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Dates to Remember

November 8	ExploraTalk
November 18	Potluck
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December 31	Bulletin Deadline
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Many thanks to members who submitted renewals!

Five Climbers Earn Award

Maryanne Reiter, Climbs Chair

THIS YEAR'S THREE SISTERS (AKA THREE PEAK) AWARD WINNERS are all in the photo below as they stand atop South Sister in 2015. The fact that they are all together is not surprising. They are friends, frequent climbing partners, and most are members of Eugene Mountain Rescue. Climbing is not just what they do, it is foundational to who they are. Alex Ellis, Danni Harris, Marge Huseman, Dalen Willhite and George Williamson all embody the spirit of the Three Sisters Award whose intent is to recognize the "mountaineering achievement" of Obsidian members (*Obsidian Bulletin*, May 1948). They embody the award not just in scaling all three Sisters, but in doing so in a way that shows the teamwork involved in true mountaineering achievement. Reaching the top of a technical mountain by yourself takes a certain bravery, but choosing to rope together takes not only bravery, it takes trust in the other people and in yourself that you can perform the duties that go with the rope. The five people being awarded the Three Sisters Award are all the most trustworthy and solid climbers whom I know, and I am proud to present them with this award.



Danni Harris, Richard Partridge, Marge Huseman, Mike Morris, George Williamson, Dalen Willhite and Alex Ellis

ALEX ELLIS joined the Obsidians in 2013 and really upped the climbing game. Alex was never content to offer one peak for an Obsidian climbing trip, but usually had two or three lined up for each outing. The climbs he led were all technical challenges. He has been a great and enthusiastic leader for the club. He recently moved to California, which is a great loss to the Obsidians, Eugene Mountain Rescue, and all his friends here.

DANNI HARRIS joined the Obsidians in 2010 and has racked up an impressive 39 climbs since then. Danni has been a great asset to the club with the climbs she has led as well as her dedication to making the annual Basic Mountaineering course a smashing success. She takes time with the students and with anyone else interested in climbing to really help them develop their skills. Her enthusiasm is contagious and her *whoop* while leading across the final, airy pitch on Mt. Hubris was remarkable.

MARGE HUSEMAN joined in 2013 and has been relentlessly and enthusiastically climbing since then. Her technical climbing skills have rapidly developed in the last

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Welcome New Members!

JUDY ADAMCYK
Eugene, OR 97401

MEG McNABB
Portland, OR 97211

SHARON GADOMSKI
Springfield, OR 97478

EMILY RICE
Eugene, OR 97405

NANCY HOECKER
Springfield, OR 97478

Obsidian Interviewed for AARP Article

DAVE LODEESEN, OUR NEW WINTER TRIPS CHAIR, was interviewed for an article in the October/November issue of *AARP The Magazine: 10 Great Places to Live on Less than \$40,000*. In the last paragraph, Dave highlights his hikes with the Obsidians:

In the two years since arriving, Lodeesen has grown even fonder of his new hometown. He's joined the Obsidians, an outdoors group that has been active in the area since 1927 and goes on group hikes several times a week. And, yes, there's lots of rain—about 46 inches of it every year.

"But people just don't let the weather get in the way" says Lodeesen. "They hike no matter what."

Check out the AARP website to find the list of the ten cities.

<http://www.aarp.org/home-family/your-home/info-2016/live-here-for-under-40k-photos.html#slide5>



Jim Whitfield, Dave Lodeesen, Darko Sojak

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It's the Most Wonderful Time of The Year—Winter Trips Season!!

Dave Lodeesen, Winter Trips Chair

WE OREGONIANS ARE FORTUNATE to live in such a beautiful and diverse state that allows us to enjoy outdoor activities year-round. Winter offers up a couple more opportunities that the other seasons don't. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are two activities that Obsidians have been doing since 1927, and they are still as popular as ever when conditions allow. Our rain season has started off with a bang and snowpack is starting to build in higher elevations, as some of us just experienced during a late October hike into Jefferson Park.

Your Winter Trips Committee is sending out smoke signals to the general membership, asking for both experienced and new leaders to think about leading a trip this winter. Now would be the time to look at your calendar to pick a date or dates for your favorite activity and submit it to the committee for scheduling. Haven't led a trip before? We can fill you in on the details of what is required. You can also enlist someone to be your assistant trip leader.



2016 Snowshoe trip to Potato Hill. Photo by Dave Lodeesen.

The official Obsidian Winter Trips season runs from November 15 to April 1. Trips that can be accepted include:

- Cross Country Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Hikes (urban, mountain, coastal)
- Backpacking
- Snow Camping
- Car Camping
- Birding—Nature Walks
- Kayaking—Canoeing
- Biking

To set up a winter trip, email: wintertrips@obsidians.org Include: name of trip, date of trip, type of trip, skill rating (easy, moderate, difficult), mileage, elevation gain, driving distance, meet-up location and time, number of participants allowed, and any special instructions.

Your Winter Trips Committee is happy to assist in helping you put your dream trip together. After all it's you, our members, who make this club work for the enjoyment of all. Don't delay, the season is upon us.

Thank you from the Winter Trips Committee: Dave Lodeesen, Judy Terry, Mike Smith, Darian Morray, Janet Jacobsen.

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couple of years. This year she became a climb leader and led three trips (Mt. Adams, Mt. McLoughlin, and Mt. Thielsen). After climbing and going on search and rescue missions with Marge, I attest that she is strong, highly competent and fun. Further, I can bestow on her one of the highest compliments a climber can receive and that is—she suffers well.

DALEN WILLHITE joined in 2011 and has been a great addition to the club since then. He has led several trips and has taken on leading new climbs for the club such as Unicorn Peak in Washington, or leading variations on previous peaks to keep things interesting. Dalen's words of wisdom for climbing in Oregon are: "Oregon *choss* is a great way to hone your skills, your awareness, and appreciation of climbs off the beaten path...or to learn only to climb in the winter."

GEORGE WILLIAMSON is the most recent addition to the club of the award winners with a join year of 2014. George took climb school and basically was climbing hard routes right after that, being a fast learner and a skilled climber. He is a great resource for the club since he is certified to teach first aid and taught classes for the Obsidians this past spring. He also became a climb leader this year with a memorable lead of Mt. Thielsen in challenging weather. George offered this advice for climbing in the Three Sisters, especially North Sister: "There are many ways, but some are more right than others."

Note: Here is some climbing slang—choss means rock that is loose, too soft, and unstable; in other words what we climb in the Oregon Cascades.

2016 Annual Meeting Notes

October 14, 2016

By Dave Cooper

Photos by Carla Cooper

President Shellie Robertson called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Pat Esch, Dave Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Todd Larson, Maryanne Reiter, Sharon Cutsforth, and John Cooper. Also present were: Gary Kirk, Jim Northrup, Dan Christensen, Greg Milliman, Marci Hansen, Kathy Randall, Nancy White, Fumiyo Tao, Tom Adamcyk, Judy Adamcyk, Janet Jacobsen, Mike Smith, Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, Charlie Thomas, Darlene Mancuso, Carla Cooper, Cari Soderlund, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, John Jacobsen, Brad Bennett, Carla Lyon, Kris Wolters, Tommy Young, Darian Morray, Stewart Hoeg, Kathy Hoeg, Becky Lipton, Barbara Gunther, John Pegg, Vern Marsonette, Sheila Marsonette, Casey Janz, Wayne Deeter, Yuan Hopkins, Mary Hamilton, Brian Hamilton, Judy Sinnott, Dave Lodeesen, Paul Dart, Darko Sojak, Danni Harris, Doug Nelson, and Caroline Moore.

PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE OBSIDIANS ADDRESS

Welcome fellow club members and guests to the 89th Annual Meeting of the Obsidians. My name is Shellie Robertson and I'm honored to serve as your President of the Board for the calendar year 2016. I'd like to take a moment to recognize the past club presidents that are in attendance tonight and who left me some rather large boots to fill. Please stand if you would... Gary Kirk (1968 and 1969), John Jacobsen (1988, 2001, 2005, 2011), Janet Jacobsen (1993), Doug Nelson (2003, 2004), Wayne Deeter (2006), John Pegg (2007), Brian Hamilton (2008), Matt Bell (2014, 2015). Let's give them all a round of applause for their service and their leadership.



Shellie Robertson

I am happy to report that the state of the Obsidian organization is good. Our membership level is healthy, our financial status is sound, and participation remains steady. But we could always have more leaders. We as a club cannot do without leadership and it's our trip leaders, climb leaders, board members, committee chairs and committee members who make our organization possible by providing that leader-

ship. So for those of you who have never led a trip, have never been a committee member, or in any other leadership role within the club, I do hope you'll consider stepping into one of those roles in the near future.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT (Stewart Hoeg)

The Obsidians' financial outlook remains bright. As of September 30th our balance sheet had financial assets exceeding \$212,600 including a Capital/Contingency fund of \$45,000, an Endowment Fund of \$110,000 and a General Fund of \$28,000. Last year at this time we had financial assets of \$236,100 including a Capital/Contingency Fund of \$73,400. The year-to-year decline reflects two major spending projects: a \$20,000 plumbing and irrigation project for the Lodge and grounds and a \$14,500 bill for the removal of over 50 dead or dying Douglas fir trees. During the past twelve months, we had positive cash flow from operations of \$6,700. In addition, during the last year we received \$4,150 in donations from current members. Thanks to everyone for your continued financial and other support for the club.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): There were 188 activities scheduled from April 1 to Oct 5. Of these 161 have been completed and approved. There were five bike trips, seven backpacking trips, three car camping trips, two water trips, three trips involving trail or beach clean-up, and three presentations. 138 day hikes were completed as well. 1176 participants were members and 144 participants were nonmembers. 29 trips remain to be approved or completed.

Overall, Summer Trips had a very successful year, fueled by the enthusiasm of leaders who led on multiple occasions and by the interest of participants for a wide variety of activities. Thanks to the committee members: Joella Ewing, Lana Lindstorm, Jan Anselmo, Janet Jacobsen, Jane Hackett, Mike Smith, Lyndell Wilken, Dave Cooper, Judy Terry, and Kathy Randall for their hard work.

Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen): Winter Trips for the 2015/2016 season completed 94 trips: 79 hikes, eight X-ski, six snowshoe, one bike. I do not have the participant numbers for the 2015/2016 season because I wasn't the chair for this committee last season. Winter Trips for the 2016/2017 season beginning on November 16, 2016 has scheduled 23 trips so far: 22 hikes and one X-ski trip.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee and Eugene Mountain Rescue sponsored the 2016 Basic Climb School, which continued the long tradition of teaching safe, responsible and fun rock and snow climbing to club members and nonmembers. We had an excellent instructor-to-student ratio for our 24 students. We added a class session at the Willamalane rock wall in addition to the Skinner Butte field day, which helped students practice their climbing skills. Luckily, this year there was sufficient snow so we were able to have snow practice on Hayrick Butte at Santiam Pass.

Climbing continues to bring in new members. Since January 1, 2016, Climbs has brought in 15 new members. Our change

in policy allowing members to pre-register has apparently motivated several people to become members.

