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Dates to Remember

November 22	Potluck
December 4	Board Meeting
December 17	ExploraTalk
January 4	Bulletin deadline

Complete current schedules at:

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Dues Renewal

A big **Thank you** to all who have sent in your renewal dues. If you haven't, please mail yours in this week. Online checks are perfectly acceptable too.

Thanks for your help!

Elle/Membership Committee

2013 Annual Meeting

Elle Weaver and Janet Jacobsen

FIFTY OR SO PEOPLE GREETED A SURPRISED DICK HILDRETH by singing *Happy Birthday* when he entered the Lodge for the annual meeting. He was unaware that his wife, Caroline Forrel, had made arrangements for a mountain-high decorated chocolate cake for his 70th birthday and 400 trip award. Dick commented later that if he lived until he was 80, credit should go to the Obsidians. He appreciated the Obsidian climb school so that so he could safely enjoy that kind of grand adventure.

All of the members were surprised to see the restored 1936 mural painting by Bryan Ryan mounted on the wall. A special thanks goes to Wes Prouty who donated time and materials to make the frame, transported it from eastern Oregon to Eugene, and supervised the mounting early in October. Before Wes, an Honorary Member, left to make the long drive back home, he said he was happy to make the frame—it was time for him to make a contribution to the club.

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order and guided us through the committee reports filled with stats, humorous anecdotes, and an amazing number of volunteer hours.

Under new business, members approved John Jacobsen's honorary membership and the election of Matt Bell, Don Colgan, and Shellie Robertson to the board effective January, 2014.

A special hiking/climbing friend of each recipient shared personal stories before presenting the trip and leader awards. It was almost like the Oscars!

Shellie Robertson presented the Ten Peak Leader Award to Brian Hamilton. She said that Brian was the 9th member to receive the award. Brian started his Obsidian climbing career at the age of 50 and earned the award only ten years later. See October *Bulletin* for an interview with Brian.



The meeting concluded with special certificates awarded to members for unrecognized heroic actions: Ray Cavagnaro, Clara Emlen, Betty Grant, Brian Hamilton, Yuan Hopkins, Dave Pre-deek, Nancy Whitfield, Roberta Chord and her granddaughter, Autumn Edwards.

Ray Cavagnaro, president in 1950, had the last word when he shared that it was refreshing to

see the adventures and the progress our club had made.

But perhaps the *best* last word was the comment overheard as people left for home—*It was the best annual meeting that they could remember.*

(The article about Bryan Ryan is on page three.)

Winter Trail Work

Jan Anselmo

HIGH CASCADES FOREST VOLUNTEERS (HCFV) met for their annual winter trail work party at Willamette Pass on Thursday, October 24. The group split into pairs and concentrated on the Gold Lake Sno Park, Salt Creek Falls and Waldo areas. Maintenance included installing new blue diamonds in non-wilderness areas, lopping overhanging branches, removing logs from trails and installing new signs.

Throughout the snow season these individuals continue to work on their adopted trails and shelters. As the snow gets deeper, new diamonds can be added and signage improved.

We need your help during winter ski or snowshoe outings. If you see an area where the junctions are confusing because of the signage, or you lose the trail because there are not enough diamonds, let us know. Your feedback helps us continue to improve this vast network of incredible ski trails. You are our eyes! Email us the location where signage or diamonds could be improved: jananselmo@earthlink.net or <mailto:lyndellwilken@gmail.com>.

There is now available a new waterproof *Willamette Pass Winter Recreation Map 2012*.

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Board meetings are held at 6 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting, and no meeting in August.

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Bryan Ryan Painting

Janet Jacobsen

WHILE CLEANING AN UPSTAIRS STORAGE ROOM in the lodge during the 2006 renovation project, Janet Jacobsen found a rolled-up bedraggled canvas. Fortunately, before it was discarded Rick Ahrens unrolled the canvas to reveal Bryan Ryan's 1936 oil painting (55" x 80") of Obsidian climbers gathered in front of a shelter with North and Middle Sister in the background. What a surprise! The canvas was damaged with dirt, creases and paint loss.

The painting has been in Portland for two years with art restorer, Jan Cavanaugh. Her excellent restoration brought the climbers, mountains, and details into sharp focus. John Jacobsen and Jim Duncan rented a van to transport the restored mural back to Eugene. Wes Prouty, honorary member who lives in Eastern Oregon, donated the material and his time to make a frame and then brought the frame to Eugene to help with the installation on October 3. With four ladders and some groaning, Jim, Wes, and John mounted the heavy framed painting. The first viewing was at the annual meeting.



Painting prior to restoration

Who was Bryan Ryan?

Charles Bryan Ryan was born in 1909 at Fort Jones, CA, a small town near Mt. Shasta. He attended the U of O earning a bachelor's degree in fine arts in 1939 and a masters the following year. He then worked as a teaching assistant in the university's zoology department, and at Santiam Ski Bowl in charge of ski safety, ski instruction, and publicity. He married Rhoda Gollehur in 1942 before he entered the Armed Forces where he was recruited for the Army's 10th Mountain Division, later stationed in the Italian Alps. After the war, he taught art at University of Florence in Italy. In 1946, he returned to Eugene to join the staff at the U of O as a Professor of Fine Arts. Influenced by his friendship with

Buckminster Fuller, he built a geodesic dome home outside of Eugene in the 60s. When he retired in 1975, he moved to Tumalo near Bend when he enjoyed skiing with the *Over the Hill Gang* until he died at the age of 92 in 2001. After his death, his paintings were exhibited at the Coos Bay Art Museum and the Bend Library.

Ryan's first Obsidian trip was to Belknap Crater in 1929 when he was 20 years old. His address on his Obsidian log page is the McDonald Theater. For the next 11 years, he skied, climbed, and socialized. He is one of the skiers in the Dot Dotson 1930 photograph, *Skiers on Frozen Scott Lake*, by the lodge fireplace. In 1931 he was at the fourth Obsidian winter outing with 100 people, where he won the 12-mile race, mostly a killer uphill from Alder Springs to the top of Deer Butte in 2 hours, 2 minutes, 2 seconds. "Weary, but still on his feet, Ryan attired only in knickers, foot gear and his skis slid over finish line at 1:30 in the afternoon, a full 31 minutes ahead of other racers." First prize for Ryan was an electric headlamp. At the 1933 winter outing, he again won the ski race. One *Bulletin* writer commented that he "zig-zagged merrily over the broad snowfields." A later *Bulletin* mentions that Ryan broke his leg skiing down Dead Horse Hill and that he told the nurse he must get well because he had a date in May. There is a 1935 photo in an old photo album of Ryan skiing on sand dunes south of Florence, apparently doing tricks with skis on sand that are done in snow-thrilling loops.

His first climb with the club was North Sister in 1932. He climbed the Middle and South Sister in 1934, and the following year Mt. Washington and North Sister. He climbed Mt. Hood and North Sister in 1936, the year he painted the mural. He did 11 climbs with several repeats of Middle Sister.

He served as social and entertainment chair in 1937 but turned in his resignation after one year. That didn't prevent him from taking part in a hog-calling contest and a liar's contest at the 1939 and 1940 New Year's party at Belknap Hot Springs.

In September 1939, Ryan and 16 Obsidians cleared out two ski runs at Hand Lake where the Forest Service would build a shelter. That was also the year he became the 54th chief with the name *Worm*. In February 1941 he offered free ski instruction to Obsidians at Santiam Ski Bowl. It is no wonder that he was recruited to ski with the 10th Mountain Division during WWII.

In November 1943, Ryan sent a letter from Wisconsin to the Obsidians suggesting that he was actively involved with his fellow soldiers. "I'm still out in the sticks at Watermeet. I mean sticks. This is supposed to be the much fabled North Woods. North Brush would be better terminology. Brush

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and more brush. The nearest town is Moon River—20 miles away. I haven't been there but I hear the liquor is cheap and the hotels are good. Maybe I'll get down there next weekend. I'm now a snow-shoer, God forbid...I'm appointed chief instructor. God knows why! We have about 240 men to train in the art of taking care of themselves. But it's all fun."

His log page shows that he completed 36 activities. He led his last ski trip to Odell Butte in February 1949 and the following year, became inactive.

Why did he paint the mural? He would have been an undergraduate at U of O in 1936. Perhaps it was a class assignment or did he paint it just for fun to give to an Obsidian friend?

How did it get to the lodge? The lodge was built in 1962. Perhaps Ryan left it at the lodge when he retired.

Are all of the people in the mural Obsidians? We don't know. We have identified Ray Simms, Ed Thurston and

Louis Waldorf.

Is the shelter Sunshine Shelter? It doesn't look exactly like Sunshine Shelter but since he climbed North Sister in 1932, 1935 and 1936, perhaps it is. It is not Hand Lake Shelter since it hadn't been built.

