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Dates to Remember

June 30	Bulletin Deadline
July 11	Board Meeting

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**Potlucks and
ExploraTalks
will resume
in September!**

First Aid Updates

Lyndell Wilken, Safety Committee Chair

THE OBSIDIANS HAVE PURCHASED AN AED for the Lodge and placed it in the lower kitchen cabinets. (An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest.) The AED sign as shown in the picture can easily be seen by participants during Lodge events.



With the recent article in *The Register-Guard* about increased tick infestations, I want to remind you that all Obsidian first aid kits have tweezers that can be used for removing a tick should you notice that one has attached to you during an Obsidian outing. The best way to remove the tick is to take the tweezers and grip the tick as close to the individual's skin as possible being sure you have the tick head secured where it has attached to the skin. Then slowly pull backwards with the tweezers until the tick lets go. Be careful not to separate the tick body from the tick head. Clean and disinfect the bite area once the tick is removed. If some of the head is left in the skin remove it as you would a sliver. See article at: <http://eugeneregisterguard.or.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=2ea7cf2de>.

2019 Board Nominees

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET IN EARLY MAY to recommend three candidates for the Board of Directors for three year terms beginning in January, 2019. The names of David Cooper, Maryanne Reiter and David Hawkins were presented at the June board meeting. Qualities that the committee considered important were strategic planning, professional expertise, enthusiasm, and commitment to the club.

Two of the nominees, David Cooper and Maryanne Reiter, are currently on the Board. Dave joined the Obsidians in 2014 and has already received his 300 trip award! He served as Board Secretary and is currently Summer Trips Chair and Lodge Chair. Maryanne has been a member since 2001 and Climbs Chair since 2014. She is also the Board Secretary. David Hawkins, a retired accountant and member of the Finance Committee, joined in October, 2013. He has already taken 44 trips, including many hikes, one summer camp, two extended trips, and two bus trips.

The election will be held at the October 12 Annual Meeting. According to the Constitution, up to three additional nominees may be submitted by petition to the Secretary before the September board meeting; signatures of five voting members are required. A complete slate of nominees and their bios will be published in the September *Bulletin*.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: John Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, or Lyndell Wilken.

Welcome New Members!

Richard Cross
Eugene, OR 97405

Denise Rubenstein
Eugene, OR 97402

Lars Hoernlein
Eugene, OR 97401

Millie Schwandt
Eugene, OR 97405

Mallori Oliva
Eugene, OR 97401

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far different 50 years after its founding in 1968. There have been dramatic changes in the technology with the advent of GPS devices and cell phones. While the physical rescue hardware may appear similar, it has become lighter for a given strength. Another aspect that looks dramatically different is the volunteer force. Women no longer remain in town helping with communication and other support, but rather are in key leadership and field positions. They make up almost 40% of the membership and 50% of the Executive Board. The team decides rescue mission functions not based on gender, but rather who is available and their skills.

EMR and Obsidians continue to work together using our Lodge and coordinating Climb School. Obsidians continue to encourage others to develop the skills to climb Oregon's mountains.

Do you have a personal anecdote you would like to share? Send to bulletin@obsidians.org.

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Maryanne Reiter, Secretary
Stewart Hoeg, Treasurer
Dave Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth,
Marc Hansen, Todd Larsen,
Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall

Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting. There is no August meeting.

Committee Chairpersons

Bus..... Sharon Cutsforth
Climbs Maryanne Reiter
Concessions Carla Cooper
Conservation/SciEd Jorry Rolfe
Entertainment . Lana Lindstrom/Emily Rice
Extended Trips..... Lana Lindstrom
Finance Stewart Hoeg
Lodge Building Dave Cooper
Lodge Grounds John Jacobsen
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Summer Camp John Jacobsen
Summer Trips Dave Cooper
Trail Maintenance..... Matt Bell
Winter Trips..... Dave Lodeesen

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Search and Rescue, 1927-2018: Part 2

(Continued from May, 2018 Bulletin and compiled by Janet Jacobsen)

THE SEPTEMBER, 1967 *Bulletin* had accounts of three serious climbing accidents. Those accidents were the impetus for Gary Kirk to inform the Board at the September meeting that the Club was limited in the number of available volunteers and funding for the increase in search and rescue missions. The Board gave him authority to collaborate with other groups interested in forming a separate search and rescue organization. Kirk, President from 1968–1969, helped facilitate the emergence of the Eugene Mountain Rescue.

Bill Lynch's article, *Climbers Help if Mountain Mishap Occurs*, in the August 15, 1968 *Register-Guard* article, offers interesting details of the formation of EMR. Tom Taylor, Obsidian President in 1960 and Lodge architect, was elected EMR president pro-tem.

Excerpts:

The rescue group's goal, according to Taylor, is to be able to dispatch an organized team within an hour on any day or night. This means reaching climbers by phone—often getting them out of bed or away from their jobs. Those that volunteer must prepare their mountain packs, including food, clothing, and climbing gear; obtain rescue equipment; pool transportation and depart as a team.

Eugene Mountain Rescue is not, however, exclusively a unit of strong, young, male mountain climbers, although this is the chief source of its "muscle." The organizational functions are being put in the hands of women.

Heading the cadre of about 20 women is Rachel Roach. She and Taylor are members of the Obsidians, Eugene hiking and climbing club.

Women entered the organization initially as a communications committee. Under the plan, if Eugene Mountain Rescue is called into action, the women will telephone a select list of climbers explaining help is needed.

With the primary team departing, the women, according to Miss Roach, will recruit a "support" team to follow the first climbers and provide a reserve of manpower.

Meanwhile, they will have alerted MORESCO, the Oregon mountain rescue organization, in the event outside help is needed.

The women are now preparing for new tasks. These include:

Training in radio operations, so they can take over base camp radio units and free men for rescue operations.

Learning to establish base camps, so shelter, warm blankets and food will be at hand if needed when rescuers and victims arrive.

Preparing a base camp register, so each person entering the area can be checked in and out, lest a rescuer be left behind, lost or injured, when others leave.

Organizing women drivers to take over for tired climbers after the rescue to eliminate what Taylor calls the "greatest danger," that of falling asleep at the wheel attempting to drive home.