We offered 25 summits and one weekend rock climbing trip this year. We also offered five conditioning hikes in the spring; one was cancelled. As of 10/14, five climbing trips were cancelled due to weather and other reasons. There are no more scheduled climbs for 2016 after October. We also had three new climb leaders this season, George Williamson, Marge Huseman and Kimberly Van Winkle; they are great additions to the club!

This past spring Climbs helped sponsor two Red Cross first aid and CPR classes for members. George Williamson taught the two classes with 18 members.

Climb School student fees were the committee's major source of revenue and climb trip fees made up the remainder. We brought in a total of \$2,240 from BCS, which was split equally between Obsidians and EMR. As of 10/14/16, the revenue from climbing trips is \$498, though there are a few trips that have not yet submitted their payment. As of 10/14/2016 there was \$164.48 submitted expenses and climbs will be purchasing new gear later in October.

There are five members who will receive their Three Peak awards this year: Alex Ellis, Danni Harris, Marge Huseman, Dalen Willhite and George Williamson.

Thanks to the 11 committee members! The Climbs Committee would not be able to meet its vital role in the club without their contributions of time and talents. Maryanne Reiter (Chair), Wayne Deeter, Alex Ellis, Brian Hamilton, Marci Hansen, Danni Harris, Marge Huseman, Juli McGlinsky, Doug Nelson, Shellie Robertson, and Dalen Willhite.



Board members: Maryanne Reiter, Todd Larsen, Dave Cooper

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): During the past year, the committee has been busy working to improve trails in Ridgeline Trail system parks. We held outings for National Trails Day and National Public Lands Day. Todd Larsen again deserves recognition for taking the initiative to coordinate and advertise trips into the Obsidian Limited Entry Area and Linton Meadows with the Forest Service and Friends of the Central Cascades Wilderness. This year's highlights: We worked with a youth crew to build a new trail and were rewarded with a pizza lunch! Donated an estimated \$6,250 worth of volunteer labor! We didn't use our 10% acceptable loss of trip participants. No one was killed, injured, or lost on an outing, although some people tried to get lost. This year I didn't get poison oak, but some others did. 2016 Trail Maintenance participation included six outings in Spencer Butte Park, four outings in other Ridgeline parks and two outings with the Forest Service. There were 33 unique partic-

ipants including 29 members and four nonmembers who volunteered an estimated 312.5 hours.

2016 Trail Maintenance Committee: Matt Bell, Dan Gilmore, Clara Emlen, Todd Larsen, Pat Soussan, and David Cooper.

Highways and Byways by Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): We have successfully completed seven very diverse bus trips in 2016 with one remaining trip, The Willamette Queen Dinner



Board members: Sharon Cutsforth and Matthew Bell

Cruise, on December 1. Bus trips have taken us to a wide variety of locations where we: learned about Oregon history; toured a wild animal park; visited a new marine life center; went bird watching in Oregon's outback; enjoyed the 5th annual food production trip; toured the complete Oregon Coast to view lighthouses and had exciting rides on a helicopter, dune buggies and a jet boat; saw the first authentic eagle's nest recovered from the wild and visited a world class gem and mineral museum. These trips have been successful because of the team work of the whole committee. My grateful thanks to the people who lead trips, take reservations, provide refreshments, share their knowledge and experience, serve as secretary and treasurer, and all those who quietly work behind the scene to make bus trips happen. We have begun planning for 2017 trips. The Bus Committee currently includes: Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara and Paul Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth (chair), Ray Jensen, Verna Kocken, Lenore McManigal, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Jim Northrop, Liz Reanier and Mary Ellen West.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): Camp Robertson in the Ruby Mountains of Nevada was enjoyed by 83 summer campers, 76 members and 7 nonmembers. Revenue for camp was \$19,645.00 and expenses were \$13,373.55. Trip fees of \$960 were transferred to the Obsidian General Fund and \$830 was transferred to the Summer Camp Capital Fund. Tentative planning has begun for Summer Camp 2017. Thank you to the Summer Camp Committee: Don Doerr, Laurie Funkhouser and Lana Lindstrom.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Overnight Obsidian trips are very popular! There were four Extended Trips this year. These were the two-day Portland Exploration, over-nighting at the NW Hostel coordinated by Lana Lindstrom; hiking in the Columbia Gorge (three days) and staying at the Menucha Retreat Center coordinated by Helen Martz and Jim Duncan; a five-day raft trip on the Owyhee River coordinated by Diane Schechter; and four days camping and exploring the Redwoods coordinated by Nancy Whitfield. All were fully

subscribed and very, very successful. Much appreciation and gratitude goes to the leaders! There were also several overnight camping trips which were not officially Extended Trips since participants did not pay for lodging or food in advance. Thanks to committee members: Jim Duncan, Pat Esch, Chris Stockdale, Chris Shuraleff, and Nancy Whitfield. We need more overnight trips! If you're even remotely interested in leading one, see Chair Lana Lindstrom.

Conservation, Science, & Education (John Pegg): The committee's sole activity for the year was a series of Explora-Talks at the Lodge on a wide range of topics of interest to Obsidians and the community. The talks were once a month during February through June and in September. The talks are free, but the \$1.00 donation at the door took in a total of \$239. There were no expenditures. Based on the money collected, attendance is estimated at above 240.



John Pegg and Shellie Robertson

Publication (Lou Maenz): This year the *Bulletin* published ten issues with 174 total pages. The cost of printing and mailing was \$3,920. Stewart Hoeg, our layout artist and publisher has been mentoring Carla Cooper and Bea Fontana to help balance the big task of putting the *Bulletin* together each month. Jorry Rolfe will be taking over trip editing from Nancy White who has had the job for three years. Thanks, Nancy! It takes at least 15 members to get our *Bulletin* to your computer or your mailbox. Thanks to everyone — the writers, photographers, publishers, editors, and assembly team. Bea Fontana, Carla Cooper, Stewart Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Ethel Weltman, and Jorry Rolfe. Margaret Prentice, Clara Emlen, Tom Adamcyk, Don Baldwin, Sharon Cutsforth, Yuan Hopkins, Lenore McManigal, and Martha Welches.

Entertainment (Judy Ness): The Entertainment Committee is responsible for hosting the monthly potlucks which are held every month except for July, August, and December. We try to present interesting and informative speakers, and mostly, we succeed. This year, we set a record in February with approximately 110 persons attending Bill Sullivan's presentation on *Hikes in Eastern Oregon...* and it was my first time chairing a potluck! Most of the speakers volunteer to present to the Obsidians, but we are always on the look-out for new ones, so if you see a program you believe would be of interest, please let us know. Much gratitude and appreciation goes to the committee members who come early to set up and stay late to clean up: Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Judy Gar-

wood, Yuan Hopkins, Mary Livingston, Meg Stewart Smith, and Susan Wanser. Co-chairs: Judy Ness and Lana Lindstrom.

Membership (Laurie Funkhouser): Due to the dedication and commitment of the Committee members our club's membership numbers are consistent, if not growing: 2013 – 491, 2014 – 472, 2015 – 465, 2016 – 492. You, as members of the club, have been the *primary* source of new members through word-of-mouth.

Our goals were to review and revise the Membership portion of the Constitution as well as membership information emphasizing the committees/volunteer opportunities of our club. We are well on our way to completing these goals.

All the committee members are *ambassadors* for the club, but more specifically the tasks they tackle are: Carla Lyons – new member packets, Judy Sinnott – name tags, Roberta Chord – greeter, Tom Rundle – editor, Dave Lodeesen – editor, John Jacobsen – IT/editor, Diane Schechter – email correspondent, Betty Grant – outreach. Thank you for the all the hard work with no complaints!

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): We continue to publicize our trips in the *Eugene Weekly*, *Register-Guard*, Y bulletin board, bulletin boards around town, and on our webpage. How do new members first hear about our club? Laurie Funkhouser, Membership Chair, provided this information from 2016 membership applications: friends – 19, website – 9, *Register-Guard/Eugene Weekly* – 3, Y bulletin board – 2, Climb School – 1, Facebook – 1.

April 28, we hosted a table with other outdoor groups at Oregon Wild's Brewshed and Outdoors Celebration at Ninkasi Administration Building. Our table had a new look with a Velcro strip attached to the table rim and the banner so that we didn't have to use cords. November 10, Mark Hougardy will host the Obsidian table at a Pacific Crest Trail book presentation at the University of Oregon Knight School of Law. Details are in the October *Bulletin*.

Thanks to the Committee Chairs for providing flyers and current information on the website. Thanks to Chris Stockdale for sending the schedule to the RG and EW. Committee members: Carla Cooper, Elizabeth Glover, Mary Hamilton, Brian Hamilton, Mark Hougardy, John Jacobsen, Darko Sojak, Jorry Rolfe, Janet Jacobsen, Chair.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): This cohesive crew met our projected sales/expense numbers aided by two new inventory items – quick-dry caps and long-sleeve breathable shirts. The Committee continues to search for a Chair. Special kudos and thank you to the Concession Committee members: Keiko Bryan, Pat Bean, Carla Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Hall, Patty MacAfee, and Darlene Mancuso.

Online (Wayne Deeter): I thank my committee members for their help in running the Online Committee: John Jacobsen (database maintenance and development), Shellie Robertson and Marci Hansen (Facebook page), and Jan Anselmo (photo albums). Since the 2015 Annual meeting our members have added more than 2000 photos and 200 albums. We now have a total of 8758 photos in 635 albums, up from 6087 photos in 410 albums last year. Followers of our Facebook page have increased to 566, up from 416 last year.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): The Obsidian Finance Committee during the past year was responsible for putting together the 2016 budget, recommending investments for the Endowment Fund and Contingency Fund and the rebuilding of the Contingency/Capital Fund. We completed audits of the general fund, summer camp accounts, and the extended trips account. Thanks to committee members: Barb Bruns, Dan Christensen, Don Doerr, Dave Hawkins, Lana Lindstrom, and Chairman Stewart Hoeg. I would particularly like to thank Barb Bruns for her many years as the club's insurance expert and Dave Hawkins for taking over this responsibility this year.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All the trips and events members participated in the past year have been recorded. Members receiving trip and leader awards were notified. The four members receiving the Compleat Obsidian award sent in the required paperwork. The list of deceased members was prepared for the meeting tonight.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): There was one significant renovation completed at the Lodge in 2016. We had the water line replaced from the meter at the street to the lodge wall. This was a preventative measure with the consensus being that the old pipe was likely to fail at some point. Many thanks to John Jacobsen and Dave Cooper for their help with this project. Our club is very fortunate to have so many loyal and generous members who have seen to it that we can afford this type of upkeep for our building.

The Lodge was rented for non-Obsidian events or meetings six times this past year. We continue to have success with finding our facility left in good condition at the end of these events.

We also continue to provide meeting space for Eugene Mountain Rescue in exchange for help with various training classes. Having many Obsidian members who are also EMR makes this arrangement very easy to administer.

I would like to thank ALL our members who contribute to the regular upkeep at the Lodge. Everyone who uses the building clearly takes a personal responsibility to leave it well-tended and orderly. That is really important and helpful. Also, thanks to Janet Jacobsen who has been kind enough to organize regular volunteer work parties to clean floors, windows and do other cleaning and that, too, has been a big help.