Whatever the answers, we thank Ryan for leaving us a painting of our early members that we can enjoy.

Rick Ahrens, Jim and Sharon Duncan, Janet and John Jacobsen have taken the lead in the restoration project. They plan to have an open house in 2014. In the meantime, attend a potluck, ExploraTalk, or the December holiday luncheon to see the painting.

Sources: Obsidian Log book; Obsidian *Bulletin* and other papers; Bend *Bulletin*; Ray Simms' scrapbook; and the online document: Charles Bryan Ryan: A Retrospective of a Curious Mind.

www.docstoc.com/docs/30053432/CHARLES-BRYN-RYAN-A-Retrospective-of-a-Curious-Mind

Restored and framed painting



Winter Trips Season: November 15—April 1

Anne Bonine

A BIG THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU who have already agreed to lead an Obsidian trip this winter season.

The Winter Trip Committee plans to schedule many more trips throughout this season.

A trip can be an urban or coastal hike in hiking boots. Or:

It can be a bicycle trip along peaceful rural roads or urban bike paths.

It can be a snow adventure on X-skis or snowshoes in our nearby mountains.

It can be a healthy run up Mt. Pisgah or along our many jogging trails.

There are lots of options in and around the Eugene area—

we are very lucky living here.

For those who haven't scheduled a trip, there is still lots of time.

Send the following information to: wintertrips@obsidians.org

1. name of trip
2. date of trip
3. kind of trip (hike, bike, run, X-ski, snowshoe)
4. skill rating
5. miles
6. elevation gain
7. driving distance

Thanks so much for being willing to lead a winter trip. The Obsidians couldn't function without leaders like you.

Construction Going Full Blast

John Jacobsen

A SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO THE OBSIDIAN LODGE facilities is becoming a reality. The construction of the storage garage described in our July *Bulletin* is now underway. Contractors completed the tree removal, site prep and concrete foundation/slab by mid-October. The massive effort by Obsidian volunteers to complete the remainder of the project kicked off at that point. By the end of October the framing, exterior sheathing and roof underlayment were done. We have an incredible core crew of Steve Johnson, Guy Strahon and Jim Whitfield, all headed by Dave Beardsley, who have been working all day, every day, in order to pull the job off. They have been aided by Rob Castleberry, Wayne Deeter, Dan Gilmore, John Jacobsen, Lonny King, Doug Nelson, and Tom Woxell with various aspects of the construction. We hope

to have the storage structure enclosed and weather tight by mid-November.

Guy Strahon guides roof truss placement.



October Board Notes

By Susan Wanser

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Tom Musselwhite, Susan Wanser, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were Anne Bonine, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Brian Hamilton, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Lou Maenz, Lenore McManigal, and Doug Nelson. The Board approved the minutes of the September 2013 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the balance sheet.

The Board approved payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Tom Musselwhite): For the season there have been 175 scheduled activities including: six backpacks, 12 bikes, 134 hikes, two canoe/kayaks, 18 trail runs, and four leader orientation classes. As of October 15, 135 trips have been completed.

Climbs (Brian Hamilton): Since the September Board meeting two climbs were cancelled due to an early snow storm. Three were completed, one of which took place just a few days after it was scheduled. At this time, we do not expect any other climbs to be added to the schedule until next spring.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing in September. It marked the transition back to Saturday morning outings which we'll follow through Spring. Special thanks this month goes to Pat Soussan for coordinating and hosting a wonderful end of season BBQ. In September there was one outing in Spencer Butte Park with eight members and two nonmembers resulting in 30 hours of work.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): Both September bus trips were successfully completed. In late October we begin planning trips for 2014 and for the December 10th Holiday Celebration at the Lodge.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): The full committee met to discuss various issues. It was decided that members should have preference over nonmembers when signing up for a trip.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Rick Ahrens' commentary made the experience of about 25 Obsidians and 60 non-related community members more meaningful as they viewed thousands of swifts descend into the Condon chimney.

Publication (Lou Maenz): In the month of September 455 bulletins were printed at a cost of \$420.05. This included the membership renewal insert. Mailing cost was \$102.67.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Ninety-three people attended Bob Welch's very entertaining presentation describing his experience hiking the full length of the Oregon PCT.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Renewal dues checks continue to be received. Several current members have responded that they will not be renewing due to relocation. Members have been generous including donations. Those will all be recognized in the bulletin at a later date.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen for Jorry Rolfe): Obsidians sponsored a table at the Rocktoberfest event at Willamalane on Oct. 6 from 3-6 PM. Mary Hamilton organized and staffed the table with a triboard display of photos, brochures, and flyers. The triboard with photos of Obsidian activities is now on display in the lodge by the fireplace.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 1,718 photos in 136 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery, up from 1,384 photos in 114 albums in September. There are now 229 likes of our Facebook page, an increase of 14 from September.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All trips have been recorded that appeared in the last *Bulletin*.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): One work party was held during the month on September 27 prior to the September Potluck. Thanks to Sue Carey, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Gary Kirk, and Jim Whitfield for helping keep the Obsidian grounds shipshape. Special thanks to Jim Whitfield for taking one of the lawnmowers and the weed whacker home and repairing them for us.

Ad Hoc Construction (John Jacobsen): We have finally gotten started in earnest on the storage garage construction. Site prep started the third week in September, followed by the concrete work which finished up Oct 11. We hope to begin framing soon, done by our intrepid Obsidian volunteers headed up by Dave Beardsley.

OLD BUSINESS

A special *Thank You* goes to Jim Duncan, Janet and John Jacobsen and Wes Prouty for the parts each of them played in the final mounting of the restored 1936 painting by Bryan Ryan, now hanging in the Lodge. Oh yes, and *Thank You* to Rick Ahrens for rescuing the painting in the first place!

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Bell, Don Colgan and Shellie Robertson were welcomed as new members to the Board to begin their terms on January 1, 2014. Nancy Whitfield was accepted as a new member of the Extended Trips Committee. Brian Hamilton was accepted as the Climbs representative on the Safety Committee. A very generous donation was made to the Club by Bill Morse and his wife Lois in honor of John and Janet Jacobsen.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There was some discussion about considering offering dog-friendly hikes through the Club. Most present at the meeting were in agreement not to address this issue at this time. Plans were discussed for the Annual Board Dinner to be held after the December Board Meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewart announced that he would be sending out requests for the 2014 Budget information soon.

The next Board meeting will be on November 6, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at Bier Stein.

November Board Notes

By Susan Wanser

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Tom Musselwhite, Susan Wanser, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were: Anne Bonine, Don Colgan, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Brian Hamilton, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Patty MacAfee, Lou Maenz, Lenore McManigal, Doug Nelson and Shellie Robertson.

The Board approved the minutes of the October 2013 meeting as well as the 2013 Annual Meeting held on October 11.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet and the Board approved payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Tom Musselwhite): One hundred and forty-seven summer activities have been completed and trip reports approved by the Committee thus far this season. For completed (finished up) trips, 784 members and 275 nonmembers have paid \$1,595 in trip fees. Additionally, five trips have been completed for which the Committee is waiting to receive fees or reports. Only three trips remain on the summer schedule, which ends November 15.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): Twenty hikes have already been scheduled for the winter season.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing in October. We worked with Christer of EPOS to improve the Ridgeline Trail up from the Willamette and 52nd trailhead. The work that we did included armoring culverts, cleaning culverts, graveling, adding retaining walls, and brushing and sloping the trailsides. September Trail Maintenance participation had one outing in Spencer Butte Park with 18 participants including 13 members. So far in 2013 there have been ten outings in Spencer Butte Park and two outings with the Forest Service with a total estimated 414 volunteer hours.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): Nancy Whitfield has joined the Extended Trips Committee. The Committee held a meeting on October 14 and discussed changes to the ET Leader's Manual. This manual is available on the Obsidian website in the *Members Only* section, under *Documents*. The Committee also decided that Obsidian members will have advance sign-up options for Extended Trips, usually for two weeks after the trip has been posted online. Nonmembers will be wait-listed during this period. Three extended trips have been scheduled for the first part of 2014. A return trip to the Union Creek Resort for skiing and snowshoeing at Crater Lake will be on April 4 - 6 led by Chris Stockdale. A third attempt to have a rafting trip on the Owyhee River will be led by Diane Schechter from May 10 - 14. Marianne Camp will lead a return trip to the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, staying in French Glen, on May 16 - 18.

Publication (Lou Maenz): The Publications Committee ordered 50,000 1.25 inch mailing tabs from Linton Company at a cost of \$57.01.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Forty-seven people attended Doug Crispin's very informative and entertaining presentation on Rainbow Bridge National Monument in Utah.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Membership renewals continue to be received. Reminder emails will be sent out in November. Currently there are 462 active members, 19 assoc. members, six honorary members, ten junior members and 14 life members for a total of 511 members.

