasive weeds (that we pulled) but no rain and a lot of sun. It was great. Participants were Rebecca Hansen and non-members Dave Norregaard and Sachiko Iwasaki.

**Sensational Sunriver 'Scape'**  
**April 15-19, 2005**  
**Coordinator: Lana Lindstrom**

**FOR THOSE OF YOU** who pooh-poohed the idea that there would be snow at Bachelor in mid-April, you missed some great skiing/snow-shoeing! According to the local ski experts, the snow was the best they've had all season!

This was a multi-sport weekend. We hiked Paulina Creek, Smith Rocks and along the Deschutes (Benham and Dillon Falls area); and we skied and snow-shoed at Mt. Bachelor/Todd Lake. The highlight at Smith Rock was seeing a golden eagle and later, seeing and hearing two Canada geese who thought they were eagles: they sat up in the cliffs and made a terrible fuss. It was also quite interesting watching the large number of climbers scale the cliffs.



*From left: Nancy, Anne, Jack, Kathy, Stewart, Lana, Richard, Bob*

In the evenings, we played a very fun game called "Taboo." One night, Stewart demonstrated his prowess at Trivial Pursuit; he knew 80% of the answers and the rest of us combined knew 20%. Just sitting around reading or enjoying the hot tub, it was all very relaxing. And of course, eating was always a highlight. Anne's tiramisu was scrumptious!

Thanks to all for a great long weekend at the first annual Obsidian Sunriver Escape: Anne Bonine, Kathy and Stewart Hoeg, Richard Hughes, Bob Huntley, Jack O'Donnell, Leila Snow, Nancy Whitfield and Lana Lindstrom.

**Row River Trail & Cottage Grove**  
**April 23, 2005**  
**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**  
**5 miles**

**A SLIGHTLY RAINY** day didn't stop six of us from enjoying a hike along Dorena Lake and an auto tour around the lake of covered bridges and Opal Whiteley sites. Next stop was Cottage Grove Public Library, where we viewed the sculpture of a young Opal. A conference room was provided for us to view the books and memorabilia about the author. When Jean shared Opal's letter written in a mental institution in England we were all touched. Next stop was The Brothel, a restaurant where head and footboards of beds were our seats for lunch. Several ordered menu items #13 and #12 (Debbie's Delight and Big John) and two of us ordered the Vixen Lay omelet. Four women dressed in Victorian dresses asked Ed to photograph them lounging on a comfortable four-poster bed. After a view of the Opal Whiteley mural on Main Street, we walked along the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, observing people fishing for trout on the first day of the season. We saw the last covered

bridge on the tour and even walked on the swinging bridge over the "turbulent" river. It was raining a bit harder, but we did a short version of the walking tour of the historic homes and even had time to visit the Mining Museum. If you don't know about Opal Whiteley, a web search will tell it all. Enjoying the variety of events were Barbara Bruns, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Ed Lichtenstein, Barbara Morgan and nonmember Jean Coberly.

## **Tahkenitch Dunes Loop**

**April 23, 2005**

**Leader: Sheila Ward**

**6.5 miles ("B")**

**ALTHOUGH** it was raining in Eugene it had stopped by the time we reached the trailhead. Trilliums, yellow violets, strawberry blossoms and other wildflowers lined the sides of the trail and we enjoyed the sight of the wild rhodies in bloom. There was some wind while we walked the beach but not enough to deter hardy hikers. On the way home a stop was made at BJ's in Florence for ice cream. Hikers enjoying a good Saturday outing were members Daniele Delaby, Yuan Hopkins, Sandra Larsen, Sheila Ward and Mel Zavodsky; and nonmembers Keith Christensen and Don Ladigin.