New board member, Marci Hansen, visits with Doug Nelson

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): The Obsidian Grounds Committee continued with routine maintenance and upkeep of the Lodge grounds throughout the year. This year we had a couple of extra work parties to place bark mulch on various planting beds which helps with weed control and makes mowing near them easier.

The Grounds Committee completed two major projects this summer:

1. Contracted with MR Tree Service to remove 52 dead or dying Douglas fir trees at a cost of \$14,500. We were able to sell some of the felled trees for \$600. The tree removal included a number of trees that were in close proximity to our new storage building, thus getting rid of a danger of them falling on the building in a winter storm.

2. In conjunction with the Lodge Committee, contracted with Graham Landscape and Design to replace the main water line into the Lodge and install an irrigation system around the Lodge at a cost of \$19,641.75. The irrigation will go a long way in upping the level of fire protection around the Lodge with the bonus of keeping the grounds looking nicer throughout the summer.

Thank you to the Grounds Committee: Clara Emlen, Doug Nelson and Jim Whitfield. Thanks to people on the grounds work party call list for helping out at our many work parties. A special thanks to Clara Emlen for her ongoing efforts to maintain several of our planting beds single-handedly.

Safety (Pat Esch): In February Lyndell Wilken and I inventoried and restocked all available first aid kits from the Y, Climbs, and the stock room. In the same month, the full committee met at my house for Safety's annual meeting. We reviewed the Safety Manual and discussed first aid classes.

At the Leadership Orientation in April, two different first aid courses were being worked on. Since Safety's class is no longer first aid-certifiable, Climbs and Summer Trips organized a Red Cross First Aid Class in June specifically for leaders. November 1 there will be a one-day course called *Outdoor Emergency Preparedness* led by Laurie Monico for all members which includes some first aid plus hands-on pretend emergency situations.

I would like to thank the Safety Committee members: Sharon Cutsforth – Bus Trips, Jane Hackett – Winter Trips, Marianne Reiter – Climbs, Judy Terry – Summer Trips, Lyndell Wilken – at Large.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of New Board Members: The nominees for membership on the Board for January 2017 through December 2019 were Laurie Funkhouser, Lyndell Wilken, and Marci Hansen. The club members present at the annual meeting voted unanimously to elect the three candidates.

Constitution Changes: After some discussion the members present voted to accept the proposed changes to the Constitution regarding membership. In summary, the associate membership is eliminated, the number of qualifying bus trips is changed from three to two, and the language regarding termination is laid out in clear, concise terms. The proposed changes were explained in the July/August *Bulletin*. Exact wording is found in the Members Only section of our website under Documents.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED ON

Janet Jacobsen shared remembrances of members who have passed on since last year.

Inactive Members

Marilyn Murdock, 1921–2016, 26 activities. She enjoyed attending summer camps with her husband, Royal.

Mary Battin, 1927–2016, 36 activities. She led ten trips for the club, two of which were canoe trips, one of her favorite outdoor sports.

Joel McClure, 1927–2016, A climber and hiker, he led 27 of his 42 trips.

Betty Macy, 1929–2016, 320 activities. A strong hiker and conservationist, she was active in trail and bridge building.

Walt Dolliver, 1937–2016, 176 activities. One of his favorite hikes was to Vivian Lake which he led from the Hills Creek Reservoir side.

Julia Snell, 1920–2016, She was 85 when she went on her first trip, a hike on the new Amazon Headwaters Trail. She discovered the bus trips and did 52 trips.

Gladeus Pupke, 1924–2016, Climbed nine mountains and attended summer camps with the Obsidians. Her last activity was the New Year's party in 1951.

Kess Hottle, 1928–2015, 20 bus trips. He was a serious birder!

Harvey Speck, 1924–2016, 42 activities including 29 bus trips. He and his wife led a bus trip to London, Paris and Florence—Oregon, not Europe—and at each town they provided food typical of that European city.

Active Members

Janet Speelman, 1938–2016, 138 bus trips, a dedicated bus committee member, always with a smile and a book in hand.

Barbara Payne, 1936–2016, 112 activities, a loyal bus committee member, always sitting at the front of the bus with her husband, Don.

Ardys Ringsdorf, 1927–2016, A hiker, summer camper, and a bus rider.

Don Hunter, 1914–2016, Don passed away a few months shy of his 102nd birthday. He is the only person I have talked with who rode the Obsidian snow train back in 1935. He is remembered for his conservation work using his skills as a photographer to protect the Three Sisters Wilderness and French Pete. In 1976, he led a Smith Rock - Painted Hills photography trip leaving Eugene at 8:15AM and returning to Eugene at 1:00AM. That is stamina!

2016 TRIP AND LEADER AWARDS

100 Trip Awards: *Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Keiko Bryan, Bill Montgomery* announced by Janet Jacobsen. *Carla Cooper* presented by Tommy Young, *Barbara Gunther* presented by Janet Jacobsen, *Dave Lodeesen* presented by Darko Sojak, *Caroline Moore* presented by Carla Lyon, *Tommy Young* presented by Carla Cooper, *Mike Smith* presented by Dave Lodeesen.

200 Trip Awards: *Jorry Rolfe* presented by Janet Jacobsen, *Dave Cooper* presented by Tommy Young, *Dave Lodeesen* presented by Kathy Randall, *Tom Rundle* presented

by Janet Jacobsen, *Mike Smith* presented by Dave Lodeesen.

1000 Trip Award: *Janet Jacobsen*. This award was presented by Janet's long-time friends and outdoor companions Kris Wolters and Nancy White. They presented a slideshow of their adventures through the years with Janet.

100 Leader Awards: *Scott Hovis* presented by Tom Rundle, *Matt Bell* presented by Todd Larsen. **75 Leader Award:** *John Jacobsen* presented by Laurie Funkhouser. **50 Leader Awards:** *Becky Lipton* presented by Kathy Randall, *Laurie Funkhouser* presented by Brad Bennett, *Mike Smith* presented by Dave Lodeesen. **25 Leader Awards:** *Judy Terry* presented by John Cooper, *Mike Smith* presented by Dave Lodeesen.



Compleat Obsidians: Tom, Kathy, Janet, Darko

Compleat Obsidian Awards: *Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Kathy Randall, and Janet Jacobsen* (2nd time).

Three Peak Awards: *Alex Ellis, Marge Huseman, Dalen Willhite, George Williamson, Danni Harris* presented by Maryanne Reiter.



Maryanne Reiter and Danni Harris

15 Trail Maintenance Awards: *Dave Cooper and Dave Lodeesen* presented by Matt Bell.

2016 SPECIAL AWARDS

Laurie Funkhouser presented *Tom Rundle* from the Membership committee with a *Talented, Tenacious, Text Editor Award* for revising club information, being dedicated to

‘getting it right,’ and preparing several versions to obtain perfection.

Laurie Funkhouser presented *Pat Bean* from Concessions with a *Pained Pes Peddler Award* for continuing to ‘peddle’ the wares at Summer Camp despite an injury to her foot.

John Cooper from Summer Trips presented *Mark Hougardy* with *Backpackers Light Award* for promoting backpacking by organizing the *Backpackers Rendezvous*.

Doug Nelson and Janet Jacobsen presented *Yuan Hopkins* with the *#1 Sparkling Windows Award* for her two hours cleaning windows at the Lodge entry.



Yuan Hopkins and Janet Jacobsen

Matt Bell presented *Dan Gilmore* the *Too Strong Award* for working so hard during the first outing of the year that he broke his overalls, raising the bar for the rest of us; *Clara Emlen* the *Immaculate Reception Award* for immaculately cleaning the Main Spencer Butte trailhead stairs each time she volunteers; *Dave Cooper* and *Dave Lodeesen* the *Sisyphus Award* for placing the most rocks in one outing to armor a drainage ditch; *Laurie Funkhouser* the *Fashionista Award* for brilliantly accessorizing with a scarf the other accessory she got while building trail in Wild Iris Ridge Park—poison oak.

Kathy Randall presented *Dave Lodeesen* with a *Shivering Night Award* for bravery in the face of adversity by surviving two cold nights in the Jefferson Wilderness without a sleeping bag.

Janet Jacobsen presented *Mike Smith* with the *Out in Front Award* for leading the Cape Perpetua Trifecta before it was news in the Register Guard.

Darko Sojak presented *Matt Bell* with the *Himalayan Snowcock Wings Award* for carrying Oliver to the top of Liberty Peak.

Dave Cooper presented the *Not What I Expected Award* to *Brad Bennett* for stepping up, only to find he may have stepped in it.

Mike Smith and Janet Jacobsen presented *Steve Cordon* with the *Back to the Front Award* for his hard work to victoriously stride to the front of the Wednesday hikers.

Shellie Robertson presented *Laurie Funkhouser* with a chair and *The Best Committee Chair That Never Was Award* for basically filling in as the chair for Concessions this year.

Thanks to Janet Jacobsen for the apple crisp and Rick Sanford for the Prince Puckler’s ice cream enjoyed by many during the social time before the meeting.



Matt Bell wearing his Himalayan Snowcock wings

Willamette Pass Winter Shelters Need Wood Stoves

THE WILLAMETTE PASS HIGH CASCADE FOREST VOLUNTEERS are searching for used wood stoves that are in good condition. Two of the six winter shelters near Willamette Pass—Fuji and Bechtel—need to have their wood stoves replaced. An effort is being made to find someone with an older stove that they would be willing to donate or sell. If you have one or know of someone who does, please contact Lyndell Wilken at 343-3080 or lyndell-wilken@gmail.com

Both the High Cascade Forest Volunteers and the Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol (WBSP) are accepting contributions for the improvement to the shelters, which can include the purchase of a wood stove. If you want to contribute, a check can be made out to the Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol (WBSP). Include a memo line stating the donation is for shelters. You will be sent a letter in acknowledgment of the donation that will include tax ID information. The address for cash donations is: WBSP, PO Box 1578, Eugene, OR 97404

Lyndell Wilken
Winter Trails Coordinator

October Board Notes

October 19, 2016

By Dave Cooper

President Shellie Robertson called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, David Cooper, John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Todd Larsen, and Maryanne Reiter. Also present were: Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Dave Lodeesen, Doug Nelson, Janet Jacobsen, Wayne Deeter, Lenore McManigal, Lana Lindstrom, and Lyndell Wilken.

The Board approved the minutes of the September meeting and the Annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet. The Board approved payment of bills totaling \$2,138.94.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): 206 trips have been scheduled, 167 are completed and approved. There are 21 trips left to be completed or needing approval. 1222 participants were members with 150 being nonmembers. \$1941 has been collected in trip fees to date.

Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen): In forming my committee for the 2016/2017 Winter Trips season, I propose and seek Board approval of the following nominations to fill the seats on the Winter Trips Committee: Judy Terry, Michael Smith, Darian Morray, Janet Jacobsen. Twenty-four trips have been entered on the 2016/2017 Winter Trips schedule as of today.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): September trail maintenance was one outing in Spencer Butte Park with six member participants. We brushed the lower section of the Tie Trail, cleaned the trailhead kiosk and steps, and even picked up broken glass by hand!

Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): We have completed seven of the eight bus trips scheduled for 2016. Total participants is 164: 140 members and 24 nonmembers. Our first planning meeting for 2017 is October 20.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Nancy Whitfield led a very successful 3-day Extended Trip to the Redwoods in September. She had 16 participants, the weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and the nearby hiking was great.