Concessions (Patty MacAfee): Concessions began reducing inventory at the October potluck (sweatshirt sale). Sales on various items will continue through December.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 1,857 photos in 145 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery, up from 1,718 photos in 136 albums in October (3 weeks ago).

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All trips have been recorded that appeared in the last *Bulletin*.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Not much going on with grounds other than blowing the falling leaves away.

Safety (Pat Esch): Brian Hamilton is the new Safety member replacing Sue Sullivan as the Climbs representative.

Ad Hoc Construction (John Jacobsen): Obsidian volunteers have been doing an outstanding job on building our new storage garage. We have an incredible core crew of Steve Johnson, Guy Strahon and Jim Whitfield, all headed by Dave Beardsley, who have been working all day, every day, in order to pull the job off. They have been aided by Rob Castleberry, Wayne Deeter, Dan Gilmore, John Jacobsen, Lonny King, Doug Nelson, and Tom Woxell with various aspects of the construction. Framing, trusses & exterior sheathing are complete. The roof sheathing and tar paper is down and seems to be working to keep the rain out of the structure until our steel roof panels arrive and are installed, hopefully within the week, but installation is really dependent on weather. To date we have spent just under \$35,000 and we should come in with a final cost well under the \$50,000 approved by the Board. If things fall into place in a reasonable manner, we may have completion by about mid-November.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of New Officers was held for 2014. Matt Bell was elected as President, Elle Weaver as Vice President, Susan Wanser as Secretary and Stewart Hoeg as Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bert Ewing has taken on the project of scanning old scrapbooks. This information will eventually be available on the website.

The next Board meeting will be on December 4 at 6:00 PM followed by the Annual Board dinner at La Oficina. Each Board Member may invite a guest.

The meeting adjourned for food at McMenamins East 19th Street Cafe.

2013 Annual Meeting Notes

2013 ANNUAL MEETING - OBSIDIANS, INC.

October 11, 2013

By Susan Wanser

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Tom Musselwhite, Susan Wanser, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were: Rick Ahrens, Jan Anselmo, Marianne Camp, Rob Castleberry, Ray Cavagnaro, Roberta Chord, Don Colgan, Wayne Deeter, Sharon Duncan, Autumn Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Clara Emlen, Bea Fontana, Caroline Forell, Laurie Funkhouser, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Dick Hildreth, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, Casey Janz, Ray Jensen, Gary Kirk, Holger Krentz, Todd Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Becky Lipton, Mary Livingston, Beth Machamer, Lou Maenz, Helen Martz, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Colleen Milliman, Greg Milliman, Dave Predeek, Shellie Robertson, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Guy Strahon, Judith Terry, and Lyndell Wilken.



TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Obsidians financial outlook remains bright. As of September 30 our balance sheet had financial assets exceeding \$236,000 including a Capital/Contingency fund of \$85,900, an Endowment Fund of \$94,400 and a General Fund of \$26,200. During the past twelve months we had positive cash flow from operations of \$5,400. In addition, during the last year we received \$3,400 in donations from current members. Thanks to everyone for your continued financial and other support for the club.

PRESIDENT'S "STATE OF THE OBSIDIANS" ADDRESS

Recently a new guest asked if we had monthly club meetings and if she could attend once she became a member. Politely, but smiling inside, I explained that our club focused more on doing things. We're always looking forward to the next event and whatever it ends up being, we have a good time. A little sore from a trail maintenance morning? We feel ecstatic that hikers and runners will enjoy the trails. Unexpected snow on the trail becomes a great photo to send to the *Bulletin*. This year as in past years, members have offered their time to lead

trips, to share their knowledge, and to enjoy the outdoors. We've introduced guests and members alike to new places and new experiences. The first aid course offered at the beginning of the year was filled almost instantly, so willing are members to learn – just in case something, hopefully only minor, happens. Potlucks have been a wonderful way for guests to be introduced to the Lodge. It's not uncommon to hear a guest comment about the beauty of our lodge and of the warm welcome they receive. At the Trinity Alps everyone had a wonderful time. It never fails that everyone pitches in to make summer camp a success. Extended Trips, always popular, keeps adding new places to explore. Climb School also filled up and gave a good start to those who want to try mountaineering. Bus Trips is already planning adventures for next year. As we wind down Summer Trips and look forward to the winter season, we continue to do what we do best – to offer the opportunity to enjoy the mountains from the trails or from the top, the lakes and waterfalls that we never get tired of exploring, and the company of our members who make it all happen.

Elle recognized previous Presidents who were in attendance at this year's Annual Meeting. They included Ray Cavagnaro (1950), Gary Kirk (1968 and 1969), John Jacobsen (1988, 2001, 2005, 2011), Rick Ahrens (1990, 2002), Janet Jacobsen (1993), Wayne Deeter (2006), and Brian Hamilton (2008).

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

Summer Trips (Tom Musselwhite): For Summer Trips overall, 2013 has been a year of development. Something new, Dave Beardsley has offered trail runs on a regular basis all summer. Thanks Dave! You have greatly improved our numbers! Thanks in no small part to Janet Jacobsen's regular Ridgeline Trail hikes, and Dave's trail runs, we appear to be on course to end the season November 14th with a banner Summer Trips year! By difficulty rating, leaders have scheduled 32 easy, 117 moderate, and 23 difficult trips this season. 2013 has also been a year with added emphasis on recruiting new lead-



ers. The Summer Trips Committee sponsored four new leader orientations throughout the season beginning on March 12 with the last workshop on September 24, and new leaders are making a difference. Dave Beardsley, Tom Giesen, Betty Grant,

Christiane Hougardy, Darko Sojak, and Dalen Willhite have combined with our established leader base to schedule 175 trips thus far this season. We are expecting approximately 152 trips to be finally completed and approved with approximately 771 member participants and 276 nonmember participants. Way to go leaders! This summer leaders have offered five overnight backpacking trips, 133 hikes, 12 bicycle trips, 18 trail runs, and one canoe/kayak trip. Final figures will not be available until after the season ends, but revenue is projected to exceed our \$1,500 budget goal. Many thanks to the following members of the Summer Trips Committee who have functioned together so well as a team, provided much needed sup-



port to me, each other, and leaders, and turned a difficult task into a fairly simple operation. Leader Contacts: Don Colgan, Joella Ewing, Betty Grant, Daphne James, Sandra Larsen, Joanee Ledet and Lyndell Wilken. Schedule Coordinator: Laurie Funkhouser. Advisor & Leader Contacts: Janet Jacobson. CEO (Chief Experience Officer) & Leader Contacts: Lana Lindstrom. Trip Report review and approval: Judy Terry. Sign-up Sheet and Fee processing: Elle Weaver.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): Winter trips had a great season. We had 32 hikes, ten cross-country ski trips, three snowshoe trips, one combo (X-ski and/or SS), seven trail runs, one presentation & one ExploraTalk. Many of the hikes were thanks to Janet Jacobsen and her Ridgeline trail trips. Lots of energy and enthusiasm were put out by Dave Beardsley for his trail runs. We had 343 members and 146 nonmembers participate and collected \$719. Driving in winter conditions is risky and we really appreciate all the leaders and drivers who drove this winter. Often bad driving conditions means great skiing!! I want to warmly and sincerely thank my two committee members, John Cooper who is my schedule coordinator, and Judy Terry who does trip report review and approval. We could not run winter trips without them. They support me and each other and the leaders—a great team.

Climbs (Brian Hamilton): Last year at this time, Climbs Chair Sue Sullivan reported on the results of a two-year effort to foster more leaders. We continue to enjoy these results with ten climb leaders this year, three of whom led their first climbs with the club. The Climbs Committee joined with Eugene Mountain Rescue again in the spring to deliver our Basic Mountaineering Course. As in past years, the class produced a few new members but more importantly, we introduced about

twenty participants to the skills and knowledge to safely get a start in mountaineering. Based on trip reports received to date, 52 percent of the participants in climbing trips were nonmembers. Poor weather conditions continue to be the biggest obstacle to the club's summit attempts. Almost one-third of the twenty-five scheduled climbs were cancelled due to inclement weather. At least this meant that nobody froze in a whiteout! In fact, we had no incident or accident reports this year. Two new additions to the schedule this year were an outdoor first aid class and conditioning hikes. Conditioning hikes were scheduled early in the season and are meant to be fast-paced with significant elevation gain, while carrying a heavier-than-usual pack. The Climbs Committee hopes to continue training new climbers, expanding our roster of leaders, and offering a diverse selection of climbs next year.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): During the past year the Trails Committee has been busy working to improve trails in Spencer Butte Park and the Obsidian Limited Entry Area. Todd Larsen deserves recognition for taking the initiative to coordinate and advertise two trips into the Obsidian Limited Entry Area with the Forest Service. This year's highlights include: We, by that I should say Todd Larsen & Betty Grant, worked with the Forest Service for the first time in over 4 years! We participated in the 3rd Ridgeline Celebration, National Trails Day, & National Public Lands Day! No one was killed, injured, or lost on an outing. Poison oak on the other hand... The weather is always perfect for trail maintenance! Especially, when it's not! There is no trip fee for trail maintenance outings and there are always snacks and *Newman's Own Lemonade!* 2013 Trail Maintenance Participation: eight outings in Spencer Butte Park and one outing with the Forest Service. 93 total participants including 80 members and 13 nonmembers. 35 unique participants including 22 members and 13 nonmembers. 299 estimated volunteer hours.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): The year 2013 has been plagued by the problem of not having enough riders, so we had to cancel one trip. Our long extended trip to NE Oregon and SE Washington was highly successful, as was the Eagles N^o More trip. Thanks to Sharon Cutsforth for acting as