The women also have agreed to undertake the organizations' "paper work," of keeping up-to-date call lists in hands of over a dozen persons and maintaining inventory records.

The Obsidians donated its rescue equipment to the new organization. This and other equipment is now stored at the Sheldon Meadows Community Center, which also serves as the group's headquarters.

Obsidians remain one of the major sources of manpower for the new organization. Experienced climbers who come to Eugene because of the University of Oregon and graduates of Mel Jackson's Alpine classes provided through Eugene's parks and recreation department are other major sources of manpower.

Eugene Mountain Rescue hopes to complete legal steps for incorporation by the end of the year, according to Taylor. Serving with him on the board now are Mel Jackson, Gary Kirk, Galen McBee, Jim Blanchard, Steve Schaefer, Jim Durfey, and Steve Wennstrom.

Another source of information about the early days of the EMR is a history written by Steve Cash. (His father, Larry Cash, was an Obsidian and president of the Pacific Crest Trail Association from 1986–1993.) The first chapter, *The Beginning*, describes the 1965 "Call List" for the "Obsidian Search and Rescue Unit," listing 23 individuals (21 men and 2 women). *The names included hikers, climbers and backcountry skiers. There were no classifications or qualifications noted; the effectiveness of a particular group of rescuers depended on who showed up in the parking lot on any given day.* Cash notes that the original by-laws for EMR membership had three types of members: Rescue Members, Associate Members, and Communication Members.

An Obsidian, a member of the EMR in the 70s, told me that experience, not gender, was what made the difference. Everyone was needed to run a successful rescue operation. When I joined the Obsidians in 1975, new members were encouraged to attend climb school and start climbing. I was fortunate to have leaders like Bob Dark (Mt. Washington), Dick Moffitt (Mt. Thielsen), Lee Hatch (Mt. Hood), and Gene Thaxton (Mt. Olympus) who pushed one's limits and said, "You can do this!"

Jump forward to 2018 and visit the EMR website <http://www.eugenemountainrescue.org>—Eugene Mountain Rescue exists to provide Lane County with trained volunteer rescuers for emergencies in mountain areas and steep terrain. Founded in 1968, our volunteers are ready to respond 24 hours a day to people in need. EMR also works in our community to promote outdoor safety and safe mountaineering practices. EMR is nationally certified through the Mountain Rescue Association and we respond to mutual aid calls to other counties throughout Oregon and the Northwest.

Current Obsidian Climbs Chair, Maryanne Reiter, sums up the changes: *The Eugene Mountain Rescue of 2018 looks*

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MAY BOARD NOTES

May 2, 2018 by Maryanne Reiter

President John Cooper called the meeting to order. Board members present: Sharon Cutsforth, Lyndell Wilken, Maryanne Reiter, Todd Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, and Kathy Randall. Others present: Stewart Hoeg, Carla Cooper, Jorry Rolfe.

The Board approved the minutes for April 2018.

Treasurer's report: (Stewart Hoeg) The club's income, expenses and balance sheet were reviewed. The Board approved the payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth): We have opened the three remaining 2018 one-day bus trips up for online signup. Registration for multi-day trips will continue to be done through the registration person listed for that trip. Although ridership was down a bit on the April Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum trip we had a glorious spring day to enjoy. Sixteen members and two nonmembers participated. \$22 in fees were forwarded to the Obsidians general fund. The April 22 Fossils, Shells and Rocks presentation by John Mellott was attended by thirty people; \$26 was collected. Our next bus trip will be on May 17 to the new Oregon Jewish Museum in Portland.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee and scores of volunteers successfully completed another climb school in April. We had a record (for us) 30 students, but quite low compared to the 85 in the class of 1948. This year we had to postpone the snow portion of the class due to high winds at Santiam Pass—a first in all the years I have been helping with Climb School. We planned to start the 2018 climb season with Mount Shasta. However, that also had to be rescheduled due to weather.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Thanks to our hardworking committee members, Concessions brought in \$235 in April for a yearly total of \$1,003. We are looking at restocking our whistles now. Sales of the travel blankets and hoody sweat-shirts have been brisk.

Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom): Diane Schechter and Pam Caples' presentation on their Grand Canyon rafting trip went smoothly and was well received; \$66 was collected.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): The Finance committee continued to work on potential changes to the club's insurance.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the activities in the April *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): Thanks to Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, & Patty MacAfee for giving the Lodge a spring cleaning. New committee members Meg Kieran & Vern Marsonette pitched in while learning about the Lodge and some other work that will need to be done.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): We held a grounds work party on Thursday April 26 to do a routine cleanup before the April potluck and continued with spring chores. We also started the cleanout of the fire-break around the Lodge. Thanks to Clara Emlen, Benda Kameenui, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop for helping out. On Friday April 27 Jim Northrop and I placed reflective poles in areas where we have been having problems with people driving off the gravel drives

and driving over our new sprinkler heads.

Membership (Diane Schechter): Two new members were presented for Board Approval.

Publications (Lou Maenz): Publications mailed 200 *Bulletins* for \$52.52.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): A sign for the AED cabinet is being made by Instaprint. It will be installed upon completion.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): For April there have been 30 outings. Participant totals: 245 members & 22 nonmembers. \$230 in trips fees have been received. Six of the 30 trips yet to be approved. The Summer Trips Rally was received enthusiastically. Some new trip leaders emerged and have already scheduled trips.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There were three outings this past month in Spencer Butte Park. Two litter pick-up hikes helped to keep the trail and trailsides clean. For the main outing, we continued to work to improve the West Trail. We added additional soil to the sections of raised turnpike that we had added during the prior months outing. We also re-established 15 feet of tread. Volunteers also cleaned the trailhead steps and kiosk.

Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen): The Winter Trips 2018 season was closed as of March 31 and all trip reports and trip fees have been received and processed. For the Winter Trips season that ran from November 15, 2017 thru March 31, 2018 the statistics are: Total trips completed: 111 (92 hikes, 12 snowshoe, 4 X-ski, 3 bike). Total participants: 1,153 (1,049 members, 104 nonmembers).

NEW BUSINESS

Mari Baldwin was approved as a new member of the Concessions Committee.