## **Masonic/Pioneer Cemeteries**

**April 30, 2005**

**Leaders: John Jacobsen, Sharon Duncan (reporter) & Karen Seidel**

**ON AN OVERCAST** but agreeable day, 13 people gathered at the Hope Abbey Mausoleum in the Masonic Cemetery. Karen Seidel, a docent for the cemetery, gave us a tour of the inside of the mausoleum, built in 1913. Architect Ellis Lawrence featured bronze doors, a marble interior and large urns in the Egyptian revival style popular at that time. Established in 1859, the Masonic Cemetery is the oldest official burial place in Eugene. Karen then took us on a cemetery walking tour, pointing out monuments for Eugene F. Skinner (the city's founder), John Whiteaker (first governor of OR), John Wesley Johnson (first president of the UofO), Thomas Condon (geologist and discoverer of the John Day fossil beds), Maude Kerns (artist), Felix and Ellen Scott (Scott Mt., Scott Lake, Scott Pass), T. G. Hendricks (banker, mayor, Hendricks Park),

Friendly, Chambers, Seavey and many other well-known pioneer names that are familiar to us. Woodsmen of the World (WOW), a fraternal organization that provided monuments for the widows of its members, held its meetings in WOW Hall, but surprisingly it had nothing to do with the forest or lumber industry. In 1914, when the Oregon Electric Station was completed, many people traveled the three miles to the cemetery on the trolley at a cost of five cents. Karen was a wonderful guide, bringing much of Eugene's past history alive with stories about Eugene's pioneers. After the tour, Jane, Rick, Margit, Jim and Sharon walked along University St. to the Pioneer Cemetery on 18th St., which was originally known as the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Established in 1873, this cemetery is one of the three oldest cemeteries in Eugene and is also the largest. After a pleasant stroll through the cemetery, we returned to the abbey by way of Potter St. Nonmembers Tom Adamcyk, Suzanne Clark, Sheri Engelbert, Corinne Engelbert and Stephen Morrison joined Rick Ahrens, Jim and Sharon Duncan, Jane Hackett, Margit Hollerud, John Jacobsen, Ginny Reich and Karen Seidel.



## **Trail Maintenance**

### **Goodman Creek Trail**

**April 23 2005**

**Leader: Peter Asai**

**THREE OBSIDIANS** -- Darrel McBee, Wayne Deeter and Peter Asai -- met 33 other trail enthusiasts for a cooperative trail maintenance work day at Goodman Creek Trail in the Middle Fork Ranger District, 14 miles from Eugene. The weather was overcast, cool and consistently rainy, but couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of this diverse work party. Members of the Northwest Youth Corps, Americorp, REI, Backcountry Horsemen, Disciples of Dirt and the Obsidians spent 4 ½ hours cleaning out and restoring several drainage culverts, graveling the trail and cutting back brush. REI sponsored the work and provided materials, fruit, Cliff bars and water. It was an impressive example of what a motivated, well directed group can

accomplish in relatively short time. It was also an inspirational example of diverse trail users coming to work together on supporting our local trail systems.



## **Bike Trips**

### **Row River**

**April 30, 2005**

**Leader: Sharon Ritchie**

**THE WEATHER** was perfect: sun, white clouds. There were many varieties of wildflowers along the trail. The bike path had no glass on it, which is always nice. This was a slow, easy ride with stops to enjoy the scenery. Oh yes, the lake actually had water in it! A very serious accident occurred toward the end of the trip. A car struck Norma Lockyear! The ambulance arrived promptly and took her to Sacred Heart. (Thank heaven for cell phones!) I want to say a most sincere thank you to Marilyn and Gayle for their help and support during this very trying time. The board president and Safety Committee chair were advised as soon as possible and all club forms have been completed. As of this writing, I'm very pleased to say that my good friend Norma is on the mend. Participants were: Non-members Tara McMarton and Arlo Waterbury and members Gayle Berge, Marilyn Kerins, Norma Lockyear and Sharon Ritchie.



## **Ski Trips**

### **Gold Lake/Marilyn Lakes**

**February 23, 2005**

**Leader: Royal Murdock**

**6 miles, Advanced Beginner X-ski**

**IN THIS WINTER** of little snow, fate provided a snowstorm over a weekend, leaving enough snow for a mid-week ski into Gold Lake. The road in wasn't bad -- a little icy, but no bare spots. Snow covered the fallen debris and the bright sun was enjoyable. It was warm enough to have lunch outside the shelter;

however, the gray jays failed to show up to share. Diane Livermore and I tried to return via Marilyn Lakes, but icy conditions and the bare spots we encountered led us to carry our skies back to the main road. Still, it sure felt good to get in a ski trip this year.