Chairman while I had open-heart surgery and rehab. We still have the Fall Color trip on Tuesday October 15 to the coast to visit a new fish hatchery complex which is working toward salmon restoration. Our last event will be titled Obsidian

Lodge for the Holidays on Tuesday, December 10. Our finances are good, and we have started planning our six-day Death Valley Trip, and many one day trips.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Fifty-one campers attended the five-day Summer Camp in the Trinity Alps from July 8-13. Participants were invited to write the trip report in the form of a six word memoir. Three representative ones follow; the full list was published in the September *Bulletin*. "New conversations, new experiences, new friends," Judy Ness. "Hiking, sweating, swimming, stretching, Obsidians laughing," Anony-



mous. "Sapphire waters cupped by silver cirque," Margaret Essenberg. Next year's camp: August 1 - 6, will be in the Oregon Strawberry Wilderness Area.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): Three successful Extended Trips took place in the spring and summer months, while a fall trip is planned for later in October. Janet Jacobsen led a very popular trip to the Spring Basin Wilderness, staying at the Hancock Field Station for two nights. Additional side trips were organized to the John Day Fossil beds, the Painted Hills and the Kam Wah Chung museum in John Day. Unfortunately, the Owyhee Rafting Trip that had been organized by Pat Esch was cancelled due to low water; however, Barb Revere stepped in and took most of the rafters on a trip down the John Day River. In August, Dan Christensen led a popular camping and hiking trip to Leavenworth, WA, where participants could hike in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and most also had an evening at the outdoor theater in Leavenworth where they enjoyed a performance of *The Sound of Music* after a dinner at one of the well-known Bavarian Restaurants. A fourth trip is planned for the Oregon Gardens and Silver Falls for later in October, led by Lana Lindstrom. A meeting of the committee is scheduled for October 14 at which time members will discuss this year's trips and brainstorm ideas for trips in 2014. They will also talk about how to recruit more ET leaders. An updated version of the ET Trip Leader's Manual will be released later this year.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): We had seven diverse ExploraTalk presentations this year, including everything from Wildflowers of the Willows to Birds You Will Never See in Oregon, Hiking Astronomy to Saving Owyhee Canyonlands. We also had two movie nights and a field trip to Condon School to watch the Vaux swifts descend into the chimney. Two more programs are scheduled for this year including next Tuesday's slide presentation of a kayak trip to remote Alaska's Tebenkof Wilderness and in November a

discussion with a Forest Service Ranger on what's coming soon to the National Forest near you. In addition to ExploraTalks, we had three educational hikes, a conservation article in the *Bulletin*, and a whale watching boat trip. No one fell overboard and no one got fed to the whales. It was a good year. We joined the 21st Century when Lana put us online for computer notification to those who would like reminders of ExploraTalk programs, replacing previous phone calls.

Publication (Lou Maenz): Many thanks to all the people who spend approximately 300 hours a month creating the *Bulletin*: the writers, the folders, the mailers and the compilers. Special thanks to Stewart Hoeg, lead editor and publisher, and editors Bea Fontana, Joanne Ledet and Ethel Weltman. This past year the *Bulletin* printed over 3,000 copies in 10 issues and totaled 166 individual pages at a cost of \$3,350.40.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): It has been a good year as far as the Entertainment Committee and the potlucks are concerned. To my knowledge we are well under the 10% quota in that we've not had any reportable incidents or near misses at the potlucks although I'm not sure how given the number of desserts that arrive compared to salads and entrees. About half of our speakers have been Obsidian members speaking of their trips to distant places like Patagonia and England and some not so distant places like climbing in the Cascades and a cross country bike trip across the US. Two of the other presenters described their very different experiences hiking the Oregon PCT-one doing the entire trip with no resupplies of food or gear and the other a relative newcomer to hiking who cut his boots open to make room for his sadly blistered toes and then held the boots together with green and yellow duck tape (since he's from Eugene). Three were very experienced public speakers, but all the speakers told wonderful stories and showed



beautiful pictures. This month we'll have Doug Crispin talking about Rainbow Bridge National Monument and in November Buzz Blumm will be doing a presentation about his trek to the Everest basecamp. Although we've had presentations in the past about some of the topics that will be presented this year, each trip is different and each speaker describes different aspects and highlights. If you've already been to the area, I think it would be fun to hear someone else's perspective and to compare notes. If you've not been to these places, well, it's a chance to live vicariously. I'll put out the same message I did

last year for names of people you'd recommend as speakers. You might have heard them speak at the library or at REI or at



another club. You yourself might have done a wonderful trip and taken some great photos and even though you don't see yourself as a seasoned speaker we're a very welcoming and non-threatening group. You might even convince a friend to share the time with you so you only have to talk for a half hour or so. Another offer I have for you is to come join the Entertainment Committee. We set up for the potlucks and help organize the clean-up after dinner. It's a nice way to meet people before and during the events and to do service. And if you'd like to help find speakers it's actually very fun and much less scary than I had anticipated. I'd like to thank the current members of the committee: Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Kathy Hoeg, Yuan Hopkins, Mary Livingston and myself.

Membership (Elle Weaver): One of the best things about being the Membership Chair is to meet guests by email, answer their questions—many times get to know them before they even get started on a trip. This year I had the pleasure of meeting May Fogg. It's not unusual for new members to sign up for a lot of trips in the beginning. May really stands out. She started on the Ridgeline on Jan. 19th. She's been to Tire Mountain, Goodman Creek, Yachats to Waldport. She tried the Chi Gong and Meditation hike. She's snowshoed a couple times and was my roommate on the snowy Klamath Lake bus trip to see the eagles. She registered for her first summer camp as soon as she could and we all know how quickly those slots went. Shortly thereafter, I received an email from her already arranging for a ride to camp—still months away. Since that initial Ridgeline hike until Aug. 14th, she completed 50 trips! What is May up to now? She's walking El Camino in Spain! She's one of our 30 new members this year and there are eight new applications to be presented at the October Board meeting. Our renewal drive is in full swing. We've received a few very nice emails from members who have relocated and therefore not renewing. We currently have close to 500 members and we look forward to adding new ones who, like May, will add their enthusiasm to our club.

Publicity (Darko Sojak for Jorry Rolfe): I am giving the Publicity Committee report tonight. As some of you may know, Jorry Rolfe, the chair of this committee, is in Florida and she would be giving this summary of our activities if she were not now on a tropical island in the Gulf of Mexico named Sanibel Island. She misses our Obsidian hikes and activities

and she adds, about Florida, that 1) it is as flat as a pancake, 2) it is very hot and humid, and 3) people are weird in Florida. The explanation for their weirdness? Well, the reason is that the United States is tilting toward the east and all the nuts rolled to Florida!!! Anyway, seriously, here is a short summary of the activities of the Publicity Committee: First of all, many thanks to the Publicity Committee members this year who are Janet and John Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak, and Chris Stockdale. They were invaluable in generally promoting Obsidian activities every month with flyers, posters, newspaper listings, distributed calendars and Craigslist postings. The committee wants to especially express their deep appreciation to all Obsidian committee chairs for publicizing *their* scheduled events and activities! Some of the highlights this past year were: Janet's presentation at REI in December with 30 in attendance, Obsidian booth displays staffed by volunteers at five events: Earth Day on April 20, Willamalane's Spring Cling open house on May 4, Ridgeline Celebration on National Trails Day on June 1, the Eugene Celebration on August 24 and 25, and most recently, Rocktoberfest at Willamalane on October 6. Additionally, several June hikes were offered for first-timers to the Obsidians beginning at the Lodge. Finally, and most importantly of all, the committee is very grateful for all the members who volunteered during the year with the advertising and promotion of our events and activities. (You cannot see Jorry, but she is totally doing a happy dance! Obsidians are awesome, she says!)