Conservation, Science, & Education (John Pegg): The only activity was an ExploraTalk presentation on the proposed Douglas-fir National Monument by David Stone.

Publications (Lou Maenz): Please add Jorry Rolfe to the Publications Committee. She will be a trips editor. Publications mailed out 461 bulletins with membership renewal forms included.

Entertainment (Judy Ness & Lana Lindstrom): Rick Ahrens gave an awesome presentation entitled *Birds and Butterflies at the Border* at the September potluck.

Membership (Laurie Funkhouser): Current membership is 495. Receipt of renewals are flowing in regularly. Thank you to those who have submitted your annual dues with completed renewal forms.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): The Pacific Crest Trail: Exploring America's Wilderness Trail, Thursday, November 10,

5:00 PM, University of Oregon, Knight School of Law, Room 110. Mark Hougardy, member of the Publicity Committee, will host the Obsidian table at the event. This past summer Mark and his wife, Christiane, were dropped off at the Santiam Pass to hike the PCT to Timberline Lodge. From there, they took buses and Amtrak to make their way back to Eugene. Mark organized the lightweight backpacking event at the Lodge last spring.

Concessions: Merchandise was presented at the September Potluck and ExploraTalk with total sales of \$106.00. Sales remain brisk due to the dedication of committee members, especially, Patricia MacAfee, Pat Bean and Darlene Mancuso.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 8758 photos in 635 albums in the photo gallery. From our Facebook Page maintainers (Shellie and Marci, Marci reporting): In September we added nine new followers to our page for a total of 555 followers. Our posts received 164 likes, eight comments, and 79 shares in the month of September.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All the activities and trips have been recorded from the October *Bulletin*.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Sept 23—Mowing and cleanup in preparation for that evening's potluck and to continue the post-summer cleanup. Thanks to Daphne James, Brenda Kame'enui and Jim Northrop. Oct 14—Cleaning and blowing out the drives and parking lot before the annual meeting. Thanks to Jim Northrop.

Safety (Pat Esch): Outdoor Emergency Preparedness Training November 5.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved Jorry Rolfe as a member of the Publications Committee.

The Board approved Judy Terry, Michael Smith, Darian Morray, and Janet Jacobsen as members of the Winter Trips Committee.

The Board approved four new members as presented by the Membership Committee: Sharon Gadomski, Nancy Hoecker, Meg McNabb, Emily Rice.

The Board approved changes to the bylaws in Section 4 – Dues and Other Fees to reflect the recently approved changes to the Constitution.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

In response to inquiries from some Club members requesting a re-examination of the possibility of hikes with dogs, an ad hoc committee will be formed. This committee will look at the possibility of canine hikes (separate from allowing dogs on the types of hikes now offered). The committee will investigate the need for such hikes and what rules would need to be put in place, then report to the Board. If a canine hike program is put in place it will be evaluated after a trial period.

There was a request from the Friends of Douglas-Fir National Monument that the Obsidians formally support their initiative. The Board concluded that there were too many unanswered questions and took no action.

November Board Notes

November 2, 2016

By Dave Cooper

President Shellie Robertson called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: David Cooper, John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Todd Larsen, and Maryanne Reiter. Also present were: John Pegg, John Jacobsen, Dave Lodeesen, Doug Nelson, Janet Jacobsen, Wayne Deeter, Lenore McManigal, Lana Lindstrom, Chris Stockdale, and Lyndell Wilken.

The Board approved the minutes of the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board approved payment of bills totaling \$4,690.15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): There have been a total of 210 activities scheduled, 177 have been completed and approved. 1323 participants were members and 153 were non-members. \$2034 in trip fees have been collected. 17 trips are left to be completed or needing approval.

Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen): Winter Trips has a total of 47 trips on the schedule.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The climbs committee had its last climbing trip of 2016 with a damp outing to Smith Rock Oct 29-30; six Obsidians participated.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There were two outings this past month in Spencer Butte Park. Dave Cooper led a storm-debris cleanup hike from Willamette and 52nd to the summit. Later in the month we checked and cleared drainage features along the Ridgeline, raked leaves off the trail, cleaned the kiosk, and removed some blackberries. 2016 trail maintenance participation included eight outings in Spencer Butte Park, four outings in other Ridgeline parks, and two outings with the Forest Service. Participants totaled 121 with 36 unique participants. Thirty-one members and five non-members volunteered 372.5 hours for an estimated value of \$7,393.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Evelyn Nagy will be leading an Extended Trip to the Oregon coast in mid-January. Details are in the November *Bulletin*.

Conservation, Science, & Education (John Pegg): The Science and Education Committee hosted an ExploraTalk at the Lodge on Oct. 25. Vicky Mello and Charlotte Behm gave a talk and slideshow on the Whilamut Natural Area in Alton Baker Bark. Lodge fee receipts were \$13.00. A November ExploraTalk is scheduled at the Lodge November 8, featuring The Kettle Valley in Canada with Lana Lindstrom and Richard Hughes. No events are scheduled for December.

Entertainment (Judy Ness & Lana Lindstrom): Wendy Simmons presented an excellent program, *Staying Active, Staying Strong*, at the October potluck; \$35.87 was collected. Bob Welch is the speaker for the November 18 potluck.

Membership (Laurie Funkhouser): Seeking Board approval for membership of Judy Adamcyk. Current membership is 496. Status of renewals is: 23 not applicable, 307 paid renewals and 166 have not paid at this time.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): Chris Stockdale sends in our

trip activities to the *Eugene Weekly* and *Register-Guard*. The *Eugene Weekly* calendar editor informed her that they won't run our activities unless we list meeting place and time for each one. Chris explained that we refer people to our website for this information. The response was that the information won't be published without these details. I agree with Chris that it won't work for us to send that information for each trip. She can still send EW special event news such as potlucks and ExploraTalks. I plan to write the *Eugene Weekly* thanking them for their past support for our activities that give us the opportunity to share the outdoors with the community. I will mention that for safety reasons participants need to read the trip description before they sign up. Also, our volunteer leaders need to keep in touch with participants. It doesn't work for us to give the time and departure place for each trip. This spring and summer our Publicity Committee will consider organizing Get Acquainted hikes that do not require registration.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 8865 photos in 643 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery, up from 8758 photos in 635 albums in October. From our FaceBook Page maintainers (Shellie and Marci, Marci reporting): We started October with 556 followers at the end of October we had 562.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): The Finance Committee began work on preparing the proposed 2017 budget.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): We had a couple of work parties to install brick edging around the planting beds in front of the Lodge and resurfacing the various walking paths around the grounds. Thanks to Dave Cooper, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Daphne James, Brenda Kame'enui, Greg Milliman, Jim Northrop, John Pegg, Dave Predeek, Kathy Randall, Pat Soussan, and Jim Whitfield. We also cleared leaves before the October ExploraTalk and Potluck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Stockdale is chairing the ad hoc committee regarding canine hikes. The committee will be meeting soon.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the new member application from the Membership Committee. and the addition of Mike Smith to the Safety Committee as representative from Winter Trips. The Board elected officers for 2017: Laurie Funkhouser–President, John Cooper–Vice President, Dave Cooper–Secretary, Stewart Hoeg–Treasurer.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

Holiday Dinner in December for Board Members, committee chairs, and their partners will be held at the Lodge in conjunction with the Board Meeting. The Board approved up to \$200 for this purpose.

The Club will be receiving a donation from the estate of Don Hunter. Shellie will be in communication with the family and handle this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/7/16 – Board Meeting: Committee Chairs approvals for 2017.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Trail Maintenance

Sunshine Meadow Restoration

August 26, 2016

Leader: Todd Larsen

Trail Maintenance: 12 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

WE STARTED FRIDAY MORNING FROM FROG CAMP to make our way up Obsidian Trail to the PCT. Along the way we had to cut a log that had fallen since the previous log-out earlier in the season. We then took a short trip towards Arrowhead Lake, dropped our camping gear at some campsites along the way, and made our way up to the lake for some photos. Saturday was spent placing check dams and fixing old check dams along the user trail that cuts through Sunshine Meadow. We were able to see that all our previous work has started restoring the area in the lower meadow! Sunday we had a leisurely walk out! Members: Todd Larsen.



Byways By Bus

Oregon Coast Excursion

September 11, 2016

Leader: Barbara Beard

Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

ON THIS TRIP WE TRAVELED OVER 1,000 MILES in a luxury motor coach with our excellent driver, Augie Bergman, at the wheel. Our purpose was to view as closely as possible all remaining lighthouses on the Oregon Coast plus two on the Washington side of the Columbia River.

Day 1: Heading north on I-5 our first stop was Allann Brothers Coffee & Bakery, an opportunity to reacquaint with old friends and begin friendships with the first-time riders. Our special guest was Maria Enuss Ferriera from Rio, a friend of Obsidian Verna Kocken. We enjoyed getting to know her, learning about her life in Brazil and sharing her enjoyment of seeing this part of the USA for the first time. We then headed out on back roads, pausing for a short round-trip ride on the Wheatland Ferry—a first for many. Our lunch stop was L. L. “Stub” Stewart State Park where we enjoyed a fabulous mountaintop view of the Coast Range. As we continued northwest through the forests we checked in at Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area in hopes of seeing elk, but none were seen. In Astoria we drove to Coxcomb Hill for beautiful views of the Columbia and the Youngs Rivers; several climbed the Astoria Column for even better views. Tired but happy we arrived in Long Beach, WA for our first night.

Day 2: Another beautiful day greeted us as we headed out to learn about the North Head and Cape Disappointment Lighthouses, built only two miles apart—which was unusual. There is a fantastic view of the Pacific Ocean at Cape Disap-

pointment where some toured the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and others did the one-mile roundtrip hike up and down steep slopes to stand beside the lighthouse. Old Fort Canby is also located on this site. Driving across the 4.1-mile-long Astoria-Megler Bridge twice provided interesting views in both directions. We traveled out to Clatsop Spit, the point farthest north on the Oregon Coast to view the terrain where Point Adams and Desdemona Sands Lighthouses were washed away in the early 1900’s. The weather was perfect for a helicopter ride in Seaside, another first for many. Our goal was to get a good look at ‘Terrible Tilly,’ the Tillamook Head Lighthouse. Situated 1.2 miles offshore on a huge rock this was an amazing engineering project; the first surveyor for the project was swept out to sea and never found. We not only enjoyed the helicopter ride, but the views of Tillamook Head, Seaside, the bay, and forests to the east were lovely. The delightful Ecola Creek Lodge at Cannon Beach was our destination for the night. Following a *breathtaking* ride to the mountain top we enjoyed a lovely BBQ dinner in the Lodge courtyard prepared by Barbara & Paul Beard. Some enjoyed a beach walk, others enjoyed watching the rabbits or visiting with one another.

Day 3: A variety of activities awaited us this day, some of which were antique shopping at Wheeler, watching salmon being caught in Nehalem Bay, and seeing oysters processed at Tillamook Bay. At Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint a short walk took us to a close-up view of the lighthouse, more spectacular ocean views, and a visit to the Octopus Tree. The drive along Whiskey Creek Road to Cape Lookout was lovely. Our lodging for this night was the Inn at Spanish Head where our rooms were attractive, the food was excellent, and the beach was nice for walking.