## Ray Benson

February 27, 2005

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser  
5 miles, Advanced Beginner X-ski

**T**HE GROUP MET at SEHS and rearranged gear to accommodate traveling in one vehicle (Thank you, Anne). After nearly two hours of driving, we arrived to a virtually empty Ray Benson parking lot. The clouds were out, but the air was above freezing. We headed up the North Loop and immediately realized the snow was icy. We, therefore, shortened the route to the North Loop only and lunched at the spot where the North Loop “Blowout” shelter used to be (burned down). By this time, the sun was beaming down between clouds softening the ice. As always, we enjoyed the good company and conversation of the group, which included members Anne Bonine, Laurie Funkhouser, Craig Renkert and Nancy Whitfield; and non-member (nice addition) Karen Edmonds.



## Bus Trips

## Eagles ‘n More

February 23, 2005

Leaders: Liz Reanier, Ray Jensen,  
Rick Ahrens  
Byways-By-Bus Trip

**W**E LEFT SHOPKO at 8 a.m. with 41 Obsidians and guests, enroute to birding activities in the Klamath Falls basin. After a rest stop at the Mid-Willamette Ranger Station, we went on to Willamette Pass Ski Area Lodge for coffee, goodies and a short history of the ski area by Ray Gardner, general manager. He also told us of special education opportunities for Oakridge students learning ski programs and of ideas for year-round usage of the area.

We arrived in Klamath Falls at 12:30,

had lunch at Applebee’s and then went out to State Line and Tule Lake for birding; stopping at the interpretive center just before closing. Lots of birds (see following list for birds sighted on this trip). The eagles starred as usual, but had to share top billing with the snow geese, which started arriving in their “V” formations just before 5 p.m., filling the sky as far as you could see in all directions. We estimated 6,000 to 8,000 geese. As we drove on, we saw them landing and turning a field absolutely white. After that excitement we returned to Klamath Falls for the night.

Day 2 began early with a 6:15 departure to see the eagles at the flyway. Maybe 15 eagles – not spectacular, but with the dry, warm weather, many apparently do not return to their nests at night. We returned to State Line and Rick set up his scope, allowing us to watch a wide variety of birds. We returned to the motel to have a second breakfast and check out.

Our next stop was the Link River (which runs beside the Favel Museum), where we spotted about 100 black crested night herons (filling three trees). Some of us elected to visit the museum (a real gem) while the rest hiked the river bank, being rewarded when Rick spotted a great horned owl in a tree. The mild clear weather yielded spectacular views of the snowcapped mountains all the way to Mt. Shasta. We returned to Applebee’s for lunch before retracing our steps to Eugene, with a stop at the Willamette Pass Ski Lodge on the way.

**BIRDS SIGHTED:** *American kestrels, American robin, American widgeon, bald eagles, Bewick’s wren, red winged black bird, black capped chickadee, black crested night herons, cedar wax wing, common mergansers, coots, double crested cormorants, ducks (Barrow’s golden eye, ruddy, bufflehead, canvasback, northern pintail, green-winged teal, ring necked), European starling, flicker, geese (Canadian, white fronted, Ross, snow), great blue herons, great egret, great horned owl, gulls, harriers, hooded mergansers, killdeer, lesser scaup, magpies, mourning doves, pheasants, prairie falcon, ravens, red tailed hawk, rock pigeon, rough-legged hawk, song sparrow, stellar jays, tundra swans and violet green swallow.*

**BUS TRIPPERS** sighted by the birds: Rick Ahrens, Ewart Baldwin, Louise

Bauder, Mary Bridgeman, Barbara Chinn, Linn Crooks, Judy Dobell, Phyllis Early, Roberta Fair, Rachele Fiszman, Donna Halker, Dora Harris, Mildred Houghton, Diane and George Jeffcott, Ray Jensen, Marilyn Kerins, Joe Lowry, Natallie McClatchey, Evelyn McConnaughy, John and Lenore McManigal, Barbara Mickelson, Kathryn Miles, Bonnie Jean Nelson, Judy Newman, Joyce Norman, Marcia Peterson, Carolyn Rayburn, Liz Reanier, Kathy Riddle, Ardys Ringsdorf, Edith Rode, Harold Schyberg, Lottie Streissenger, Dirk and Lori TenBrink, Millard Thomas, Doris Wimber, Mary Ellen West and Vera Woolley.