Concessions (Patty MacAfee): Concessions participated in the monthly potlucks and Summer Camp during this last year. The sales have been moderate, with a few months left to meet our target. New items included denim work shirts, rain ponchos, and polyester tees. Barbara Aten, Keiko Bryan, and Diane Schechter helped with sales and inventory; Laurie Funkhouser filled in at Summer Camp.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Thanks to my committee members Jan Anselmo, Matt Bell, John Jacobsen and Shellie Robertson this has been a very productive year for the Online Committee. We have had 500 new accounts added to the online signup system from October 2012 to the present: 167 have gone on one or more trips, with 107 of those going on just one trip and the remainder on more than one. Twenty-seven of the new registrants became members during the year. Committee chairs may now directly control through a web page who is on their email lists. The same web page allows members to subscribe and unsubscribe from our various, general email lists. We have had a *Facebook* page for over a year. We are currently up to 229 likes with approximately 180 of those people being located in Eugene or the surrounding area. Women make up 59% of our 229 fans. We have fans ranging in age from teenagers to 65 and older with the age ranges of 55-64 and 45-54 making up the largest percentages with 25% and 22% respectively. We now have an online photo album system that is connected to trip reports. There are currently 1,652 photos in 134 albums.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): The Obsidian Finance Committee during the past year was responsible for putting together the 2013 budget, recommending investments for the Endowment Fund and Contingency Fund and the rebuilding of the Contingency/Capital Fund. In addition the committee audited Extended Trips, Summer Camp and the General Fund/Treasurer. Thanks to committee members Barb Bruns, Dan Christensen,

Jean Coberly, Lana Lindstrom, Stephen McCaffrey and Chairman Stewart Hoeg.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): The club acquired 30 new members this year, so 30 new activity sheets were made for those new members. All of the reports of club activities featured in the *Bulletin* were recorded on each participant's activity sheet.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): There have been few renovations or repairs undertaken on the main building in the past year. The big news is the start of construction on a new, much needed, storage building that will replace the old sheds. This work is being handled by an ad-hoc committee. The lodge con-



tinues to serve the club as well as the community. The committee coordinates scheduling, administers rentals and sees to building maintenance. Rentals have been slow again this year but are appreciated by those who take advantage of their availability. As always I am grateful for the Obsidian volunteers who are always ready to step up and help when needed. Special thanks to committee members Brian Hamilton, John Jacobsen and Cat Nelson for their help this past year.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): In addition to routine Lodge grounds maintenance and upkeep, the Obsidian Grounds Committee continued the ongoing task of removing unsafe trees near the Lodge and oak habitat restoration on the Lodge grounds. This year we removed the last of the firs we intended to in the parking areas, which finishes up the oak habitat restoration portion of this ongoing project. I would like to thank the grounds committee members and others who have helped keep the grounds in shape and looking good throughout the year. Grounds Committee Members: Jennifer Baer, Max Brown, Susan Carey, Rob Castleberry, Wayne Deeter, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Chuck Gibson, Dick Hildreth, Scott Hovis, John Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Gary Kirk, Ken Kodama, Doug Nelson, Dave Predeek, Chris Shuraleff, Randall Sinnott, Elle Weaver, Jim Whitfield and Tom Woxell.

Safety (Pat Esch): The Outdoor First Aid Course in January was a great success with 17 participants receiving certificates of completion. We plan to offer this course every other year. YMCA first aid kits were resupplied in February. Use has fallen off with the sale of kits by concessions. There have been no Incident Reports so far in 2013. The Safety Manual revision is very close to being finished. I want to thank Safety Committee members Anne Bonine, Brian Hamilton, Verna Kocken, Tom

Musselwhite, Sue Sullivan, Nancy Whitfield and Lyndell Wilken.

Ad Hoc Construction (John Jacobsen): At the Oct 2012 monthly Board meeting, the Obsidian Board approved the formation of an ad hoc Storage Garage Committee to investigate the building of a storage garage near the Obsidian Lodge to replace our two deteriorating outside sheds and provide storage for Summer Camp gear currently stored upstairs in the Lodge. A committee was formed and began the preliminary planning such as determining the location, size and general configuration of the storage garage. A decision to proceed with a significant volunteer component was finalized and at the July 2013 Obsidian Board meeting the Board voted to proceed with construction of the storage garage with funding up to \$50,000. Detailed design was completed and Brian Hamilton drew up plans for the building and submitted them to the City of Eugene for approval. We received our permit on August 20. Contracts for tree removal, site preparation, concrete work and electrical were bid and contracts let. Work began with tree removal in late August, then excavation and pad fill began the third week in September, followed by the concrete work which just finished up today, Oct 11, 2013. Final site prep and drainage should proceed next week, followed by framing and job completion by our intrepid volunteers headed up by Dave Beardsley. Interior shelving, racks, etc. are yet to be designed, but thanks to a generous donation of \$6,000 from the Summer Camp Committee, adequate funding is assured. Thank you to the following members of the ad hoc construction committee: Dave Beardsley, Ron Castleberry, Dan Gilmore, Steve Gunn,



Brian Hamilton, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Lonny King (nonmember), Doug Nelson, and Guy Strahan.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Former Obsidians President Ray Cavagnaro nominated John Jacobsen for Honorary Membership. He described John's activities with the club. John's first trip with the Obsidians was a climb of Three Fingered Jack in July 1982. He served as Club President in 1988, 2001, 2005 and 2011. He earned the 3-Peak Award which made him an Obsidian Chief. He also has earned the 25 Leader Award, the 100 and 200 Trip Awards which included 32 climbs, 13 of which he led. He attended 18 Summer Camps. Throughout the years John has served on many committees and provided leadership in many areas, from Summer Camps to Trail Maintenance, from Lodge administration and

care to shoveling dirt and laying cement, to fighting poison oak and blackberries to computer programming. He coordinated the fundraising and design of the Lodge addition and is now working on the building of a storage unit for equipment and Summer Camp supplies. Obsidian stories herald many long hours given by this resourceful engineer, serving with purpose



and enthusiasm, always with a joyful spirit, all for the benefit of Obsidian members...and with Janet at his side. Thank you, John for being an inspiration to our members. The club members present at the meeting voted unanimously to approve the Honorary Membership for John Jacobsen, to join Janet now as Mr. and Mrs. Obsidian.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The nominees for membership on the Board for January 2014 through December 2016 were Matt Bell, Don Colgan and Shellie Robertson. The club members present at the annual meeting voted unanimously to elect the three candidates.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED ON

The names of the sixteen members and former members who died during 2012/2013 were read so members could take a moment to remember them. Their names are as follows: Elaine Barrar, Evelyn Hile Claypool, John Bascom, Judy Dobell, Rachele Fizman, Judith Forell, Bep Fontana, Bette Hack, Cleora Mersdorf, Richard Moffitt, Patricia Kocker McGillivray, Bob Northrop, Jean Ridone, Edna Robertson, Nancy Schreiner, and Doug Spencer.

RESTORED PAINTING

Janet Jacobsen gave a brief history of the restored painting that is now hanging in the lodge. It is a painting of Obsidian climbers gathered in front of a shelter with what is probably North and Middle Sisters in the background. It was painted in 1936 by a young artist Bryan Ryan who joined the Obsidians in 1929 at the age of 20. Wes Prouty, an Honorary Member who lives in Eastern Oregon, donated the material and his time to make the frame and then brought the frame to Eugene to help with the installation on October 3. There will be an article in the November *Bulletin* giving much more information about the painting and the artist.

2013 TRIP AND LEADER AWARDS

10 Peak Leader Award: Brian Hamilton, **25 leader Award:** Don Payne, **50 Leader Award:** Brian Hamilton and Lana Lindstrom, **100 Trip Award:** Jan Anselmo, Anne Bonine, Clara Emlen, Becky Lipton and Judy Terry, **200 Trip Award:** Sharon Duncan and Chris Stockdale, **400 Trip Award:** Dick Hildreth, **15 Trail Maintenance Award:** Clara Emlen and Dan Gilmore

2013 Special Awards

- Roberta Chord—Talent Scout Award, for single handedly recruiting the most additional volunteers for Trail Maintenance.
- Autumn Edwards—Most Fashionable, for your asymmetric fashion sense on Trail Maintenance outings.
- Betty Grant—Obsidian-Squared, for being the smartest hardest worker in the Obsidian area. The embodiment of the Obsidian spirit: braving the threat of active fires, thunderstorms and lightning, and sharing smoked salmon with your fellow volunteers - all in the name of trail maintenance.
- Dave Predeek—*Princeps Botanicorum* Award, for your princely knowledge of plants and patience answering each time one of us asks to know the name of the same flower.
- Ray Cavagnaro—recognized as ‘Mr. Sunshine’ for his humor, his sunny personality, and his dedication to the Obsidians.
- Nancy Whitfield—Summer Camp Executive Foodie Extraordinaire for the additional labor required in overseeing the purchase, delivery, preparation, and serving of the breakfast, lunch and dinner victuals.
- Yuan Hopkins—Reliability Award for always showing up early at potlucks and doing what needs to be done!
- Brian Hamilton—Pro Bono Architect of the Year Award. You are worth every penny!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elle Weaver noted that annual dues should be sent in by November 1, 2013. There will be no December *Bulletin*. Articles and information should be submitted soon so they can be included in the November *Bulletin*.