Day 4: Early risers enjoyed a brisk beach walk before we departed for Pirate Coffee Company in Depoe Bay. Heading to Yaquina Head Lighthouse we enjoyed views while even spotting whales. This is Oregon’s tallest lighthouse and has an excellent nearby interpretive center. Lunch at the Chalet Restaurant, featuring homemade soups and pies, was delicious. More scenic driving took us to view the Yaquina Bay, Cleft of the Rock, and Heceta Head Lighthouses. The drive to the top of Cape Perpetua allowed for amazing views and a chance for a short hike along the cliff. Lodging in Old Town Florence provided many choices for food and opportunities for more walking.



Ready to ride the dune buggies at Spinreel

Day 5: Another busy day took us to view four lighthouses, some in out-of-the-way locations. At the Umpqua River Lighthouse we were allowed to climb the stairs to view the only handcrafted lens left in the world; this beautiful red and white lens was one of six handcrafted in France. As we approached the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area the scenery began to change to a grand view of dunes and ocean. Adventure waited as we stopped at Spinreel Dune Buggy & ATV Rental near Lakeside. Four capable drivers took us into the vast and beautiful sand dunes for an up, down and around awesome ride. One more first for many of us! On the road again, we drove by the Cape Arago and the Coquille River Lighthouses on the way to Cape Blanco. This is the most westerly point in Oregon and also one of the windiest. Lodging at Jot's Resort was on the bank of the Rogue River where the view of the full moon on the water was lovely.

Day 6: We began this day with a 64-mile roundtrip with Jerry's Rogue Jets, a journey to Agness and back. A bit foggy to start, but the sun soon broke through for another delightful day. Our skilled driver Kevin provided some thrilling moments by getting some of us quite wet and shared very interesting information about the area. Lunch on the river at Cougar Lane Lodge was delightful. Knowing we had a long drive to Grants Pass and because of fog right on the coast line, we passed up viewing the privately owned Pelican Bay Lighthouse. Dinner was at the River's Edge Restaurant where we enjoyed the outdoor setting, great food and live music—a pleasant way to end the day.



On the boat and ready for fun

Day 7: As we began our final day of travel we stopped at Hellgate Canyon Viewpoint for a last look at the Rogue River on our way to the Wildlife Images Rehabilitation and Education Center for birds and animals in Merlin. There we were given a very interesting and extensive tour. One last treat was in store—a lovely farewell lunch at Heaven on Earth Restaurant & Bakery on Quinnes Creek at the I-5 exit. Arriving back at Shopko just before five we were tired but filled with happy memories of beautiful sights, thrilling rides, wonderful company, and new friends. Leaders Barb and Paul Beard expressed their thanks to all riders who helped make the trip possible and were often helpful in many ways. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Barbara Bruns, Sharon Cutsforth, Rose Mary Etter, Janet Jacobsen, Verna Kocken, Vern Marsonette, Craig Molitor, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Sam Tracer, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Marcia Claypool, Judy

Adamcyk, Sharon Gadomski, Betty Dickerman, Sheila Marsonette, Maria Ferreira.

Fall Color & Harvest Time

October 6, 2016

Leader & Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

IT WAS A COOL, CLOUDY MORNING as we headed north on I-5 hoping for no rain. When we stopped at the Santiam River rest area for a coffee break the weather had brightened considerably, allowing time to get acquainted with some first-time riders. Leaving I-5 north of Salem, we began our journey through beautiful farmland towards the Tualatin Valley. Twisting and turning our way over a part of Chehalem Mountain we were afforded wonderful views of the valleys below and spots of beautiful fall color. The first stop was the education center at the Jackson Bottoms Wetlands Preserve to see the 1,500-pound bald eagle nest on display. We viewed an interesting video showing how the section of a dying tree was salvaged with the nest intact and installed at the center. Many other displays are available although general consensus was that we should return some spring when we have time to hike the trails and observe migrating birds near the ponds. Next stop was the Smith Berry Barn Farm where owner Rich Hildner told us about the 30-acre farm and garden. We used their nice picnic area to enjoy our sack lunches and shopped for produce and other items. Then it was up the road to the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks & Minerals to visit their many display rooms. Very few of us had been there before and we were really impressed with the museum layout. The incredible beauty of the rocks, minerals, gemstones, fossils, meteorites and lapidary art on display is amazing. A very unique display features assorted rocks under black light which brings out unexpectedly vivid colors. These displays are considered the finest in the Northwest and one of the best in the nation. Due to highway traffic congestion we were a bit late in getting home, but all agreed they were glad to have visited these sites. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Barbara Bruns, Mary Lee Cheadle, Cindy Cowell, Sharon Cutsforth, Rose Mary Etter, Donna Halker, Yuan Hopkins, Ray Jensen, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Kathy Randall, Chris Shuraleff, Darko Sojak, Charlie Van Deusen, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Noy Rathakette, Sharon Gadomski, Adaley Witchey.



Happy Obsidians and friends by the 1,500 pound eagle nest



Bike Trips

Detering Orchard October 8, 2016

Leader: Patricia Esch

Bike: 22 miles, 25 ft. (Moderate)

NINE RIDERS WERE HAPPY to see the sun in Coburg, presaging a lovely ride. Biking north with the wind at our backs, we just floated along as we passed fields with the faint green tinge of sprouting winter wheat. Many farmers are now growing wheat, replacing some of the endless fields of grass seed. Along the way we stopped at a historical marker and to admire the Bowers' rock wall. Detering Orchard was all decked out for Halloween and the harvest season. It was not as crowded as in the past, so there was no line to get free apple cobbler. The pieces seem to get smaller every year, or I was just hungrier. The cider samples were delicious. A couple of us with roomier bike bags brought home ears of corn. Fortunately on the way back, the south wind was not too strong and tiring. Coburg Bottom Loop was a relaxing ending to the ride. Members: Barbara Aten, Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Kathy Hoeg, Don Kindt. Nonmembers: Mike Lee, Ronald Bucher.



Climbs

Mt. Thielsen

August 13, 2016

Leader: Marge Huseman

Climb: 10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)

THE GROUP OF OBSIDIANS BARELY FOUND A PLACE to park in the Thielsen parking lot at eight on Saturday morning. Making quick work up to the *chicken ledge* we found the summit packed—over 15 people were reported to be on top of the mountain as we waited for our turn. We made good use of our time—enjoying summit treats early and taking in the view. Our patience was rewarded; by the time our group made the one-pitch climb to the summit there was only one other person on top. After a quick rappel off the top, and tracking down all of the car keys, the five Obsidians made their way back out to the trailhead. Four in the group had more on their plate for the weekend, and caught a brief view of Crater Lake on their way to Mt. McLoughlin. Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Kerry Edinger, Marge Huseman, Ivan Paskalev, Eric Thornton, Kimberly Van Winkle.

Mt. McLoughlin

August 14, 2016

Leader & Photographer: Marge Huseman

Climb: 10.5 miles, 4,000 ft. (Difficult)

THE LEADER WAS SURPRISED how much interest the nontechnical climb generated. Full almost before it was posted, a

group of 11 Obsidians managed to all find each other the night before at a nearby campsite. A big thank you to Chris for finding reservable sites close to the trailhead. Leaving the trailhead on a near weather-perfect day the group found our way to the spacious summit. Taking summit treats seriously, we had enough to feed three times our number. We happened to run into three mountaineers that four of us had seen on Thielsen the day prior. All of the group made it down and managed to avoid the far too common mistake of going off the south (wrong) side of the mountain. All in all, a solid day on the mountain, and a trip that might be made far more often if it didn't involve a 3.5 hour drive each way. Members: Kellie Green, Marge Huseman, Trina Kanewa, Chris Melton, Kana Moll, Laura Osinga, Ivan Paskalev, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Eric Thornton, Kimberly Van Winkle.



On the summit of Mt. McLoughlin

Mt. Hubris/Cosmic Wall

September 16, 2016

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Assistant Leader: Danneille Harris

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

THE CLIMB UP THE COSMIC WALL OF MOUNT HUBRIS was truly cosmic in that not only the solid granite, amazing team and weather were out of this world, but also we had a couple of experiences that made the climb quite remarkable. We arrived Saturday evening at the mostly deserted Castle Crags State Park in northern California and set up camp to get a few hours of sleep. We woke up at 0-dark-thirty and hiked up the approximately three-mile trail with over 2,000 ft. elevation gain to the start of the climb. Team one consisted of Maryanne Reiter (leader), Kellie Green and Hayden Banks while team two consisted of Danni Harris (leader), Kana Moll and Meg McNabb. Both teams had an enjoyable and at times challenging time reaching the summit, especially climbing the last pitch which we affectionately call the *Stegosaurus* due to the jaggy ridge. All but Danni Harris had rappelled down and were on the ground as Danni rappelled, and she was just above where we were when she said she heard singing. At first we couldn't hear it and assumed she was hallucinating (it had been a long day), but then we listened and indeed there was choral singing. Turns out there was a large group on top of a nearby rock formation who had hiked to the

top and were singing. Then, on our hike out we stopped, and started talking to a couple of young men who also had stopped on the trail. They had been hiking around the area and carried a long object. When I asked about it the young man said it was a didgeridoo and began to play it for us. A great climb, singing in a beautiful setting and a didgeridoo serenade on the trail—a truly cosmic experience. Members: Hayden Banks, Kellie Green, Danneille Harris, Kana Moll, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Meg McNabb.

Acker Rock - Peregrine Traverse route

September 18, 2016

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Assistant Leader: Danneille Harris

Climb: 1,200 ft. (Difficult)

PEREGRINE TRAVERSE ON ACKER ROCK WAS A FIRST for the Obsidians. It is nine pitches of good rock on the South Umpqua River. The route ends at the fire lookout and then you hike out from there. The adventurous and tired team from the Mount Hubris climb drove from Northern California to the Boulder Creek Campground near Acker Rock Saturday night. We got a few precious hours of sleep and headed up to the climb. Kana and Kellie chose not to climb, but hiked in with us and gave us encouragement. Team one was Maryanne Reiter and Hayden Banks while team two was Danni Harris and Meg McNabb. The climb was fun and wandering, like playing Chutes and Ladders since at times you had to down climb or rappel to get to the next pitch. I was rappelling down to start the last pitch and had thrown the rope on the ledge that I needed to get to, but when I looked down again, as I was above where the rope landed, I saw an angry cloud of bees! I had thrown the rope onto a ground nest. In a split second I was back up to where I started, climbing up what I had just rappelled down. We decided to forego the last pitch and rappel off away from the bees. Members: Hayden Banks, Kellie Green, Danneille Harris, Meg McNabb, Kana Moll, Maryanne Reiter.