Approval to require age 16 and younger participants in the climb school or on climbs to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Minors ages 16 to 18 will only need a parent or guardian signature to participate in these functions. The Board was supportive and Maryanne Reiter, Climbs Chair, will follow up with John Jacobsen on whether such language currently exists.

Discussion as to who bears the cost for the new summit stickers, the climbing committee's budget or participants? Board thought the stickers were a nice idea and will help with visibility. The Board supported cost of stickers coming out of Climbs budget and not charging the climber for one.

Board approved two new members to the club.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on the Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative Workshop. Lyndell Wilken. This group is trying to bring different stakeholders together who are involved with forest recreation. At this point there is not a lot of activity since the group needs to find a source of funding.

Date for July Board meeting. The Board decided to move the meeting from July 4 to July 11, 2018.

Adjournment

TRIP REPORTS



Hikes

Blanton Heights-Spencer-Fox Hollow

April 28, 2018

Leader: Lynn Meacham

Hike: 10.5 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

WITH THE WEATHER REPORT EARLIER THIS WEEK SHOWING A GOOD CHANCE OF SHOWERS TODAY, I was prepared to lead this hike in the rain. What a pleasant surprise to have the morning rain-free and even sunny and mild most of the time. We even had some nice views on top of the Butte. The four of us kept up a fairly fast, steady pace and finished the hike in just under three and a half hours. Even then we found time to stop and look at all the wildflowers along the trail. We saw shooting stars, camas, bleeding hearts, Solomon's seal, red elderberry, fawn lily, Pacific hound's tooth, trillium, woodland star flower, and more. With the Pacific wrens serenading us along the way, it was a great day for a hike! Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Mike Smith.

Patterson Mountain

April 29, 2018

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4.6 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

WE WERE GREETED JUST SHORT OF THE TRAILHEAD with six to eight inches of heavy snow covering the road. After parking in the trees, we headed up the road to the trailhead. The



trail had intermittent patches of snow two to six inches deep. Other hikers and mountain bikes had recently used the trail, but the trail was actually in pretty good condition. We took a short break at Lone Wolf Shelter before heading to the summit. We experienced a full mix of weather conditions on this hike: rain, sleet, hail, snow, fog, and a couple very brief sun-

breaks. Unfortunately there were no views to be had on the summit, although we were teased by a brief show of blue sky. We ate our lunches and headed back before we got too cold. A highlight of our hike was the many huge old-growth trees along this trail. Members: Patricia Esch, Jane Hackett, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Richard Shields, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Karen Yoerger, Jean Harris.

Boulder Creek Wilderness

April 29, 2018

Leader: Randy Sinnott

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 8.9 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

THIS TRAIL WAS MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN IT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO when construction at the Soda Creek Dam was in progress. We were able to park at the Soda Spring Trailhead, duck under the enormous outflow pipe, and begin our hike. The trail climbs steadily through tall conifers, some with



charring from fires not so long ago. The trail is well graded here and switchbacks make for an easy ascent for roughly 1,000 feet. We side-hilled through draws where the burn had killed even the oldest trees, but we had the advantage of great views across the valley of the North Umpqua. In moister draws we passed huge sugar pines, the foot-long cones strewn about their bases. A good portion of the hike is flat once the section known as the Pine Bench is achieved. A forest of old growth ponderosa pine stands in a parklike setting, the understory brush burned away by periodic, cleansing fires. After a mile or more of easy flats we came to the canyon formed by Boulder Creek. The creek wends its way between walls that drop hundreds of feet into the valley. The trail turns north to parallel the creek, and soon the track begins to fade and the trail condition worsens. The trail drops down to the creek, our predetermined turnaround. During a brief lunch, a couple hikers discovered ticks. These little opportunists had most likely jumped aboard in the final mile where the less maintained portion of the trail pushed through brush and willow clumps. The trail seemed to end at the creek although maps indicate a trail crossing the creek and climbing to Illahie Rock. The full trail #1552 that maps show continuing up the creek was not visible. Despite the ticks and on-again off-again rain showers, this was a great opportunity to visit one of Oregon's wilderness gems. The rock

formations were awe-inspiring, and sunbreaks and blue sky were frequent enough to keep the spirits up. The drive up the North Umpqua was magnificent as always and the cherry that topped off the trip was (literally) stopping at Rice Hill for an ice cream sundae on the way home. We arrived back in Eugene at exactly 5:00 PM. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, David Strutin.

Rooster Rock

May 1, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.6 miles, 2,300 ft. (Moderate)

THE STEEP TROUT CREEK TRAIL TO ROOSTER ROCK in the Menagerie Wilderness is 21 miles east of Sweet Home. After a steady uphill trudge, Rooster Rock is always a welcome sight as one nears the rocky summit where a base cabin for a fire lookout on top of Rooster Rock's pinnacle once stood. Clouds and mist prevented us from viewing Rabbit Ears' twin 260-foot pillars. Instead we enjoyed the parade of calypso orchids along the narrow trail as we brushed against dripping plants and bushes. I recommend gaiters for a wet hike on the first day of May. Members: Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen.

McCall, Memaloose, and Mosier

May 4, 2018

Leader & photographer: Laura Osinga

Hike: 10.4 miles, 2,100 ft. (Moderate)

ONE VEHICLE LEFT FROM EUGENE to meet two participants who drove up from their car camping trip in eastern Oregon. All were greeted with fantastic weather at Rowena Crest east of Hood River. A steady climb up McCall Point revealed wildflowers in peak bloom and amazing views of both Mt.



Adams and Mt. Hood. After a break on the summit, hikers descended and continued their journey by driving four miles west to the Memaloose Overlook and a hike up Marsh and Chatfield Hills which again supported stunning blooms and a nice view of Mt. Hood. Two of the three stops proved enough hiking for one day as two participants needed to secure accommodations for another night in the Gorge. Other hikers noted rattlesnake sightings but none were encountered by this group. Overall, a successful first lead thanks to two wonderful participants! Members: Brad Bennett, David Lodeesen, Laura Osinga.