## Snoopin Around Springfield & Eugene

March 23, 2005

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Liz Reanier

Byways-By-Bus Trip

**O**UR BUS TRIP “snoopin” started at the depot in Springfield with a presentation by Dan Egan, executive director of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, about early Springfield. The freight room was ideal for coffee and goodies provided by the hospitality committee. Then it was off to the Springfield Washburn Historical Homes District, a tour led by Faye Brabham, resident expert. Further stops included Dorris Ranch and, in east Springfield, the beautiful Ruff Memorial Magnolia Park (several blocks north of 68<sup>th</sup> and Thurston Rd., at the edge of a new housing development). The Springfield Museum was followed by a short walk to Ruthie B’s Antiques and Tea Room for lunch. In Eugene, the group toured the newly reopened U of O Natural History Museum (with Jim Duncan our tour leader) and the Lane County Historical Museum.

On the trip: Ethel Allen, Ewart Baldwin, Louise Behnke, Ingrid Carmichael, Mary Lee Cheadle, Kent Christoferson, Rose Mary Etter, Rachele Fiszman, Jeannette Foreman, Bette Hack, Donna Halker, Dora Harris, Evelyn Hile, Terri Jackson, Marjorie Jackson, Janet Jacobsen, Jean and Ray Jensen, Rosella Jones, Dody Leppmann, Cleora Mersdorf, Joyce Mixer, Liz Reanier, Edna Robertson, Janet Speelman, Velma Shirk, Mary Ellen West, Vera Woolley.



## UPCOMING

### National Trails Day Coming June 4!

By Peter Asai

**SINCE 1993**, the first Saturday of every June has been designated National Trails Day in the United States. It is estimated more than a million hikers, bikers, equestrians and others participate in thousands of events nationwide as a celebration of this country's trail systems. The objectives of creating this specially designated day are: to promote public awareness of and appreciation for America's trail systems and to encourage cooperative efforts among various trail users working together in upgrading, maintaining and managing those multiple use trails.

A long range goal of National Trails Day is to establish a nationwide network of trails akin to the interstate highway system. Locally, efforts to create the Eugene to Crest Trail are in keeping with this broader ideal of a wide-ranging, interlinking system of trails from coast to coast. In joining in the national community of outdoor enthusiasts in supporting our local trail systems, the Obsidians are setting aside June 4th for participation in trail maintenance projects.

**WE ALL APPRECIATE** easy to follow, level treaded and well-maintained hiking trails. As a club that makes good use

of the trails in and around Lane County, we should be especially keen to actively support those trails we love to hike. In observance of National Trails Day there will be two club sponsored trail maintenance outings:

- **Eugene Ridgeline Trail** --This will be a continuation of the past seven monthly outings with tools and guidance of Eugene Parks Division staff. Improvement of park trails will be the focus and includes all levels of involvement from cutting overhanging brush to pick and shovel work. Participants will meet at the Ridgeline Trail parking lot off Fox Hollow Road at 9 a.m. and work until 1 p.m. Bring boots, work gloves, weather appropriate clothing, water and snacks if desired. In order to determine how many participants to expect, please sign up at the Y or e-mail Peter Asai at [igneousrok@msn.com](mailto:igneousrok@msn.com).

- **Fall Creek Trail, Lowell Ranger District** -- A party of volunteers will focus on Lower Fall Creek Trail and engage in cutting back brush and improving and repairing trail tread. This will involve use of snippers, loppers, pole cutters and some pulaski and shovel work for some minor trail repair. The ranger district would like reports on trail condition and size and location of any trees across the trail. Meet at the east parking lot of South Eugene High School at 8:50 a.m. and leave for Fall Creek at 9 sharp. Work until 12:30 p.m.