Extended Trips

Redwoods

September 18, 2016

Leader: Nancy Whitfield

Photographer: Carla Cooper

THE REDWOODS EXTENDED TRIP WAS BLESSED with perfect weather and a perfect group to enjoy it. This trip had a significant number of members new to extended trips. Here's hoping they go on many more! A variety of the trails was accessible from the campsite at Elk Prairie State Campground. Big trees were the highlight. Many commented on how it felt to be immersed in the redwood tree environment. The first day many hiked the James Irvine Trail, some making a loop by returning on the Miners Ridge Trail. Others hiked out to Fern Canyon and the beach, extending the trip by several miles. The following day, Prairie Creek Trail provided a riparian environment followed by the Rhododendron Trail and others. A network of trails closer to camp provided up close and personal views of really big trees. The setting provided hikes of any length so everyone was able to hike the

distance they wanted—sometimes more than wanted. Ruthy topped the maximum number of experiences to be had in one day by biking, hiking and driving to Fern Canyon. The food was great, prepared by each enthusiastic team, the campground quiet and the moon brilliant. Much was learned on the trip—how to take coin-operated showers, how large bear scat can be, how each redwood tree is different, and the morning light filtering through the trees. Members: Charles Ashmore, Anne Bonine, Ben Brown, Marianne Camp, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Ruthy Kanagy, Patricia Mac Afee, Evelyn Nagy, Nola Nelson, Jack O'Donnell, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield.



Bull elk that crossed the road in front of us



Hikes

Rosary Lakes

September 17, 2016

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 6 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

CHANGE IN PLANS. After checking road conditions to Midnight Lake on Friday, we went to Rosary Lakes on Saturday. It was a great day. We had Lower Rosary Lake to ourselves for lunch. We continued up the trail to the Middle Rosary Lake where some of us stopped, while three members went on to the Upper Rosary Lake. It was a sunny fall day enjoyed by all of us. Members: Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Sandra Larsen, Noah Lee, Mary Marshall, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Lamonte Smith.

SOLVE Beach Clean-up

September 24, 2016

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

TODAY'S BEAUTIFUL WEATHER attracted many enthusiastic volunteers to Heceta Beach. The five participating Obsidians collected a total of 30 lbs. of trash. After the beach clean-up we stopped in Florence for a seafood lunch. Members: Joella

Ewing, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak.

Elijah Bristow State Park

September 29, 2016

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 8.9 miles, 180 ft. (Easy)

WE EXPLORED SOME OF THE WETLAND AND MEADOW TRAILS, including Turtle Trail, Elk Trail and part of River Trail, which runs along the Middle Fork. Lovely shafts of morning light came through gaps between the trees. We continued along the river on the Fish Trail and connected with the main trail all the way down to Dexter Reservoir. After lunch in Dexter Park, we walked along the dam for a glimpse of the fish ladder and returned to the park via the main trail. Members: Daphne James, Jim Northrop, Tom Rundle.

Annual Clare Tucker Four-in-One Cone

October 1, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 11 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

SEVEN OF US BRAVED THE 37° WEATHER AND DRIZZLE that awaited us at Scott Trailhead. There wasn't much wind until we reached the volcanic section, then the rain turned into snow and then blowing snow. Four-in-One Cone was covered with snow on the north side, and we had a surprisingly nice and interesting view of everything below about 8000 feet, including Collier Cone and Yapoah Crater. Coming off the Cone, it snowed heavily, although it wasn't sticking. We had planned to eat lunch on top, but retreated back down the trail to the woods where we had shelter and a little sun. The rest of the hike was uneventful, although Darko who was in the lead saw a bull elk. By the time we got back down to OR 242, we were warmer and the trail had a nice wetting. Summer has gone, it would appear, and winter may not be far away. Remember the warm clothes, including hat and gloves, on the mountain trips! Members: Steve Adey, Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, Darian Morray, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Chris Gray.



Marguerite and Chris on the very windy, cold summit

Olallie Mt.

October 6, 2016

Leader: Sam Miller

Hike: 7.2 miles, 1,260 ft. (Moderate)

FOLLOWING A ONE-DAY RAIN DELAY our group was rewarded with no precipitation and partial sun. While Olallie's summit was surrounded by low-hanging clouds and the visibility was limited, everyone enjoyed walking through a lovely Douglas-fir forest with brilliant vine maple. It was another good day outdoors. Members: Ben Brown, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Sam Miller.

Mt. Pisgah New Trails

October 7, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Assistant Leader: Bill Montgomery

Photographer: Tommy Young

Hike: 7 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

BILL MONTGOMERY IS AN INCREDIBLE TRAIL VOLUNTEER for Friends of Buford Park. For many years, he has been doing the hard work to build trails that we enjoy. Starting at the North Trailhead, we followed Bill to Trail 3 and eventually to the new section of Trail 4. While we hiked, Bill shared history, trail building techniques, drainage issues and future plans. Bill said that enhancing recreation and protecting native habitats begins with a good network of trails. We were impressed with the cubic yards of gravel that Bill has shoveled, spread, and compacted! Bill was President of the Obsidians in 1994 and 1995. This was his 100th trip with the Obsidians. We thank him for his dedication and look forward to the future trail connections. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Bill Montgomery, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young.



Bill explaining how the gravel truck drivers were careful to preserve the canopy

Yoran Lake-Lils Lake Loop

October 8, 2016

Leader: Jan Anselmo

Hike: 12 miles, 1,329 ft. (Difficult)

WHAT AN INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL SUNNY OCTOBER DAY for a hike! It was a bit chilly at the start, but hikers quickly warmed up. By our first break at Karen Lake people who could, zipped off to their shorts. Or in Rich's case, he stepped behind a tree and took off his long underwear that he wore under his shorts. The colors this time of year are gold, lemon yellow, red, and rich orange. All the lakes were in their most lovely fall splendor. We stopped at every lake along the way

to bask in their peace. I know it is a bit of a risk to schedule an October hike so far in advance, but when it does not rain it is one of the best times to be in the woods. No one had done this hike before, so it made it special for me to be able to share this route with everyone. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Fumiyo Tao.

Gwynn Creek/Cooks Ridge Loop

October 8, 2016

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8.6 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

SHOULD WE BRAG ABOUT THIS? Yes, we should! The weather was perfect, the trail was perfect and enthusiastic nonmembers were thrilled. Some great edible mushrooms were collected. On the way back we stopped at the Darlingtonia State Natural Site and BJ's ice-cream parlor. Members: Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Patti Guthrie, Beverlee Potter.

Clear Lake

October 9, 2016

Leader: Joella Ewing

Photographer: Kathy Randall

Hike: 5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

COLORS GLISTENED ON THIS GORGEOUS SUNNY FALL HIKE around Clear Lake. Red, yellow and orange vine maple stood out against the black lava bed on one side of the lake. Many shades of blue, aquamarine and green water shimmered, revealing logs and rocks no telling how many feet deep. Take a kayak or rent a row boat to see three to six thousand-year-old trees stand upright underwater in the middle of this 187 ft. deep lake. Three generations of Roberta Chord's family joined us, including her son-in-law just home from the Army and 18-month-old twins in baby backpacks. Members: Roberta Chord, Chyanne Estes, Ean Estes, Trenton Estes, Joella Ewing, Yuan Hopkins, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Kimber Estes, Colt Estes, Jack Loe, Elizabeth Estes.



Middle and South Sister from the north end of Clear Lake

Vivian Lake/Hemlock Butte

October 9, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 12 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS MY FIRST TRIP LED AS A SCOUTING EXPEDITION. We drove to Hills Creek Reservoir and took Hwy 23 SE 19 miles, mostly on pavement, and found the Hemlock Butte Trailhead about 200 yards from that for Vivian Lake. We did the latter first, hiking in past beautiful Notch Lake and then up a few climbs before a long descent into a No Name Lake (Lago sin nombre) before reaching Vivian Lake in another mile. We had lunch at Vivian, on a sunny day, light breeze, no bugs, and no people out there either. It looks like it would be a lovely place to camp. We retraced our steps, up two very tough climbs, before descending back to Notch Lake, the junction of the Tie Trail to Divide Lake and the PCT, and the parking lot. We walked up most of Hemlock Butte, with splendid views of Diamond Peak. Unfortunately, the last 100 feet vertical is a tough rock scramble with moss and wet rocks. It might have been possible to get up there; descending it worried me more. Dave Cooper and Becky Lipton took care of two blowdowns on the trail and did some brushing with tools that Dave brought along. He needs to get USFS volunteer hours credit for a very good job. This area is about an hour and a half from LCC, and enters the Diamond Peak Wilderness in a nice place. In addition to Tie Trail, there is a way to go further south to Happy Lake and potentially do a loop around Diamond Peak. Maybe next year I'll try it backpacking. Members: Steve Adey, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Hunter's Moon Rise

October 15, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

ON THE NIGHT OF THE IDES OF OCTOBER STORM, we went up Mt. Pisgah with a few sprinkles and breaks in the cloud cover. There was some breeze, but it was mild and not an issue. We didn't see the rising hunter's moon, but we had a nice view of several rain bands all around the city. We descended in more light than expected, not needing our headlamps. This was the first time I climbed Spencer Butte and Mt. Pisgah the same day. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

Silver Falls State Park

October 22, 2016

Leader: Jim Pierce

Assistant Leader: Becky Lipton

Hike: 7 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY. The storm had passed and the waterfalls were flowing fast so we hiked extra loops and visited eight of the famous ten main waterfalls. We hiked underneath three of them in our seven-mile journey. In addition, we were treated to a dozen more unnamed waterfalls. The light and mist conditions were perfect for a special treat—a circular rainbow and sunbeam shafts of light. The ferns, mosses and other forest floor plants were at their peak, loving the recent rains. The maples were a splendid fall yellow, forming

a wonderful contrast to the forest greens. Tom treated us with his knowledge of the fascinating geology that formed this marvelous place. The pace was slow because the leader took over 150 pictures. Thanks to Rebecca for driving. Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Yuan Hopkins, Jim Pierce, Tom Rundle, Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers: Suzanne McQueen.

Mt. Pisgah Sunrise

October 22, 2016

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

ONCE AGAIN WE AGREED HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE to have Mt. Pisgah just minutes from the town. In 43°F we enjoyed a brisk hike with a nice view from the windy top. Members: Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Joan Globus.

Jefferson Park

October 23, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 10.2 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

POSTPONING THIS HIKE A WEEK WORKED OUT GREAT! An improvement for next time would be an earlier start time due to the driving time. Only three other vehicles were at the parking lot so we had the hike virtually to ourselves. We started the hike with the temperature at about 43° and high clouds. The trail weaves through the old tall trees to climb up to the trail junction to head towards the PCT. Once at the ridge crossing, beautiful views of the freshly snow-covered Mount Jefferson came into view. The creek crossing was a piece of cake. We reached the PCT trail junction to find the beginning of snow on the trail, then entered the meadows, lunching at Scout Lake surrounded by 6-8 inches of snow. It was surprisingly warm with Kathy reporting a temperature of around 52°. With hints of increasing winds and decreasing temperature, we circled Scout Lake and returned to our vehicles. I greatly appreciate all the hikers' sunny dispositions, attention to safety and working as a group. As always, a great day in the woods! Members: Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Barbara Gunther, Daphne James, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle.



Are these REAL Obsidians waiting in line at the trailhead?