Trip Reports & Other Activities



Hikes

Cape Mountain

September 22, 2013

Leader: Jim Duncan

Hike: 5.1 miles, 700 ft. (Easy)

THERE ARE SEVERAL ADVANTAGES TO HIKING IN THE RAIN AND FOG: sunscreen isn't required, rain-gear can be tested, and you don't have to worry about finding the best views for your photographs because you really can't see anything. On a more serious note, walking through a forest of Sitka spruce trees bedecked with green moss and shrouded in fog and mist has a beauty all its own, and seeing nature on a less-than-ideal day does have its pleasures. Our intrepid group hiked along the Princess Tasha Trail (named after a horse), to the *hitsi*, the reconstructed Indian shelter, then retraced our steps and continued on to the top of Cape Mountain. Along the trail, we encountered numerous orange mushrooms, possibly lobster mushrooms. The ocean wasn't visible on Cape Mountain because of the heavy fog and continuing rain, and having decided that discretion was the better part of valor, we returned to the trailhead, drove into Florence, and ate our lunch in a cozy coffee shop accompanied by hot drinks and pastries. This trip celebrated Judy's third qualifying hike for Obsidians membership, and Sharon's 200th hike. We agreed that it's always a pleasure to hike with cheerful and congenial friends, whatever the weather. Members: Anne Bonine, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Brenda Kameenui, Mary Livingston, Lamonte Smith, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Judy Garwood.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

September 25, 2013

Leader: Tommy Young

Hike: 6 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER A WET HIKE, three crazy Obsidians were rewarded at the summit of Spencer Butte with a rainbow and a brief glimpse of the sun. On the return, we solved most of the world's problems. In spite of the weather, we all had a great hike. Members: Lisa Grissell, Jorry Rolfe, Tommy Young.

Divide Lake

September 27, 2013

Leader: Don Colgan

Hike: 8 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

THIS TRIP CHANGED INTO SOMETHING ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED. At the trailhead we were greeted by two to three inches of fresh snow on the ground, which deepened to about five inches as we rose in elevation. At the junction where the Divide Lake/Mt. Yoran trail headed upwards, the group decided to head instead for Vivian Lake via the southern access. We never even made it to Vivian due to the snow. We were not especially well equipped for the white stuff so it was kind of slow going—beautiful, though! We chose a wintery pond-side spot as a lunch venue, then hiked out the way we came. It was faster coming out. I asked the group if they were disappointed by not making our destination, and they all concurred it was memorable to be doing a winter hike (with snow falling out of the trees) in September. Who would have thought? Our total distance was probably closer to five miles rather than the advertised eight, but I don't think anyone felt shortchanged. Members: Don Colgan, Tom Giesen, Dick Hildreth, Brenda Kameenui, Holger Krentz, Brian Popowsky, Joe Sanders, Lamonte Smith, Jeanine Taylor.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

October 2, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER RECORD RAINFALL IN EUGENE, we were happy to keep our rain gear in our packs. There was a break in the clouds and a bit of sun on the top. We didn't verify that Bob Johnson actually saw glimpses of the Sisters and Jefferson with his binocs. Bob offered to make hot chocolate for us on the summit but we took a raincheck. Members: Lisa Grissell, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Bob Johnson.

The Twins

October 5, 2013

Leader & photographer: Brenda Kameenui

Hike: 6.6 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

A PERFECT OCTOBER DAY FOUND US IN SEVERAL INCHES OF SNOW on the steady climb to The Twins. At the top, we enjoyed spectacular sunshine, magnificent mountain views, and a lively lunch punctuated by Diane's chocolate chip cookies. Some hikers trekked through the snow to the second Twin for further views, not to be disappointed. We had friendly stops to exchange dry socks and consider the many who had passed through the Pacific Crest Trail intersection before us. Every brand of hiking boot yielded to wet feet by the end of the hike, but at 70 degrees, who's complaining? Seven members had the good company of four soon-to-be



members. Members: Jacque Davis, Tom Giesen, Sheila Guildler, Steven Johnson, Brenda Kameenui, Diane Schechter, Karen Sieradski. Nonmembers: David Hawkins, Arjen Hoekstra, Jacque Fern, Autumn Conde.

Yoran and Lils Lakes Loop

October 6, 2013

Leader: Jan Anselmo

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 12 miles, 1,300 ft. (Difficult)

OUR 9:30 AM START WAS CHILLY, but brisk hiking warmed us up quickly. Occasionally there was a bit of snow on the trail. The log bridge crossing Trapper Creek was frost covered and slippery. Further up the trail most everyone shed some layers. When we reached a lovely no name lake at around five miles, the group stopped for a snack. At Karin Lake we all stopped again to enjoy its beauty with snow covered Diamond Peak towering in the distance. While hiking along Yoran Lake, the smells and colors made it seem like Fall. At the end of Yoran Lake, the group bushwhacked through the woods to Lils Lake. There we ate our lunch while sitting on rocks overlooking the lake. The sunshine had some changing to shorts and t-shirts. This is the half-way point. We climbed up to the PCT and continued to see more lakes such as Hidden, Arrowhead, Midnight and other no name lakes & ponds along the way. Our final stretch was along the White Fish trail which connects back to Yoran



Lake trail to complete the loop. It was a fine bunch of hikers for this picture postcard day of sunshine, blue skies and pleasant temperatures. Thanks to Lyndell for gathering everyone in Eugene in order to meet me in Oakridge and also for being my trail sweep. Thanks to Amy & Lyndell for driving. The final touch to a fabulous day was stopping at the Trapper Creek Bridge to watch the salmon spawning. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Betty Grant, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, Jeanine Taylor, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Fumiyo Tao, Amy Cook, Joe Doerr.

Ridgeline Trail

October 6, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: John Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

THE REWARD FOR HIKING UP AND DOWN from 986 feet to 1,233 feet of Mt. Baldy was the view of snow covered South Sister. We helped pick apples from a lone apple tree on the southern slope of Mt. Baldy for Lesley to make a pie. Thanks to John Jacobsen who provided the shuttle from



Blanton to Spring trailheads. It was fun to share the trail with Judy Garwood, Hazel Jones, and Lesley McClintock, who were enthusiastic about completing their hikes for membership. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Susan Sanazaro. Nonmembers: Hazel Jones, Judy Garwood, Lesley McClintock.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

October 9, 2013

Leader & photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

ONCE WE WERE OUT OF THE DRIPPING TREES, we had dry rocks for our scramble. Bob Johnson made hot chocolate for the four of us who made it to the top, thus ensuring that we didn't hesitate to sign his membership application. Members:

Janet Jacobsen, Rick Sanford, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Steve Cordon, Bob Johnson.



Clear Lake
October 12, 2013
Leader: Joella Ewing
Photographer: Holger Krentz
Hike: 5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

GRAND CENTRAL, AKA CLEAR LAKE, EXPLODED WITH PEOPLE. I've never encountered so many hikers on any trail in my life. We hopscotched 14 Altair walkers, said howdy to



a similar-sized group from Bend, stepped aside for three bikers, encountered several family groups and dodged about a dozen bounding dogs of all sizes, shapes and makes, all off leash, followed eventually by their clueless owners. I guess everyone was taking advantage of one of the last weekends before cold weather sets in. We saw multitudes of mushrooms of various kinds, colors and sizes helped along by the frequent sprinkles. A stop at Takoda's restaurant, just west of McKenzie Bridge, for warm berry cobbler topped with ice cream capped off a lovely day. And it didn't hurt anything that we got to watch part of the Ducks game with a final score of 45 to 28. Members: Roberta Chord, Joella Ewing, Holger Krentz. Nonmembers: Lynne Eichner-Kelley, Judy Sinnott.

Ya'Xaik Trail
October 13, 2013
Leader: Jim Pierce
Hike: 1.1 miles, 250 ft. (Easy)

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN DAY AT THE COAST—cloudless sky, bright sun, slight offshore breeze. The Ya'Xaik Trail has three zones. The coastal salal bush has wonderful ferns. The upland forest of spruce and hemlock has a great fern understory. The last part of the trail passes through a marvelous rhododendron garden. Along the way, the trail crosses three babbling brooks and runs beside trees over three feet in diameter and stumps over six feet in diameter. The trail was soggy, but in good shape. It is only three months old. After finishing the short Ya'Xaik Trail, the entire group hiked about six miles up and down the beach and the 804 trail at low tide from nearby Smelt Sands Park. In mid-October, there were still blooms—St. John's Wort, yarrow, fuchsias, asters. Too bad there were not more hikers along to enjoy this fabulous day. Members: Jim Pierce.