## Janet's Sampler

*JANET JACOBSEN has taken a glance at the upcoming month's trips and selected a few for special mention. If you are leading a hike and would like her to know why you think it will offer something special, call her or email her at [bulletin@obsidians.org](mailto:bulletin@obsidians.org).*

**Wednesday, May 18 & Friday, June 10 – Kentucky Falls.** This ("A") 4.4 mile hike to scenic waterfalls is led by Larry Dunlap in May and Joella Ewing in June. Located in the Coast Range, the cascading falls are an amazing sight. The hike begins with a pleasant walk downhill (that means going uphill after lunch, but it is only an 800' elevation gain).

**Saturday, May 21 – Old Baldy/Coburg Hills ("B").** A 5.5 mile hike led by Gary Kirk, Obsidians president in 1968 and 1969. Gary has permission to lead this hike on private property offering a unique view of city.

**Sunday, June 5 – Three Buttes ("C").** Led by Doug Nelson, this is a combination of biking and hiking to Skinner, Spencer and Mt. Pisgah. Is there any way we could just meet this awesome "Lance Armstrong" crew at Mt. Pisgah for a close up look at the finish? There are four other bike rides (Weyerhaeuser Road, Scio, Brownsville and Orchard Point) on the summer schedule.

**Thursday, June 9 -- Owaso Bridge & Greenway Bridge Loop ("A").** Margo Fetz has organized another nature walk. Jody Lemmer of the East Lane County Soil and Water Conservation District will be on hand to answer questions about the watershed, the water in the river, how it all came about and what the state, county and local organizations do to maintain the river's health.

**Saturday, June 11 -- What choices!** Bike to **Orchard Point Park** with Sharon Ritchie; drive to the coast with Mary Croson for the ever popular

**Tahkenitch Dunes** hike; or, for wildflowers, hike with Allan Coons to **Tire Mountain**.

**Sunday, June 12 -- Devils Den ("B").** Wayne Deeter is bravely leading this unusual 5-mile hike where one scrambles and scrunches up and over and through cracks and holes in some rocks near Roseburg. Gary Kirk led this trip for many years. Wayne is continuing the challenging tradition

**Tuesday, June 14 -- McKenzie River Trail ("B").** Barbara Revere is taking the LTD bus to the Ranger Station to begin the 7.8 mile hike that includes a stop at Belknap Hot Springs for lunch and a dip in the pool. Save gas and enjoy a leisurely day.

**Thursday, June 16 – U of O Campus ("A").** Richard Heinzkill, retired reference librarian at the U of O, will lead a 3-mile hike through the campus pointing out buildings, history, landmarks and, perhaps, a few trees.

## CPR Class – May 25

**THERE ARE STILL** openings in the CPR class scheduled for the evening of May 25. This is a 4-hour class in adult CPR techniques. Participants will be charged only for the cost of materials. Enrollment is limited; please call Susan Sullivan to sign up.

## First Aid Class

**THE FIRST AID** Committee is planning to sponsor a 4-hour standard first aid class with an emphasis on wilderness first aid. This class is expected to be offered in late June or early July; more information will be posted on the web page when it becomes available. Participants will be charged only for the cost of materials. Contact John Pegg or Sue Sullivan if you are interested in participating.

## Trip Leader Awards

**IF YOU ARE CURIOUS** about the number of various trips you have led for the club since joining, you will find those results posted in the “Members Only” section on the Obsidian website. The Trip Leader Award Committee will meet soon to decide what level of awards should be given and what such awards might be. The list will, of course, be updated at the end of the summer season and awards will be given at the annual meeting. Committee chair Sharon Ritchie extended her sincere thanks to committee members Lenore McManigal and Sheila Ward for helping gather this information.