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

September 21 - October 19, 2016

Various Leaders: Marlene Malone, Janet Jacobsen, Barbara Gunther, David Strutin, Mike Smith

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: **SEPTEMBER 21:** Members: Marlene Malone (leader), Janet Jacobsen, Carla Lyon, Vern Marsonette, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley. Nonmembers: Nancy Hoecker. **SEPTEMBER 28:** Members: Janet Jacobsen (leader), Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Barbara Gunther, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, David Reinhard, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Rick Sanford, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell. **OCTOBER 5:** Members: Barbara Gunther (leader), Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young. **OCTOBER 12:** Members: David Strutin (leader), Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Vern Marsonette, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Jim Northrop, Anita Pierce, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Nancy Hoecker. **OCTOBER 19:** Members: Mike Smith (leader), Mari Baldwin, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Barbara Gunther, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Vern Marsonette, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Art Skach, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

September 24 - October 22, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: **SEPTEMBER 24:** Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Evelyn Nagy. **OCTOBER 8:** Members: Steve Cordon, Laurie Funkhouser, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund. **OCTOBER 15:** Members: David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith. **OCTOBER 22:** Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Marguerite Cooney, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Evelyn Nagy, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund.



Backpacks

Lost Coast/North Humboldt, CA

September 19 - 24, 2016

Leader: Scott Hovis

Trip writer: David Lodeesen

Backpack: 25 miles, 200 ft. (Difficult)

DAY 1: WE THREE LEFT SCOTT'S HOUSE AT 7:00 AM in two vehicles for the 400-mile drive down to Shelter Cove, California. We needed both vehicles because we were hiking the trail in one direction from north to south. Most of the drive down was uneventful. We took I-5 to Grants Pass, cutting off on Hwy 199 to Hwy 101 in California. Near Garberville, we got off on a back road that would take us to Shelter Cove on the coast. This road is very rough, up & down, twisty with blind corners, sometimes turns into gravel, and often narrows down to a one-lane path. We arrived at Shelter Cove at 4:00 and Dave left his car there as this would be the southern terminus of our backpack. We piled into Scott's car for the drive north on another treacherous back road to Mattole River Beach, a journey of two hours to get to the starting point of our backpack. With the sun quickly approaching sunset, we loaded up our 45 lb.+ backpacks and started our trek south at 6 PM. Our goal was the abandoned Punta Gorda Lighthouse about three miles down the shoreline where we would set up camp for the night. A strong wind was blowing out of the north-northwest at a constant 25 mph but it was at our back and helped rather than hindered. The first two miles were in deep sand and scree which became exhausting very quickly with the heavy weight on our backs. We hiked past a large group of sea lions flopped on the beach as the sun dropped lower to the horizon. Eventually we got on a trail above the beach that made hiking much easier. With the sun setting at 7:15 we approached the abandoned Punta Gorda Lighthouse. To our dismay a group of three women backpackers had already claimed the lighthouse site for themselves. Scott thought there was another suitable campsite about a quarter mile further down so we headed there only to find it occupied. By now it was getting dark so we hiked another quarter mile where we found a fairly flat surface, high enough above the water where we could pitch our tents for the night. The bummer was that with the high winds, this site offered no protection. We were forced to take it because it was now dark and high tide made further progress impossible. We struggled to set up our tents in high gusty winds as we fumbled around in the dark. No fresh water creek was nearby so we had to use the water we carried to make dinner and clean up. By 9:00 we had finished with dinner and retired to our tents for the night. We had to get an early start in the morning because we had to coordinate low tide to get across four miles of beach that would normally be under water against the cliffs. Sleep was difficult this first night as the winds picked up in intensity with gusts to 40 mph that battered our tents all night long. Luckily we had plenty of large rocks to stabilize our tents.

DAY 2: We got up at first light around 6:00 with the temperature around 55°. Surprisingly, there was no dew on our tents as the weather pattern was very dry with a high dew point; however, the wind was still blowing steady out of the NNW at 20 mph. We ate breakfast, packed up our gear, and broke camp at 7:40. Our next campsite with a water source was 6.5 miles away but four of the miles were on narrow beach that could only be crossed at low tide. Low tide was at 8:30 so we had to hustle, pushing hard through large rocky sections and deep wet sand. We made it to our next campsite at Spanish Creek just before noon. The weather was sunny and warm around 72 degrees but the strong wind was still blowing out of the NNW. This site would offer us some shelter from the wind and there was a nice flowing fresh water creek nearby. We set up our tents, filtered water, ate lunch, and explored

the area the remainder of the afternoon. That evening we had a great sunset, could relax, and enjoy the moment. The sky was clear and the emerging stars were spectacular as we retired to our tents around 9:00.

DAY 3: We slept in until about 8:00 because there would be no tide restrictions on the section we were set to hike. We enjoyed a leisurely late breakfast under clear sunny skies with warm temps. Our next campsite with fresh water was at Miller Flat about six miles away. We packed up and left our Spanish Creek campsite at 10:00. Today we hiked on trails partially above the beach and on the beach. We slowed the pace a bit because there were no critical low tide areas to cross. After about four miles we found a sheltered place out of the wind and ate lunch. We continued on at a leisurely pace and arrived at Miller Flat around 2:00. The winds had died down a great deal through the afternoon and it seemed a bit cooler in the upper 60s but still with clear sunny skies. We found a great campsite where we could all set up close together and there was even a large plastic board (that probably fell off of a ship) that some previous camper set up as a table that we could use for our meals. We explored up and down the beach for the remainder of the afternoon. A really nice creek provided water for our drinking, cooking, and washing needs. The sad thing was that this area seemed to have been heavily used during the summer months. There was a lot of trash and plastic strewn about and people didn't dig cat holes deep enough to cover their excrement and TP. This is probably the reason that the BLM now restricts this wilderness area to a limited permit system. That aside, there was another fantastic sunset around 7:15 but the temperature started to cool quickly as the wind turned calm. We noticed some strange clouds in the sky to the south but didn't know what that meant. We could sleep in the next morning since low tide was at 10:30; we only had two critical miles to cover while the tide was out and about 3.5 miles total to our next campsite at Buck Creek. We turned in at about 9:00 after watching the stars come out and seeing a couple of satellites traverse the night sky.

DAY 4: About 5:00 we woke up to rain striking our tents. It continued to rain until 7:00 and suddenly quit with the sun emerging. We slept in until about 8:30, getting up to a wet campsite and gear that had been left uncovered. Live and learn—always cover stuff up. Nothing very critical got wet so it was no big deal. We sat around, sipped coffee, and ate breakfast while letting our stuff dry out a bit. We packed up and broke camp at 10:20 to take advantage of low tide in a critical area for two miles. Our next campsite was Buck Creek about 3.5 miles away. We arrived around noon and found a place to set up next to a good flowing creek. Since we had to pack up wet in the morning, we hung our tents out in the sun to dry for a couple of hours before setting them up. The day was sunny and warm with the temperature in the lower 70s and a very light wind of five to ten mph out of the northwest. After lunch Dave got into Buck Creek to take a little bath. He said it was cold but much warmer than the ocean. Late in the afternoon as we were exploring the area, a gust front blew through and dropped the temperature into the upper 50s. We bundled up as we ate dinner and waited for the coming sunset to put on a show, and it did once again. The winds died down that evening and the skies were full of stars as we turned in for the night.

DAY 5: We woke up to partly cloudy skies and a fairly warm temperature with a light dew. We only had 3.5 miles to hike

today to our next campsite at Horse Mountain Creek; however, about 2.5 miles were in a critical area that could only be crossed at low tide. Low tide wasn't until 11:39 so we had plenty of time to kill in the morning for breakfast and packing up. We headed out at 10:30 and had some really tough hiking to do over bowling ball sized rocks for some long stretches. This stuff is a killer to your feet and legs as you try to balance, and not slip and fall with the heavy load on your back. The waves crashed pretty close to us at some very narrow points along this stretch. We arrived at Horse Mountain Creek shortly after noon to a site that was right on the beach but far enough up to be safe at high tide. There wasn't any shelter here from the wind but the wind was much lighter than our first three days and not a problem. We had a very good flowing creek for water nearby. The day turned overcast and it looked like rain might be moving in after starting out sunny, so we decided to have a campfire in the evening. As we explored the area, we picked up wood for the fire. It never did rain but you could feel the humidity come up a great deal. We had a small campfire that evening. It remained cloudy so there was no sunset or stars to observe. We hit the sack early.

DAY 6: We got up about 7:00 to a very heavy dew covering our tents. We ate a light breakfast and packed up for the final two-mile hike through deep sand into Shelter Cove and the end of our adventure. We got to my car at about 9:30 and all four wheels were still on it! Shelter Cove is a tiny coastal town of a few hundred residents. We found a coffee shop and had a quick bite to eat and some coffee. Then it was a two-hour drive on rough back roads to Mattole River Beach to retrieve Scott's car, followed by another hour and a half precarious drive to get on some nice highway to head back home. We stopped in Crescent City on the California coast for a late lunch and our first non-camp hearty meal, pie and beer! Finally got back home around 7:30.

CONCLUSION: This was an Obsidian trip that won't be forgotten anytime soon. Being one of the most secluded and remote sections along the Pacific Coast, the Lost Coast has no facilities or amenities at all. This is rough and primitive camping at its finest. The sunsets are amazing and being so far away from any city, the night time sky is brilliant as the stars emerge. The sound of the crashing waves of the Pacific was the constant background music during our 25-mile trek down this section of coast where we only encountered a few other people all week. Your mind and spirit mesh completely with the natural beauty and solitude of this special place. We had numerous sightings of deer, birds, and other small animals. Bear are reported to roam this area so bear canisters are required by the BLM for all food brought in. We did not encounter any bears. Sadly, I wish humans could enjoy such a natural wonder as this without leaving so much trash behind. Members: Brad Bennett, Scott Hovis, David Lodeesen.

Salmon Lakes/Waldo Wilderness

September 30 - October 2, 2016

Leader: Scott Hovis

Trip writer: David Lodeesen

Backpack: 3 miles, (Moderate)