Little Belknap Crater
October 13, 2013
Leader: Lana Lindstrom
Hike: 5.2 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

NEW SNOW ON BLACK LAVA; STUNNING!
Lava rocks, snow, wind. Fantastic views.
Autumn foliage; snow on trail; beautiful!
The sun obliged our autumn stroll.
Autumn color, snow, trees, two Sisters.
Clouds part, snowy Sisters in view.
Tree islands surrounded by dark lava.

Thanks to the congenial participants who squashed into one car and wrote the trip report. Members: Keiko Bryan, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom, Dave Predeek. Nonmembers: Grant Jenkins.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte
October 16, 2013
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)



ON TOP OF SPENCER BUTTE, there were congratulations on Karla Rusow's first ascent of Spencer Butte and greetings to new members, Bob Johnson, Hazel Jones, and Craig Molitor. They were approved at the board meeting that evening. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Karla Rusow, Rick Sanford, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Hazel Jones, Craig Molitor, Bob Johnson.

Maxwell Butte

October 19, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen, Asst: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 9.7 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

I DON'T WANT TO LEAD THIS HIKE AGAIN! In the first two miles, we had to walk or step over around 150 lodge-pole pines invading the trail. Much of the trail was a rocky, woody, narrow eroded trench. It was slow going! All of this made the last mile with the steep switchbacks to the top almost seem like a piece of cake. When I finally reached the



top, I found the fast hikers raving about the close up views of snow-capped mountains. We had a front row seat for Three Finger Jack. Dave Hawkins, a new member, said the view was a great reward and he would do the hike again. It was an optimum day for a fall hike with yellow leaves, snow covered mountains, cooler temperatures, and no dust. We needed sunscreen, not Smart Wool. The hike took around six hours including an hour or so on top. Thanks to Steve Johnson who suggested scheduling this last minute hike and then led us to the top. Another thanks to Jim Whitfield who kept track of those of us at the back of the group. I could change my mind about leading if the trees are removed. Check out Holger Krentz's photos in the Obsidian gallery. They offer a better report than my words. Members: David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Jonathan Jost, Holger Krentz, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Lesley McClintock.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

October 23, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Tommy Young

Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)



ON TOP OF THE BUTTE BASKING IN THE SUN, we all commented how fortunate we were to have the forested trail so close to home. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Bob Johnson, Craig Molitor, Karla Rusow, Rick Sanford, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young.



Climbs

Mt. Hubris

September 28, 2013

Leader: Maryanne Reiter, Asst: Wayne Deeter

Climb: 7 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

WE LEFT EUGENE IN THE POURING RAIN on Friday and arrived to mostly clear skies in northern California later that night. We camped at Castle Crags State Park and woke up at 4:45 AM to start the hike up to the climb. Marci Hansen came back from the bathroom and sounded the alarm, "The Mazamas are here!" The word struck terror in us since we know what that means... there will be a large group of climbers on our route! We packed in a hurry and started off on the hike. We got into the Castle Dome area not long after sunrise and were heading to the route when we spotted them... the Mazamas. Rats! They are heading over to Mt Hubris (the most popular climb in the park). There was no way to find a faster route through the death manzanita so we stopped and had a short break. We decided to go over to the start of the climb so the new folks in our group could see where it started. The Mazamas were getting ready to climb and with six of them on the route, there wouldn't be time or space for the six of us to climb it, especially with the weather coming in. We decided instead to scramble up Castle Dome and then tried another climb in a different area. Everyone was disappointed, but we still had fun. The drive back was the most exciting part of the trip with the high winds and heavy rains, but everyone made it home safely. Members: Wayne Deeter, Alexander Ellis, Marci Hansen, Ivan Paskalev and Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Thomas Baldwin.

South Sister
October 2, 2013
Leader & photographer: Roy McCormick
Climb: 12 miles, 4,800 ft. (Difficult)

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A FEW DAYS MAKE! Record rain/snow-falls turned this trip from a late season hike into a winter mountaineering trip. The two of us left the Devils Lake trailhead at 11:15 AM and immediately encountered



snow on the trail, which quickly got deep enough that we wished we had brought snowshoes. After slogging up for over four hours, we changed our bivouac location from the summit to the tarn at the base of the Lewis Glacier (about 8,800 feet). After a breezy night with low temps in the 20s, Friday dawned clear, sunny and still windy. Bob elected to enjoy the sunshine in camp while I made the icy 1,600 foot ascent to the top, where I found nearly windless conditions and a rime ice-encrusted wonderland. After returning to camp around noon, we packed up and headed for the car, arriving at the trailhead at 3:15 and back in Eugene around 6:30 after a dinner stop at Manley's in Crescent Lake. It was a fun and interesting trip, and I'm looking forward to leading more trips. Members: Bob Harrison, Roy McCormick.



Backpacks

Lost Coast/Humboldt County, CA
October 7, 2013
Leader: Scott Hovis
Backpack: 25 miles, 0 ft. (Difficult)

A GOOD PLACE TO START FOR THIS BACKPACK would be to visit www.everytrail.com/guide/the-lost-coast. Walking sticks are highly recommended. Bear vaults are required, we didn't see bears, but did notice tracks on the beach. Timing is everything—have good tide charts. Per-

mits need to be filled out at the trail head, although there is talk about limited access. Plenty of creeks for drinking water. This hike is best done with a shuttle. Most do it from north to south to get the prevailing winds. We saw a lot of *surfer dudes* carrying in boards. It's a longer drive than you might think, maybe nine hours. Hat Rock is tricky, DO NOT try to walk around on the ocean side, take the path up to the fore-dunes. The effort is worth it—check out the beautiful landscape. Members: Mari Baldwin, Lisa Grissell, Scott Hovis.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance
September 28, 2013
Leader: Matthew Bell
Photographer: Janet Jacobsen
Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET AT THE WILLAMETTE AND 52ND TRAILHEAD for our first Saturday morning after our summer schedule. The plan was to armor the sides of ditches and culverts to help prevent the trail edges from sloughing into them, and prevent flowing water from eroding the trail and culverts. We hiked up from the trailhead to where Christer and Josh of Parks and Open Space had staged the power-wheelbarrows, tools, rock, and gravel. We divided up the tasks and equipment and headed up the Ridgeline Trail to just below the switchbacks and began working to line the trail edge along the drainage ditches. After adding the rocks



we began to bring up gravel to improve the trail bed. In preparation for further gravel by the NW Youth Corp, we built up the gravel and the trail over places that cause power

wheelbarrows to tip and roll. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Pat Soussan, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Jane Moore, Ian Kwasowski.



Bus Trips

Fall Color Trip and Oregon Hatchery Research Center
Co-Leaders: Mary Ellen West & Ray Jensen
Photographer: Janet Jacobsen



THIS YEAR THE AREA FOR OUR TRADITIONAL FALL COLOR TRIP favored us with blue sky, green meadows, and lots of leaves in color. Our route took us on River Road to Junction City, then 99W to Avery Park in Corvallis, where we stopped for coffee and goodies served on the famous 85-foot+ picnic table, made of one huge slab of solid wood.

After our coffee break, we traveled on Hwy. 34 through Philomath and into the high meadow area around Alsea. We then turned off onto the 2½-mile, narrow one-lane road to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center located on Fall Creek, which is a tributary of the Alsea River. The center is jointly administered by Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and is much more than a traditional hatchery. Extensive and complex research about wild and hatchery salmon is conducted on a scale that attracts visits by scientists from all over the world. Our guide, Joseph O'Neal, gave a most interesting and understandable talk, along with a tour of interior labs. We learned how the earth's electromagnetism affects salmon behavior and much more. We did not examine all of this facility, so a repeat visit must be scheduled.

We then left OHRC for lunch at the Adobe, which had a great view of the calm Pacific Ocean. Here, we also walked to the memorial for the two students who drowned two years ago. Incidentally, this was featured on *Oregon Field Guide* on October 17th.

We stopped at Darlingtonia (the plant that eats insects) Wayside. We then stopped for ice cream at B.J.'s and arrived back in Eugene about 5 PM.

Our excellent driver, Rick Johnson, suggested several route changes, was attentive to our needs, and participated in all of our activities. Everyone appreciated his outstanding services. High marks to leader, Mary Ellen West, for finding this new place. She always leads a great trip.

Members: Tom Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Don Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Margy Hislop, Janet Jacobsen, Pat Jefferies, Ray Jensen, Verna Kocken, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Liz Reanier, Janet Speelman, Mary Ellen West, Cristy White. Nonmembers: Wendy Brown, Pat McCormick, Lori Nelson, Judy Phelps.