## June 8 – Dining at the Dump Can Be a Real (Bike) Trip!

**AS YOU DRIVE** just south of Eugene on I-5 and look to the east, you might have wondered what the large artificial looking mounds are. Those of you who have been here since at least the mid-80s will also remember a distinctive odor in the summertime. That’s Short Mountain, Lane County’s landfill! It’s where all of our garbage gets buried -- approximately eight football stadiums of garbage a year.

It’s also Emerald People’s Utility District’s Methane Recovery Plant, which is why it doesn’t stink very much now. EPUD offers a very interesting tour of the plant, which generates enough power to supply approximately 1,200 households in Creswell with electricity.

On Wednesday, June 8, Lana Lindstrom will lead a bike trip there that will include a tour and dining at the dump! The ride -- starting at Campbell Senior Center -- is 25 miles, almost all on the bike path and back roads. If you want to do a shorter ride with no traffic, you can bike from EPUD’s offices on Seavy Loop Road -- only 12 miles round trip. Sign up at the YMCA.

### **BEST WISHES**

*Get well wishes to Norma Lockyear for  
a rapid recovery from your recent accident.*

## 2005 Climb Schedule

May 14-15, Sat-Sun -- *Smith Rock State Park*, D. Nelson/G. Baitinger  
Jun 11, Sat -- *Diamond Peak* (Graduation Climb), B. Hamilton/R. Peevers  
Jun 11-12, Sat-Sun -- *Diamond Peak*, east side, J. Mueller/K. Sawyer  
Jul 2-3, Sat-Sun -- *Middle Sister*, M. Slipp  
Jul 16-17, Sat-Sun -- *Mt. Thielsen*, K. Sawyer/V. Lamb)  
Jul 16-17, Sat-Sun -- *North Sister*, J. Pegg/D. Nelson  
Jul 23, Sat -- *Mt. Washington*, W. Deeter (942-0824)  
Jul 23-24, Sat-Sun -- *South Sister* (Youth Climb), A. & G. Jobanek  
Jul 30-31, Sat-Sun -- *Middle Sister*, B. Johnson (746-1513)  
Jul 30-31, Sat-Sun -- *Three Fingered Jack-Mt. Washington*, A. & G. Jobanek  
Aug 13-14, Sat-Sun -- *Mt. Adams, Mazama Glacier*, M. Slipp  
Aug 13-14, Sat-Sun -- *South Sister*, V. Lamb  
Aug 13-14, Sat-Sun -- *Three Fingered Jack*, B. Hoyland  
Aug 26-28, Fri-Sun -- *Mt. Whitney*, B. Blumm  
Aug 27-28, Sat-Sun -- *Broken Top*, S. Still  
Aug 27-28, Sat-Sun -- *Mt. Bailey*, J. Pierce  
Aug 27, Sat -- *Mt. Thielsen* (Youth Climb), A. & G. Jobanek  
Sep 3-5, Sat-Mon -- *Mt. Jefferson*, K. Ball  
Sep 10-11, Sat-Sun -- *Diamond Peak-Mt. Thielsen*, W. Deeter  
Sep 10-11, Sat-Sun -- *Mt. McLoughlin*, J. Mueller  
Sep 17-18, Sat-Sun -- *Mt. McLoughlin-Crater Lake*, Climb/Bike, W. Deeter  
Sep 25, Sun -- *South Sister*, Climb, B. Blumm)

## Trip Leader Alert!

**IF YOU DIDN'T** receive your leader packet please email Sandra Larsen at [lars480@aol.com](mailto:lars480@aol.com) or Margaret Prentice at [wjp@efn.org](mailto:wjp@efn.org) as soon as possible. If you don't have email, telephone Sandra at 687-2589 or Margaret at 687-5850. There apparently was a mishap with the packets and they've been redone.

If you need to make any changes to the schedule please email:

[summertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:summertrips@obsidians.org)  
The Summer Trips Committee needs to update newspapers and the web site. If using the telephone, please make PERSONAL CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: Sandra Larsen, Margaret Prentice, Clare Tucker or Joanne Ledet. Leaving a message on an answering machine does not guarantee that your change is implemented. If it is a last minute change, posting a note at the Y is a courtesy to those people who go there to check.