FOUR OBSIDIANS LEFT THE TRIP LEADER'S HOUSE in Eugene at 10:00 on a Friday morning for a three day/two night backpacking trip to Salmon Lakes, deep in the Waldo Lake Wilderness Area. Our plan was to hike in about three miles and

set up a base camp near Upper Salmon Lake, do a six-mile hike up to Waldo Mountain on Saturday, then hike out on Sunday. The weather forecast was for rain and falling temperatures, with rain turning to snow above 5500'. Our base camp at Upper Salmon Lake was at 4900' and the hike up to Waldo Mountain would take us up to 6357'. So we piled into Scott's car as we left Eugene under partly cloudy skies and the temperature in the low 60s. By the time we got east of Oakridge to the trailhead—way out on Salmon Creek Road and off on a couple of remote forest roads—it was into the low 50s but there was still some sunshine. There were no other cars at the trailhead, so we saddled up and headed out through thick forest on the three-mile trail that would take us to Upper Salmon Lake. This was an easy hike with only about 500' of elevation gain on a thick duff trail; the only drawback was the 35-40 pound load we were each carrying. We didn't have to carry a lot of provisions but we all took our heavier tents, rain gear, and extra warm clothes. It took about an hour and a half to hike in where we found the perfect campsite near the lake that also had a place for a campfire. There was nobody on the trails and nobody camped at the lake—perfect! We spent the afternoon setting up camp, filtering water, and gathering firewood. We still had some partial sunshine but we could feel it getting colder. Brad and Scott hiked up towards Cupit Mary Meadow and Mountain, while Tom and Dave stayed behind to gather and stockpile firewood. As sunset came, we started a fire and ate our dinner. It's getting dark early these days and deep in the forest it's dark by 6:30. We enjoyed the campfire as the stars came out and hoped the looming weather forecast was wrong. We bedded down by 9:00 under a sky full of stars. At 1:00 in the morning, we were awoken by the pitter patter of rain hitting our tents. It had become much colder too. The rain was light but steady all night and into the morning. We gathered around the campfire around 8:00 and made breakfast. As the rain continued we decided not to hike up to Waldo Mountain because the trail was probably very muddy, slippery, and sleet or snow would likely be falling at that elevation. As the day progressed, the rain would die down so we did some shorter hikes to Salmon Creek Falls and the nearby meadows. We watched a trio of ducks diving to the bottom of Upper Salmon Lake as they fed. We collected more firewood and kept the fire going all day as the temperature hung in the low 40s. The rain never really stopped so we did our best to stay dry and warm. The deep forest takes on a special type of calm, quiet, and serenity that we seldom experience in the rain. It's always rejuvenating to step away from the hustle and bustle of modern civilization to *recharge our batteries*, as they say, and this wet wilderness experience was no different. By Sunday morning, the rain had almost stopped but it was very overcast and foggy. We made breakfast and decided to pack up and hike out as it started raining lightly once again. It never got below freezing, which was good for us, but we were damp and cold. We started hiking out at about 10:15 and got back to the car in just over an hour. We were wet but glad for the experience. It was about an hour drive into Oakridge, so we stopped off at the Brewer's Union for a late lunch. Backpacking isn't always under ideal conditions and this experience tested our mettle when encountering wet and cold conditions. I believe we all passed the test. Members: Brad Bennett, Scott Hovis, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle.

Upcoming

Holiday Activities

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25: Turkey Trimming. Lana Lindstrom will lead a six-mile urban hike to recover from the turkey dinner.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26: Ridgeline Trail/Spencer Butte trail maintenance from 9:00-12:00. Lemonade and cookies are the reward.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1: Willamette Queen Dinner Cruise/Bus Trip. This trip is not online. Wait list only. Contact Judy Phelps at 726-0118 for information.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6: Stocking Stuffer hike/lunch. Janet Jacobsen and Joella Ewing will lead an easy hike with a shared soup/lunch at the Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21: Mt. Pisgah/Winter Solstice. Join Mike Smith for the 1½-mile hike to the top of Mt. Pisgah to see the sun (we hope) shine through the pedestal.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27: Hike to Gillespie Butte and Skinner Butte, 8 miles, without stopping at Valley River to return those gifts.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31: Walking Through the Solar System, 7 miles. On the River Walk, Mike Smith will share interesting facts regarding each of the scale model planet pedestals.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1: New Year's Day/Spencer Butte. Janet Jacobsen is the leader for the annual one-mile hike to the top of the Butte. Bring food to share. Enjoy!

Trips go online three weeks before the event.



*Merry participants in the first stocking stuffer hike
Photo by Carla Cooper.*

Third Annual Stocking Stuffer Hike/Lunch

Tuesday, December 6, 10:00 AM

Obsidian Lodge

JOELLA EWING AND JANET JACOBSEN ARE LEADING A THREE MILE HIKE ON THE RIBBON TRAIL with a follow-up bowl of soup at the Lodge. Instead of trip fees bring a pair of new inexpensive wool socks to be donated to the Egan Warming Centers. Last year we collected 166 pairs of socks. Also bring your plate, bowl, and utensils. Sign up online beginning November 16. Call Joella at 344-9197 if you can help with the potluck soup luncheon.

Space is limited. If you don't have access to online signup, call Janet at 343-8030 or email at bjjacobsen@comcast.net

Newport King Tide Yurt Stay

Leader: Evelyn Nagy

January 11–13, 2017

THE SUPER HIGH TIDES AT THE OREGON COAST in the winter are just spectacular! Join a small group of your Obsidian friends in exploring the Newport area and observing the King Tides.

We will stay in three yurts at beautiful South Beach State Park located 3.5 miles south of the Yaquina Bay Bridge

Each yurt will accommodate three people. The yurts are heated and have wooden beds with heavy plastic-covered futons. You must provide your own bedding. There are no cooking facilities or bathrooms in the yurt, although bathrooms with flush toilets and free hot-water showers are nearby. The cost of meals is not included in the fee.

Conveniently, the high tides occur late mornings in mid-January. We will meet at the Nye Beach Turnaround in

Newport at 10:30 on Wednesday, January 11, to observe the first King Tide. We can have coffee and lunch at one of the restaurants in the Nye Beach District before heading to South Beach State Park, check in by 4:00, and, if we are lucky, catch a sunset over the ocean.

Other activities in Newport include taking walks and hikes; visiting the Aquarium and the Hatfield Marine Science Center; and enjoying the stunning views, tidepooling, and tours at the Yaquina Head Lighthouse. There are numerous restaurants, coffee houses and pubs to enjoy in Newport.

Online registration will open on Monday, November 7, and is initially limited to nine Obsidians. Mail a check for \$49 payable to Obsidians to Evelyn Nagy, PO Box 10412, Eugene, OR 97440 within five days of signing up. After November 12, nonmembers may register (\$54). The payment is non-refundable unless your place is filled by someone else.

AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, November 18, at 6:30

Pacific Crest Trail Southern Washington

AUTHOR AND COLUMNIST **BOB WELCH** takes us on the latest section of his quest to complete the entire Pacific Crest Trail—a 12-day, 217-mile trip from just north of the Columbia River to Snoqualmie Pass east of Seattle last summer, including Goat Peaks Wilderness, Mt. Adams, and Mt. Rainier. Welch found Washington more rugged and beautiful than he imagined.



presented by
Bob Welch

Bob Welch is a longtime Register-Guard columnist/editor, author of 21 books and PCT hiker since 2011, when he completed a 26-day, 452-mile trip on the entire Oregon PCT. Since then he has upped his total to 900 miles, just over a third of the entire trail, and hopes to do the rest in the next four summers.



Bob Welch and brother-in-law Glenn Petersen in Goat Rocks Wilderness Area

Friday, November 18, 2016
Obsidian Lodge

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

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



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, November 8, 7:00–7:45 PM

Kettle Valley Rail Trail & Cathedral Lake Provincial Park

presented by Lana Lindstrom & Richard Hughes



LAST SUMMER, **RICHARD HUGHES, LANA LINDSTROM** AND FRIENDS mountain biked the Kettle Valley Rails to Trails in southern British Columbia for a week. The 200-mile trail consists of both packed dirt and paved roads. The Myra Canyon trestles and tunnels are a highlight. We then explored Cathedral Provincial Park, staying at Cathedral Lakes Lodge, Canada's highest full service hiking and fishing lodge. The scenery rivals the Alps and includes marmots, mountain goats, and picas. And both places are within a day's driving distance of Eugene!

Nervous about the election results? They will not be announced until after our polls close! So attend this ExploraTalk presentation and plan your next vacation instead of biting your nails!



Obsidian Calendar

November

5 Sat	Emergency Preparedness Class Wilken	343-3080
5 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
6 Sun	Alder Dune to Pacific Ocean Hike E Sojak	525-1124
6 Sun	Natural History Museum Hike E Hougardy	505-7031
7 Mon	UO Archives: Waldo Hike E Hougardy	505-7031
8 Tue	British Columbia Adventure	ExploraTalk
9 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper	868-5427
11 Fri	Willamette River Loop Hike E Lodeesen ...	214-709-0352
12 Sat	Tahkenitch Creek Exploratory Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741
12 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
13 Sun	Mt. Pisgah/ Full Moon Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
13 Sun	Chuckle Springs Hike E Randall	844-5916
16 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
18 Fri	River / Campus Walk Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
18 Fri	PCT Trail, Washington Welch	Potluck
19 Sat	Larison Rock Hike D Smith	520-488-9569
23 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
25 Fri	Turkey Trimming Hike M Lindstrom	683-1409
26 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance M Bell	503-884-8829
27 Sun	Marys Peak - Northside Hike D Smith	520-488-9569
30 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251

December

1 Thu	Willamette Queen Dinner Cruise Bus Beard	994-2337
3 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
6 Tue	Stocking Stuffer & Lunch Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
10 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
11 Sun	Cummins Creek Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
13 Tue	Mt. Pisgah Moonrise Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper	868-5427
17 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Sinnott	915-0234
18 Sun	Cape Mountain Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
21 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251

21 Wed	Pisgah Winter Solstice Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
24 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
24 Sat	Gathering Winter Mushrooms Hike E Kelly ...	505-8886
27 Tue	Skinner Butte/Gillespie Butte Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
28 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
29 Thu	Cummins Cr. Wilderness Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
31 Sat	Thru the Solar System Hike E Smith.....	520-488-9569
31 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303

January

1 Sun	New Year's Day Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
4 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper	868-5427
6 Fri	EMX-Springfield Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
11 Wed	Newport Yurt Stay Ext Trip E Nagy	514-4110
11 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
18 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray	953-5679
25 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lindstrom	683-1409

February

1 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin	221-9015
2 Thu	Groundhog Day Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
8 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
14 Tue	Oregon B'day - Dorris Ranch Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
15 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
19 Sun	Sand Mountain Lookout Xski D Miller	484-4586
22 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle	653-0741

March

1 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper	868-5427
8 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin	221-9015
14 Tue	Pi Day Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
15 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray	953-5679
22 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
29 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741

Shopping for trips? A few tips...

TO SEE THE LATEST UPDATES TO OUR TRIP SCHEDULE, be sure to visit the Obsidian Online System Login at:

www.obsidians.org/onlinesignup/index.htm. There you will find the necessary links to retrieve your password, if you have forgotten it, or to register if you are a non-member.

Can't spot the trip you want? Be sure to scroll down through the entire list to view all current selections.

On the Obsidian home page www.obsidians.org you will find a handful of links (Summer Trips, Climbs, Bus Trips, and many more) taking you to expanded descriptions of upcoming trips and events.

Wondering if an upcoming trip is a fit for you? Follow THE REPORT PAGE link to search for reports of past trips.

Bulletin Classifieds

For Sale

ELAN Gateway Cap SKIS with bindings, 72"
—\$40

ATOMIC Pro Race 6'18 Skis with bindings,
53"—\$40

HEAD e-fit Auto Active Buckle, Ski Boots,
250-255—\$30

ROSIGNOL R28 Ski Boots, 282 mm—\$30

Please contact Darko Sojak (541) 525-1124
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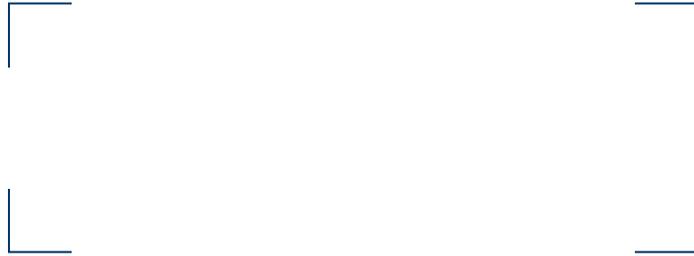


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The beautiful Oregon coast. Photo by Sharon Cutsforth. See trip report on page 12.