North Bank Habitat

May 6, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 8 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

THE RAIN STOPPED JUST AS WE TURNED OFF OF I-5 SOUTH at Exit 135, headed for the North Bank Road West Trailhead where we found a new parking area and toilet. The hike



loops up and down the hills around the Boundary Ridge overlooking the North Fork of the Umpqua River. No one volunteered to sing *The Hills Are Alive With The Sound of Music*, but were willing to pose as *My Favorite Martian* by what looked like a UFO. White and purple iris, white camas, Hooker's Indian pink, columbine, larkspur, and marsh marigolds added color to the lush shades of green. The bountiful irises were guarded by battalions of poison oak that grew on the sides of the trail, spread out over the trail and sometimes popped up in the middle of the trail. We enjoyed the views, the conversation, and the fact that we were wearing long hiking pants. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Lynn Meacham, Jorry Rolfe, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Millie Schwandt.

Cottage Grove Exploration

May 11, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen, Asst Jim Northrop

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

DEPARTING FROM THE LCC PARKING LOT AT 9:00, our first stop was the Cottage Grove Visitors Center/Library. The Library Director opened the doors early to give us a quick tour and show us the Opal Whiteley statue. With Doreen Steggell's expert navigating skills using the map in *Oregon Townscape Walks* by Tyler Burgess and with local resident Mike King's anecdotes, our walk in the historic area couldn't have been better. The restored Chambers Covered Railroad Bridge on River Road was amazing! Returning to Main Street we stopped at the Opal Whiteley mural and at the beginning of the Row Trail where *The General* was filmed with Buster Keaton. At 11:30 the two brothers at The Backstage Bakery and Cafe welcomed us, shared some tips about the homemade menu selections, and were so efficient! Mike recommended we stop at Sanity Chocolate where the owner explained the process of changing the pods into tasty chocolate bars and other goodies.

Next stop was the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum where Craig, a volunteer, delighted us with stories about mining. We were back at LCC around 2:15. What a wonderful day with curious and happy Obsidians! There were requests for another city exploration. Members:



Steve Adey, Keiko Bryan, Anne Campbell, Rebecca Eastwood, Clara Emlen, Nikki Frank, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Cynthia Poindexter, Margaret Prentice, Jorry Rolfe, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Richard McManigal.

Silver Falls

May 12, 2018

Leader: Brad Bennett

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 7.1 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

ELEVEN MEMBERS AND ONE GUEST DEPARTED in three cars from the Coburg Park & Ride for Silver Falls State Park. Arriving under partly sunny skies we purchased the five-



dollar parking passes, then met up near the trailhead. The ten falls ranged from 27 to 178 feet in height. We viewed all ten which took us on about seven and a half miles of a loop trail. By the time we reached Upper North Falls, our lunch spot, we enjoyed full blue sky with warmer weather. After lunch we headed down the trail to view Winter Falls, number 10 and our last. We finished our hike at the South Falls Lodge which was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in

the 1930s. Members: Brad Bennett, David Clinger, Kay Coots, Leah Firth, Steve Hennes, Brenda Kameenui, Brian Popowsky, Jorry Rolfe, Karla Rusow, Darko Sojak, June Sutterfield.

Dead Mountain Exploratory

May 12, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 12.6 miles, 2,400 ft. (Difficult)

TWO OF US DROVE TWO MILES PAST OAKRIDGE on Salmon Creek Road to find that the trailhead was off a one-way loop on the north side of the road. The trail climbs mostly steadily at a reasonable grade, with some dips and a few bridges, and through a lot of area where the trees were thinned. At four miles the trail crosses a significant road and climbs with many switchbacks all the way to the same road about two



miles and 600 vertical feet later. Dead Mountain has two radio antennae on top; at the west end is a viewpoint of Oakridge and Hills Creek Reservoir in the distance. We saw about ten mountain bikers near the top and no one else the rest of the day. The wildflowers were good: I counted at least 27 different species, noting that the trilliums were in their prime at 2,500 ft., whereas they are pretty much done at low elevations. It's a nice trail, good workout, some views, and a relatively short drive. Members: David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

Mt. St. Helens/Truman Trail

May 18, 2018

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 12 miles

OUR VISIT TO THE MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL MONUMENT was timed to the 38th anniversary of the May 18, 1980 eruption. Our group rendezvoused at the Silver Lake Visitor Center off I-5 where we enjoyed lunch and listened to an interpretive presentation by a ranger. Osprey flew overhead. Afterward, we continued about 20 miles up the road to the sediment retention dam. This massive structure holds back a reservoir of volcanic mud 13 miles long, a half a mile wide, and 200 feet deep. Several Army Corps of Engineer Rangers were inspecting the structure and they graciously talked with us about the dam's history. Later that afternoon we proceeded a few miles up the highway to the laid back Eco Lodge Resort where we pitched our tents and then hiked to the reservoir. The surface looked solid, but it quickly sucked unus-

pecting walkers down to their ankles. In the ash and mud, there were tracks of raccoons, elk, and footprints of some enormous birds, possibly eagles. That evening we enjoyed



dinner and some down-home hospitality at the lodge's café. Before bed, we sat around a warm campfire. The next morning, we ate a hearty breakfast then drove about 25 miles to Coldwater Lake. The lake is an enormous body of water that had not existed prior to the eruption. On that day, a wall of ash and rock several hundred feet deep blocked the creek causing the newly formed basin to fill. At the Johnston Ridge Observatory we were told the facility was closed due to a power failure. We hit the Boundary Trail and hiked several hours through the apocalypse-like blast zone. In the distance, the massive volcano began to emerge from the clouds. On top of Harry's Ridge, we walked along the snow line until we looked directly into the crater of Mount St. Helens. Below us was the hauntingly beautiful Spirit Lake. This is the location where long-time resident Harry Truman refused to leave his home. After the blast, he would live forever as a legend. A very sinister cloud suggested it was time for us to go. Our hike had been 8.8 miles and roughly 2,000 feet of elevation gain/loss. At the visitor center, we discovered they were open, but the power went out again after about five minutes. In the evening, we enjoyed a tasty home-cooked meal at the café and heard stories from the lodge's owner, Mark. He had witnessed the eruption when he was 20. We enjoyed another humorous nightfall telling jokes and stories around the campfire. In the early morning, raindrops pecked at our tents. After breakfast, we thanked Mark and his family. As we left for home the rain started to pour. We had been fortunate with the weather, and to enjoy such a great time at the volcano. Members: Brad Bennett, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rust, Darko Sojak.