# Challenge Course – June 26



**HAVE YOU EVER** wanted to climb up to an osprey's nest?

"Definitely not," you say. "Heights scare me."

OK then, how about figuring out how to navigate through a giant rope spider web without touching any of its tenuous strands? Or what about jumping from piling to piling without falling off and being eaten by piranhas? Or traversing a rope bridge....blindfolded?

As Obsidian hikers or skiers, most of our activities don't require a high degree of teamwork -- unless there's a mishap, in which case folks really have to work together. The Spencer Butte Challenge Course operated by the City of Eugene will help us explore the dynamics of teamwork, as well as challenge us individually. Activities include both physical and mental challenges -- some on the ground and some in the trees. You choose the level

of participation that's right for you. Course leaders will help to push us to the edge of our comfort zones, but also keep us very safe.

**SOUND A BIT SCARY**, but fun? Most people are a little nervous, but once they get started, they ask, "What's next?" Working through problems, building relationships and challenging ourselves is exactly what gives us more self-confidence and helps us when we get into difficulties "in the real world."

So come play and have fun! At the end of the day, your teammates will be your friends.

## The Details

- What:** Spencer Butte Challenge Course  
**When:** Sunday, June 26, 9:00AM-4:00 PM  
**Bring:** A lunch and an adventurous spirit  
**Provided:** High energy snacks and water  
**COST:** \$55 for Obsidians; \$59 for non-Obsidians  
**Maximum number of participants:** 25 persons  
**Questions:** Call Lana Lindstrom at 683-1409

To reserve your spot, send a check payable to:

Obsidians - Attn: Lana Lindstrom  
P. O. Box 5506  
Eugene, OR 97405

## Calendar

### May

- 14 Sat – **Goodman Creek**, 3.5m 300' **A**, M.Hansen (343-5114)  
14 Sat – **Larison Creek**, 6m 200' **B**, J.Terry & K.Rusow (345-0720)  
14 Sat – **McKenzie View Drive**, Bike 30m **B**, L.Dunlap (686-6745)  
14 Sat – **McKenzie Watershed**, Field Trip **A**, P.Graham (933-1612)  
14-15 Sat-Sun – **Smith Rock State Pk**, Climb, D.Nelson (746-6774)  
15 Sun – **Clear Lk-Waterfall Lp**, 8.7m 600' **B**, S.Larsen (687-2589)  
15 Sun – **Hardesty Mt-Mt June**, 18m 6100' **C**, G.Jobanek (343-8547)  
17 Tue – **Rhodies, Covered Bridges, Murals**, Bus, Payne (746-1964)  
18 Wed – **Kentucky Falls**, 4.4m 800' **A**, L.Dunlap (686-6745)  
19 Thu – **Little N Santiam Rv Tr**, 6.5m 850' **B**, Roe (503-316-5064)  
20 Fri – **Coast to Canyonlands--James Johnston**, Potluck  
21 Sat – **Mt. June**, 8m 1800' **B**, W.Dolliver (345-2975)  
21 Sat – **Old Baldy/Coburg Hills**, 5.5m 1500' **B**, G.Kirk (683-7033)  
21 Sat – **The Twins**, X-Ski 8m 1800' **Int**, W.Deeter (942-0824)  
21 Sat – **Weyerhaeuser Rd**, Bike 20m 200' **A**, R.Hughes (683-1409)  
23 Mon – **Mt. Pisgah, B**, R.Romoser (726-8154)  
24 Tue – **Tamolitch**, D.Jeffcott  
25 Wed – **CPR class, Lodge**, class, S.Sullivan (342-6546)  
28 Sat – **Broken Top Crater**, Ski 10m **Adv**, P.Suttmeier (485-4633)  
28 Sat – **Sweet Creek Falls/Alpha Bits**, 4m **A**, S.Thomas (747-1623)  
30 Mon – **Eagles Rest**, 5m 1422' **B**, M.Hansen (343-5114)