Extended Trips

Oregon Gardens & Silver Falls
October 18 – 19, 2013
Leader: Lana Lindstrom
Extended Trip: 7.1 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT ABSOLUTELY GLORIOUS WEATHER and fall colors we had for this trip; it couldn't have been better! We visited eight falls on our 5.2-mile hike at Silver Falls State Park (the biggest state park by area). After quickly checking in at the Oregon Garden Resort, we took the ½-hour trolley tour around the garden and then meandered around on our own, enjoying the brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows. The nearby Frank Lloyd Wright house was closed, but we peeked in the windows. Dinner was delicious and afterwards, half of us enjoyed listening and dancing to *Billy and the Rockets*. The full moon was still high in the sky when we walked over to the dining room for a hot buffet breakfast and then again explored the gardens. The morning was capped with an interesting and educational tour of several Silvertown murals. Two vehicles returned directly to Eugene; the other two continued to Salem. After lunch, we went to the Oregon State Hospital Museum, the primary psychiatric hospital in Oregon. It was a great trip thanks to all the participants and the fabulous weather! We'll be repeating this trip! Members: Barbara Aten, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Joella Ewing, Bea Fontana, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Mary Livingston, Carol Petty, Susan Sanazaro, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Judy Garwood.

Upcoming

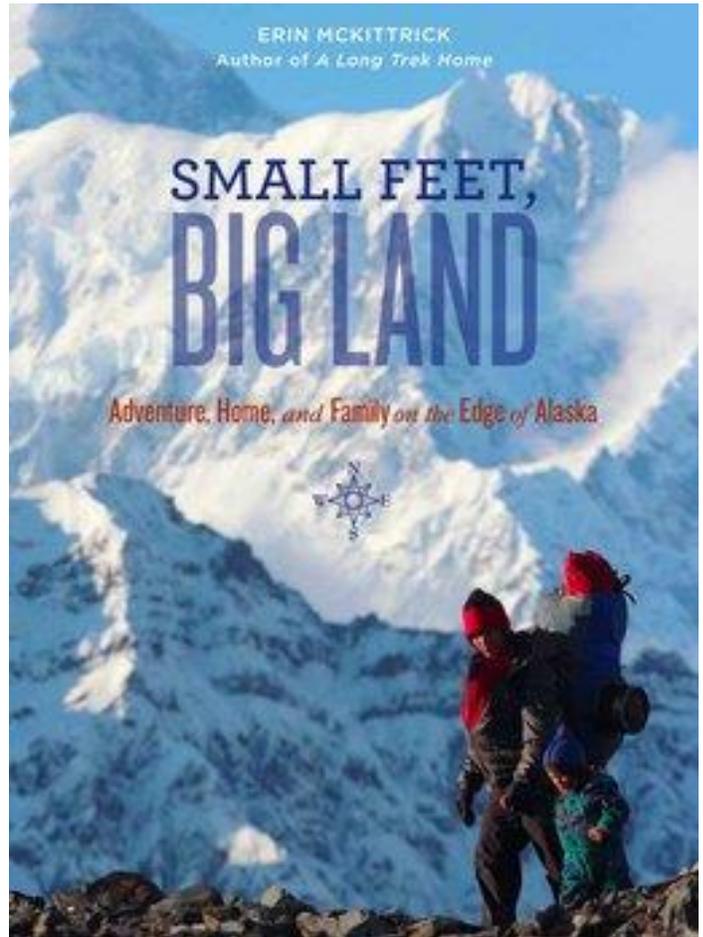


POTLUCK

Friday November 22 at 6:30 PM

Exploring the Changing Coast of Alaska

ERIN MCKITTRICK AND HUSBAND HIG have devoted their lives to understanding and trying to influence environmental and natural resource issues in Alaska. They have hiked over 8,000 miles through remote wilderness with bears, glaciers, storms, raging rivers—and now with a pair of small children. In order to observe the effects of climate change on Alaska, the family of four visited remote villages, investigated coal and zinc mines, and lived for two months atop one of the world's largest glaciers. The presentation will explore the intersection of commerce, wilderness, and community in America's wildest state.



November Potluck

Friday, November 22, 2013

Social hour, 6 PM Potluck, 6:30 PM Program, 7:30 PM

Obsidian Lodge

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with plates, utensils and cups... plus \$1 to help cover club expenses.



ExploraTalk

Tuesday December 17 at 7 PM

USFS Wants YOU(r) Feedback On Transportation Strategy

EVERY VALUE THAT PEOPLE PLACE ON OUR NATIONAL FORESTS touches, at some point, the road system. Even wilderness hikers must drive to a trailhead. The Willamette National Forest is working on developing a transportation investment strategy that will be used to guide road management decisions in the future and the USFS wants to hear from Obsidian members.

You will have a chance to express your ideas and concerns at the December 17 ExploraTalk when Matt Peterson, Recreation Program Manager for the Willamette National

Forest for the past three years will present a slide show and discuss new proposals, beginning at 7 PM at the lodge.

Matt, the Willamette team leader for transportation strategy development, says, "We are still early in the process and are wanting to reach out to local groups to share information about our effort, how the community can be involved, and to provide opportunities for initial feedback and suggestions on our process."

SAVE THE DATE!

Obsidian Summer Camp
Strawberry Mountain Wilderness Area, OR
August 1-6, 2014

Based at Lake Creek Camp—www.lakecreekcamp.com



Mt. Pisgah Winter Solstice Sunset Hike

Saturday December 21, 2013

JOIN OBSIDIANS FOR A HIKE UP MT. PISGAH to see how the solstice sunset lights up the slot in Peter Helzer's Sighting Pedestal. We will start hiking at 3:40 PM so that we're on top before the 4:37 PM sunset. We will celebrate after the hike at a yet to be announced pizza restaurant.

Spencer Butte New Years Day Hike

Tuesday, January 1, 2014

CELEBRATE NEW YEARS DAY with a 9:30 morning hike up Spencer Butte from the paved lot on Willamette Street. Bring snacks to share. Last year we were in the sun so we will hope the weather gods will again smile on us.

Leaders are Janet Jacobsen and Darko Sojak. Please sign up online for both events. There might be other hikes on New Years Day so keep up to date with the website.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday–Sunday, April 4–6, 2014

WE ARE RETURNING TO THE UNION CREEK RESORT for a weekend of skiing and snowshoeing at Crater Lake. Once again, we'll have sole occupancy of the lodge. Cost will be \$95 for members and includes lodging and one dinner. Leader Chris Stockdale.

Obsidian Calendar

November

09 Sat Eel Creek Hike M Hackett953-7046
09 Sat Amanda Trail Hike M Pierce..... 206-902-7326
13 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen 343-8030
20 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen 343-8030
22 Fri Erin McKittrick: Alaska Potluck
23 Fri Mt. Pisgah Northside Loop Hike M Sanders...255-2524
27 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen 343-8030
29 Fri Turkey Trimming Hike M Lindstrom 683-1409
30 Sat Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance Bell..... 503-884-8829

December

04 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen 343-8030
07 Sat Ridgeline Trail Hike M Jacobsen 343-8030
10 Tue Obsidian Lodge for the Holidays Bus
11 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen 343-8030
17 Tue USFS Transportation Strategy ExploraTalk
18 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen 343-8030
21 Sat Mt. Pisgah/Winter Solstice Hike E Jacobsen...343-8030
21 Sat Midnight Lake Xski M Wolling..... 345-2110

January

01 Wed Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen 343-8030
03 Fri River Campus Loop Hike E Jacobsen 343-8030
11 Sat McDowell Creek and more Hike E Jacobsen ..343-8030
12 Sun Booth Lake Loop Xski D Hamilton..... 343-6550
24 Fri Bill Sullivan Potluck

Owyhee Rafting Trip

Date: May 10-14, 2014

Leader: Diane Schechter

Cost: \$1,105 members; \$1,110 nonmembers

THE OWYHEE RIVER is a dramatic desert sanctuary tucked away in the sparsely-populated southeastern corner of Oregon. We'll explore 63 miles of the lower canyon at a leisurely pace, passing through the deepest and most scenic section of the Owyhee River canyon. The Owyhee River has inviting sandy beaches surrounded by quiet, uncrowded desert solitude creating a premier camping experience. There's plenty of time to explore side canyons, take photographs and attempt to decipher ancient Native American petroglyphs. This a birder's paradise with migratory waterfowl, and a wide variety of birds-of-prey are encountered around every corner. A truly unique wilderness river trip in Oregon's Grand Canyon awaits you. For more information and for additional information on pre and post trip lodging options contact Ouzel Outfitters at www.oregonrafting.com/.

Member registration begins December 1, 2013. \$200 deposit due within 5 days of signing up. Final payment due April 1, 2014. Send check payable to Obsidians to: Diane Schechter at 3541 High St, Eugene, OR 97405.



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View from Maxwell Butte - photo by Holger Krentz (See trip report on page 17)