Horse Rock Geology

May 19, 2018

Leader: Tom Rundle

Photographer: Rebecca Eastwood

Hike: 3.2 miles, 630 ft. (Easy)

THE EARLY HALF OF THE HIKE WAS FOGGY with about 400 yards of visibility. The wildflowers were amazing. We were probably close to the peak of the season. We had lunch at the radial dyke followed by a talk about the local geology and the geologic history of the Western Cascades. We also looked at some geologic maps of major faults, anticlines, and synclines of the Willamette Valley which assess seismic hazards from

Springfield to Salem. We briefly talked about the Missoula and Bonneville Floods that inundated the Willamette Valley



over the last 20,000 years. After lunch the fog lifted and we could see a few miles across the adjoining ridges and valleys. Members: Alan Curtis, Rebecca Eastwood, Clara Emlen, Nikki Frank, Peter Graham, Anne Hollander, Brenda Kameenui, Noah Lee, Jules Moritz, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Eve King-Lehman.

Yachats to Waldport

May 20, 2018

Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 7 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

ON HER FOURTH TRIP WITH THE CLUB, Denise became our car shuttle heroine when her van had room for all of us at the



end of our hike. The weather was perfect and stream crossings were low for our minus 1.2 low tide hike on an expansive beach. While walking on the 804 Trail, Karla identified several brown pelicans for us. Members: Denise Bean, David Clinger, Jan Danforth, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Karla Rusow.

Cascadia Cave

May 24, 2018

Leader: David Cooper

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 2 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND STORIES WERE SHARED with 16 Obsidians on this warm spring day. Tony Farque, Stephanie Wood Craig, and Don Day met us at Cascadia

State Park with three tables covered with artifacts and examples of Kalapuya tools and baskets. Tony gave us a general overview of western Oregon tribes and trade. Stephanie, a master weaver, explained the baskets she and her



grancestors had made using traditional materials and techniques. Don's table was full of obsidian and the tools he has made. The native tools of stone, antler, and wood he uses to knap obsidian and work cedar were there for us to examine while he explained the techniques involved. Then it was time to walk the mile along the river and through a quiet forest to Cascadia Cave. We stopped along the way to view 800-1,200-year old trees and the ceremonial salmon-fishing site. At the cave, Tony, a Forest Service Archeologist, gave an entertaining and informative presentation. A master storyteller, he wove the symbols on the cave walls, archeologist interpretations, and native oral history into a compelling narrative. We all came away with a fuller understanding of the people that occupied the Willamette Valley and foothills for thousands of years. Members: Steve Adey, LaRee Beckley, Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Vicky Hanson, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Jack Loe, Greg Milliman, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Karla Rusow, Chris Stockdale, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Nancy Minson.

Tidbits Mountain

May 27, 2018

Leader: Kathy Randall

Hike: 4.4 miles, 1,350 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP ENJOYED PERFECT WEATHER for a day of hiking: temperatures in the upper 60s and clear, sunshine-filled skies. The views from the top of Tidbits included Mts. Hood, Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack, Mt. Washington, Three Sisters, Mt. Bachelor, and Diamond Peak, with McLoughlin on the distant, southern horizon. There were multiple, deep snow patches lingering across the trail on the north side of Tidbits, but we were able to safely navigate each patch. An abundance of trillium, snow queen, and wood violets were in bloom. Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Jacquie Fern, Dave Predeck, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Richard Shields, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Karen Yoerger.

Masonic Cemetery to Obsidian Lodge

May 28, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)

OUR TWO-HOUR LOOP WALK from Eugene Masonic Cemetery to the Obsidian Lodge and Hendricks Park offered shade, making it easy for us to stop and share stories about Eugene history and Memorial Day traditions. We had time to stroll the cemetery paths before we gathered at the Public Square at noon to listen to the melodic, sorrowful *Taps* played by trumpeter, Barry Barreau. Obsidian member, Karen Seidel, representing the Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association welcomed us at the Hope Abbey Mausoleum with a patriotic cake made by the SEHS culinary students. Of interest was the monument for Karl Kordes, the inventor of the alkaline battery. My thirteen curious and cheerful companions including Jorry's sister, Mabby, from Boston contributed so much to our Memorial Day outing. Members: Steve Adey, Marguerite Cooney, Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, Kathy Hoeg, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Martha Welches. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale, Teri Berlant, Mary Koop.

Exploring the Ridgeline

May 31, 2018

Leader: Carla Cooper

Hike: 4 miles, 610 ft. (Easy)

TWO OF OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY had not hiked this section of the Ridgeline, so this was a good opportunity for them to become familiar with this pretty section of the trail. The cloudy and cool weather made for good hiking as we started at 52nd and walked to the Blanton Trailhead and back. It was a very pleasant way to spend a Thursday morning. Members: Carla Cooper, Vicky Hanson, Nancy Hoecker, Kathy Hoeg, Cynthia Poindexter, Tom Rundle, Meg Stewart Smith.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

May 2-30, 2018

Various leaders:

Jorry Rolfe (5/2)

Vern Marsonette (5/9)

Michael King (5/16)

Steve Cordon (morning 5/23)

Mark Hougardy (afternoon 5/23)

David Cooper (5/30)

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1530 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: May 2: 13 Members, 2 Nonmembers. May 9: 16 Members. May 16: 18 Members, 2 Nonmembers. May 23 (morning): 18 Members, 4 Nonmembers. May 23 (afternoon): 3 Members. May 30: 18 Members, 1 Nonmember.

Mt. Pisgah

April 19–May 29, 2018

Various leaders:

Chris Shuraleff (4/19)

Janet Jacobsen (4/29)

Evelyn Nagy (5/5),

Janet Jacobsen (5/13, 5/26, 5/29)

Hike: 3.5–8.4 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: April 19 (east side): 7 Members, 1 Nonmember. April 29 (sunset/moonrise): 3 Members. May 5: 6 Members. May 13 (trails): 4 Members, 1 Nonmember. May 26: 5 Members, 1 Nonmember. May 29 (sunset/moonrise): 6 Members.