### June

- 3-5 Fri-Sun – **Rogue River Tr**, Bkpack 42m **C**, K.Horton (485-0375)  
3 Fri – **Siltcoos Rv & Carter Lk Dunes**, 5m **B**, S.Ward (686-5679)  
4 Sat – **Trails Day**, Trail Maintenance, P.Asai (933-3927)  
4 Sat – **Vivian Lake**, 8m 1600' **B**, D.Jeffcott  
5 Sun – **Baker Beach**, 7.3m **B**, S.Larsen (687-2589)  
5 Sun – **Deception Butte**, 8m 2600' **C**, C.Renkert (485-5217)  
5 Sun – **Scio**, Bike 45m **B**, N.Lockyear (485-1283)  
5 Sun – **Three Buttes**, Bike/Hike, D.Nelson (746-6774)  
6-10 Mon-Fri – **J Day Fossil Bds & E OR**, Bus, Speelman (344-3019)  
8 Wed – **Gwynn Creek**, 6.4m 1000' **B**, C.Higgins (995-8060)  
8 Wed – **Short Mountain**, Bike 12m **A**, L.Lindstrom (683-1409)  
9 Thu – **Owaso Br-Greenway Br**, Walk **A**, M.Fetz (687-0733)  
10 Fri – **Kentucky Falls**, 4.4m 800' **A**, J.Ewing (344-9197)  
11 Sat – **Diamond Pk (graduation)**, Climb, B.Hamilton (343-6550)  
11-12 Sat-Sun – **Diamond Pk, E Side**, Climb, J.Mueller (744-8797)  
11 Sat – **Orchard Point Park**, Bike 35m **B**, S.Ritchie (342-8435)  
11 Sat – **Tire Mountain**, 8m 800' **B**, A.Coons (687-9741)  
12 Sun – **Devils Den**, 5m **B**, W.Deeter (942-0824)  
12 Sun – **Marcola - Coburg**, Bike 75m **B**, K.McManigal (503-635-9973)  
12 Sun – **Mt. June**, 8m 1800' **B**, R.Wood (767-2499)  
12 Sun – **N Umpqua River Tr**, 5.5m 200' **B**, D.McClurg (746-9478)  
14 Tue – **McKenzie River Trail**, 7.8m 200' **B**, B.Revere  
15 Wed – **Lt Cowhorn Mt - Hehe Mt**, 5m 1700' **B**, W.Deeter (942-0824)  
16 Thu – **U of O Campus**, 3m **A**, R.Heinzkill (343-8367)  
17 Fri – **Cone Peak**, 7.5m 1576' **C**, J.Jacobsen (343-8030)  
18 Sat – **Dog Mountain**, 7m 2900' **C**, B.Blumm (343-8830)  
18 Sat – **Goodman Creek**, 4m 300' **A**, C.Cunningham (344-0486)  
18 Sat – **Mt. Pisgah**, 4m 1000' **B**, M.Hansen (343-5114)  
18 Sat – **Sahalie Lp & Clear Lk Lp**, 8.5m 600' **B**, D.Delaby (688-4978)  
18 Sat – **Salt Creek Falls**, 3.8m 400' **A**, C.Durham (687-0885)  
18 Sat – **Sawtooth Mountain**, 9.7m 2200' **B**, L.Huff (915-9071)  
18 Sat – **Tahkenitch Dunes**, 6.5m 650' **B**, M.Croson (485-3753)  
19 Sun – **Adams Mt Lp**, 11.2m 3000' **C**, C.Stockdale (767-3668)  
19 Sun – **Aufderheide Dr - Westfir**, Bike 30m 800' **B**, Hughes (683-1409)  
19 Sun – **Crack-in-The-Ground, B**, B.Huntley (687-1823)  
19 Sun – **Crescent Mountain**, 8m 2200' **B**, G.Baitinger (344-9345)  
19 Sun – **Tamolitch to Sahalie Fl**, 7m 800' **B**, B.Lipton (736-7498)



*We heard it was three points in contact with the rock at all times.....  
Wayne Deeter taking pictures (and rock climbing) at Obsidian spring climb school.*



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