Byways By Bus

Oregon Jewish Museum

May 17, 2018

Leader: Mary Ellen West, Asst: Jim Northrop

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

A TRIP TO THE CITY! This bus trip took us to the Oregon Jewish History Museum and Center for Holocaust Education located in the Pearl District in Portland. This museum is dedicated to preserving Oregon Jewish history as well as fighting discrimination in all forms. Our visit to the museum began with the *OPB Oregon Experience* video, *The Jewish Frontier*, telling the history of Jewish people in Oregon beginning in the early 1850s. The museum has displays and reminiscences of the holocaust both with Oregon resident stories and a gallery of traveling exhibits. Our tour included thoughtful information recognizing and handling discrimination. Still in the city, lunch was at Kornblatts on NW 23rd. This is an authentic and popular New York-style Jewish deli



and the food choices were many. After a good lunch there was time to explore the busy neighborhood. We saw many lovely old homes, and our bus was parked in front of two beautiful Japanese snowbell trees in full bloom. Our trip to the city completed, we hit the road for home along with all the busy city traffic. Our group today included 19 members

and three nonmembers. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Don Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Clara Emlen, David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Karla Rusow, Marian West, Mary Ellen West, Cristy White. Nonmembers: Pete Ferrero, Janet Van Nada, Carol Mosman.



Bike Trips

12 Bridges Bike Trip

May 1, 2018

Leader: Richard Hughes

Photographer: Darian Morray

Bike: 26 miles, 450 ft. (Moderate)



THE WHEELS BEGAN TURNING AT 9:30 AM AS PROMISED. Although 12 bridges were originally known, this group of astute cyclists revealed three more during the ride. Critique of the ride was served with lunch at Hideaway Bakery. Members: Steve Cordon, Patricia Esch, Peter Graham, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Chris Shuraleff, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Charlie Van Deusen. Nonmembers: Michael Wolf, Sue Ten Pas.

Armitage County Park (originally Ankeny)

May 8, 2018

Leader: Richard Hughes

Bike: 50 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

THE RIDE IN ANKENY DID NOT SHOW MUCH INTEREST, so I moved the trip to Armitage County Park for the start/finish and rode to Brownsville. The weather was perfect and with a tailwind we made it to Randy's in Brownsville for lunch in under two hours. During the return ride we faced a bit of a headwind, but luckily we escaped the rain. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Hughes, Harold Thompson. Nonmembers: Larry Myers.



Climbs

Diamond Peak-Graduation Climb May 19, 2018

**Leader & Photographer: Julie Polhemus,
Assistant: Wayne Deeter
Climb: 8 miles, 4,100 ft. (Difficult)**

ON A BEAUTIFUL MAY MORNING, 11 participants started up the snow-free Pioneer Gulch trail at nearly 8 AM en route to Diamond Peak for a Climb School graduation



climb. Four and a half hours later, all 11 stood atop this magnificent shield volcano, taking in panoramic views of the snowy Cascades to the north and south. Along the way, the group encountered: newly-bloomed trillium and calypso orchids; snow at the trail junction at 5,600 feet but a nearly snow-free southwest ridge climb; steep but just-soft-enough -to-kick-steps-without-crampons-or-snowshoes slopes just below the false summit; and an easy, snowy ridge walk to the true summit. Most participants used trekking poles for most of the day, with some using ice axes on the high snow slopes and then to control their boot skiing or glissading on the descent. By 4 PM, everyone was smiling at the trailhead, appreciative of the day's good company and that the predicted thunderstorms never materialized. Members: Wayne Deeter, Julie Polhemus, Doug Sandburg. Nonmembers: Mallori Oliva, Mandy Lund, Theo Davis, Robin Hostick, Ute Hostick, Andrew McCulloch, Lars Hoernlein, Janet Gillman.

Mt. Shasta May 19, 2018

**Leader: Eric Gran, Asst: Maryanne Reiter
Climb: 11 miles, 7,300 ft. (Difficult)**

THE TRIP STARTED OUT ON A HOT AND SUNNY DAY with a smooth climb to Helen Lake at 10,400 feet. While pitching camp we watched a series of large thunderstorms cross the valley and head our way. They hit at 6 PM, followed by hail and a few inches of snow. White-out conditions persisted through the night and early morning so we decided to forgo

a summit attempt for safety reasons. Regardless, it was a great adventure with a solid group of climbers and a good time was had by all. Members: Larry Banks, Eric Gran, Joe Moll, Kana Moll, Patrick Mucker, Maryanne Reiter.

Mt. McLoughlin

May 20, 2018

Leader: Sara Bowen, Asst: Kerry Edinger

Climb: 10.5 miles, 4,000 ft.

FIVE CLIMBERS BEGAN THEIR JOURNEY to the tippy top of Mt. McLoughlin around 8AM. The pace was moderate while laughter and chatter abounded. The trail began on dry duff amidst humid air and well-lit canopy of towering giants. As we made gains in elevation a soft patchy snow pack on the valley floor made for some mild post-holing as we found our way to the rocky east ridge. Once on the ridge proper we enjoyed a fun scramble towards the summit. Just below the summit we encountered a snow field, again characteristic of soft punchy snow. After crossing this low-angled snow field with ease the group donned their helmets and grabbed ice axes for a fun little-exposed walk to the summit. High fives, laughter, and hugs were present while everyone rehydrated and refueled for the descent. Members: Sara Bowen, Steve Cordon, Kerry Edinger. Nonmembers: Yukti Aggarwal, Jennifer Marlow.



Backpacks

Grand Canyon Backpack

April 22, 2018

Leader: Steve Adey

Backpack: 21 miles, 4,000 ft. (Difficult)

WE HIKED EIGHT AND A HALF MILES DOWN HERMIT TRAIL to Hermit Creek campsite for two nights.

Then we continued three and a half miles to Monument Creek for two more nights before a nine and a half mile return to the trailhead. We found very few people, a nightly chorus of tree frogs in love, several swimming holes, blooming cacti, and numerous exceptional rocks. Members: Steve Adey, Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Steve Cordon, Scott Hovis, Darian Morray.

Car Camp

Badlands

May 1, 2018

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Car Camp: 200 ft. (Moderate)

GREAT TRIP WITH A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE. Driving over through Sisters on the way to Prineville, we stopped at Wychus Creek Preserve east of Sisters for lunch. We hiked halfway down the trail before we settled down to

eat and enjoy the views of this canyon. We set up camp at Big Bend Campground along the wild and scenic section of the Crooked River located in this amazing canyon. We had three dinners in Prineville: two great and one not so much. But we had a great time. First hike to Flatiron and Castle Rocks. From Flatiron Trailhead we headed out into old growth junipers on a wide open trail dotted with sand lilies. Both of these volcanic features appear to have pushed up out of the ground when the cooled deep cracks and crevices were created. We had lunch on Flatiron Rock and got our first views of mountains from Mt. Hood to Bachelor Butte. We continued on to Castle Rock, bigger and a little higher with the same great views. We hiked through the cracks of Castle Rock and came out on the east side into a million footprints. Brad and Daphne saw the only large mammal, described as, "a large fat gray bunny". We cast around for the trail for 15 minutes before I decided to cut overland and connect with the Flatiron Trail and the car. We then went to the Alfalfa Market for ice cream and cold drinks. Thursday we were joined by Dan Chamness, an Obsidian who lives in Prineville. He suggested we try the Larry Chitwood Trail, both for the mountain views and the historic leftovers of the



people who lived in this area in the 20s and 30s. We were amazed at the number and different kinds of rusted tin cans, bailing wire, and glass scattered around in large piles in a few areas. After this we went again to the market for recovery. On Friday Dave and Brad went off to the Columbia Gorge for an Obsidian wildflower hike. Daphne and I packed up and met a couple who set up their spotting scope so that we could see two chicks in a nearby eagle's nest. We then hiked the only trail in the canyon, Chimney Rock, that gave us a great view of the canyon. Members: Brad Bennett, Dan Chamness, Jane Hackett, Daphne James, David Lodeesen.

McKenzie Falls Weekend
May 5, 2018
Leader & Photographer: Mark Hougardy
Car Camp: 10 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

THE SEASON'S FIRST WARM WEATHER brought significant snowmelt into the McKenzie River watershed and over the majestic Sahalie and Koosah falls. Our plan to hike to Tamolitch Falls (Blue Pool) was cut short when a sign stated a mile of trail was closed because water had flooded the path in places to a depth of three feet. Even with the closure, there was plenty to appreciate further upstream at Clear

Lake with its crystalline waters and turquoise colored Great Spring. Animals that were seen along trail also appeared to appreciate the warmer weather as fish jumped in the lake,



several species of birds flew overhead, and a garter snake warmed itself on the rocks. In shaded areas winter still managed to hold its grip as large patches of snow remained. Springs spontaneously appeared on the trail sometimes forming small ponds, and at one point, all of us were mesmerized by a plate-sized vortex that had formed in such a pool. After a solid day of hiking, we visited Belknap Hot Springs for a relaxing soak. Because we timed our visit before the Memorial Day crowds, the U.S. Forest Service campground was basically empty. Our campsite was green with moss and located next to a white rushing stream that looked like it was born from a Tolkien novel. The next day we enjoyed the comfort of a morning campfire, broke camp, and explored several more miles of trail before heading home. Members: Anna Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Cindy Rust. Nonmembers: Danielle Canchela.

At the Lodge

Emergency Preparedness Class
April 28, 2018
Leader: Lyndell Wilken

THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS class covered assessment of an injured or ill person in remote locations. It was well received by the participants and was suggested that we have more opportunities to practice assessment in the future. Time was spent learning the steps of doing a head to toe body check in addition to learning what questions to ask to determine how alert the injured or ill person might be. There was time to practice bandaging, wrapping, and splinting skills. We finished with how to move an injured person and how to wrap them in protective materials to maintain body warmth while protecting the spine from further injury. Members: Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Marcia Claypool, Sharon Cutsforth, Rebecca Eastwood, Zaffina Kramer, Jim Northrop, Dorene Steggell, Eric Thornton, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Vincent Giglia, Upasana Giglia.

Upcoming Bus Trips

OLD ALBANY AND NEW CAROUSEL

July 19 (Thurs)

Leaders: Vern Marsonette, Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$55 (nonmembers \$57) Due July 1

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

THE NEW ALBANY HISTORICAL CAROUSEL is the focus of our trip to Linn County. On our way we will have a leisurely visit to old time Albany and the small rural city of Halsey. We'll start at the Halsey city park for our coffee break. Next will be a tour at the Ewethful Fiber Farm & Mill located in an old, old building, part of a century farm. Yarns are produced here from a variety of animals. The gift shop has many temptations! Our last stop in Halsey is City Hall, a new looking building rescued from the ancient railroad station. We'll see democracy at work. In Albany we'll visit the oldest house (Monteith 1849), the Regional museum and drive past many historic residences. Lunch (bring you own) will be at the Monteith River Park located at the confluence of the Calapooia and Willamette rivers. This beautiful park has facilities for picnickers and a paved trail along the river. The Carousel located nearby is fun for all. We'll have a tour of the carving room, time for the gift shop and riding on a favorite animal. Our final stop will be at the Talking Waters garden in north Albany. This is an engineered water treatment wetland developed by Albany, Millersburg and the metals manufacturing ATI. This is a good opportunity to enjoy the many sights available on a good trail around the grounds.

EXPLORING EASTERN WASHINGTON

Sept. 10–15 (Monday–Saturday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard, Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$990 (nonmembers \$1,012)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

ARE YOU READY FOR ADVENTURE? Then come along to explore an area of Eastern Washington that we haven't visited for many years. This exciting bus tour will be dedicated to the memory of Ewart Baldwin. The area's geological wonders made it a favorite place to explore for Ewart. From Eugene we will travel to Cascade Locks for a visit to Bonneville Dam. Then we cross the Columbia to drive along the Klickitat River to Goldendale, where we spend the first night. We hope for an evening visit to

Stonehenge to view the stars. Before leaving town we will check out some beautiful historic buildings in Goldendale. We will drive north to Yakima, Ephrata, and Grand Coulee City for the night. In the evening we will enjoy a pizza dinner as we view the amazing laser light show on the Grand Coulee Dam spillway. The building of Grand Coulee Dam, started in the depression years, is one of the world's biggest and most spectacular building projects of all time. Our motel is near the dam and we will return there in the morning for a guided tour inside the dam. From there we head out into the Channeled Scablands to visit Dry Falls and other interesting geological features. The day will end with arrival at our motel in Spokane where we spend two nights. We will be close to Riverfront Park where we can enjoy the Skyride in front of the falls, ride the newly restored Loeff Carousel, take a raft trip on the river, and have free time for exploring. Upon leaving Spokane our route will take us through Clarkston, WA and Enterprise, OR to Boardman for our final night at the lovely River Lodge and Grill. We will stop in Enterprise to visit the Sunrise Iron Museum where third generation Oregonian and wheat farmer Erl McLaughlin has been collecting and restoring tractors since 1983. On display are over 35 antique tractors and as many farm implements dating as far back as 1835. As we travel home on day six we will visit the WAAAM Air & Auto Museum in Hood River and take a scenic airplane ride over the Columbia River Gorge with views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams along with the fire devastation. Our pilots have said we will be surprised when we see the gorge from the air. **The costs of the pizza dinner, all admissions and rides are included in the cost of the trip.** This trip is limited to 35 riders.

A DAY AT THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

Oct 11 (Thurs)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Don Payne

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE

December 8 (Saturday) 2–4 PM

Refreshments, music, door prizes, fun

Please Note: when paying for bus trips, please make checks payable to *Obsidians Bus Trips Account*. Thank you!

Bus Trip information is also available on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org

Contact information at: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

Bus Trips Now Offering Online Signup!

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, we are offering Online Signup for one-day Bus Trips. The July 19th Old Albany, New Carousel bus trip, is available for online signup now.

We will not have overnight or multi-day bus trips open for online signup in the foreseeable future. These trips are much more complicated to arrange; they often have limits on how many participants we can take, lodging and roommate selections, and other factors involved.

Each bus trip has a payment due date listed below the trip description and the name of the person to whom you mail your payment. (Please make checks payable to Obsidians Bus Trips Account.) We appreciate receiving payment by the due date, primarily because that is the date that we must pay the balance of the bus charter cost. If we do not have enough people registered by the payment due date, the trip may need to be cancelled. That said, we can usually accommodate additional participants on confirmed one-day trips after the payment due date—check online or with the reservations person.

Full *Guidelines for Participation* (on Bus Trips) are posted on the Obsidians website. Look in the center of the home page, below the rotating photos, and click on *Bus Trips*. These *Guidelines* are also included in hard copies of the yearly bus trips schedule.

Each person registering for a bus trip will be asked to complete a *Medical Information Form* (for emergencies) for the current year. These forms are kept secure in a sealed envelope and only taken on trips a person is registered for. *Medical Information Forms* are available online, in the Documents section, or by contacting the reservation person listed for the trip.

If you have questions or need more information please contact: Sharon Cutsforth, 746-4929, skcutsforth@comcast.net or bustrips@obsidians.org.

Upcoming

Upcoming Summer Trips

THE DAYS ARE LONGER AND THE SNOW IS MELTING. Time to head to the mountains. Lowder, Bachelor, Crescent, and Bohemia are some of the mountain peak hikes coming up in the next few weeks. Of course, you can enjoy wonderful mountain hikes without a peak as a destination. How about a lake at the end of the trail with three waterfalls along the way? Then consider the Vivian Lake hike. If you prefer something at the coast, then the outing to Cape Perpetua, which takes advantage of low tides, is for you.

Check the online signup page for details and last-minute additions. There's something for everyone.

Women's Olallie Lake Kayak Trip September 11–13, 2018 (Tuesday and Wednesday night)

Leader: Pat Esch

Cost \$68 (\$73 nonmembers)

LAST YEAR'S TRIP GOT SMOKED OUT, SO LET'S TRY AGAIN. We'll be staying at Olallie Lake Resort—a remote high mountain rustic resort in the Mt. Hood National Forest just west of the Warm Springs Reservation. There are several shallow lakes in this Olallie Lakes National Scenic Area to paddle, plus hiking trails. A resort store has some supplies and ice in limited quantities, but no indoor running water or electricity and no gas, no internet, no ATM and no cell phone coverage. Very remote!

I've reserved a large yurt that has propane lighting, heat and stove; and two cabins with wood burning stoves and kerosene lanterns. All have outside water spigots and outhouses nearby. There are not enough beds for 12 people, but there is room for other sleeping arrangements—like a tent, small RVs or cots.

We will have two potluck dinners, but breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks are on one's own.

The resort is approximately a three-hour drive from Eugene with the last six miles being rough gravel road.

Signups will open Wednesday, June 20 around 7 AM and will be limited to members only for the first 48 hours. Within five days of signing up send a check for the full amount (\$68, \$73 nonmembers) payable to the Obsidians to: Pat Esch, 1555 Monterey Ave, Eugene 97401. The entire fee is forfeit if you cancel less than a month ahead unless you find a substitute. The trip is limited to 12 persons.

There will be a pre-trip meeting at the Lodge, date to be determined.

Citizen Scientist Opportunity with Walama Restoration Project

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING ON A SURVEY CREW IN THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST conducting field work to monitor milkweed and monarch butterfly populations? This environmental nonprofit is looking for participants who will help in plant and insect identification, vegetation mapping, and field data collection in remote terrain in the Middle Fork Ranger District, located south of Hills Creek Reservoir, through mid-July. Access to a smartphone is required for collecting data. Maya Goklany is the Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator in Eugene at mobile: 703-801-9067.

Save the Date

National Public Lands Day—Saturday September 29, 9:00–12:00.

EUGENE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, AND OBSIDIANS will host a Ridgeline Ribbon Trail volunteer event departing from the Obsidian Lodge.

Desert Trail Association Offers Hikes and Backpacks

THE MISSION OF THE DESERT TRAIL ASSOCIATION is to establish a national hiking trail across the Western States desert area from Mexico to Canada and to promote activities that educate people about the desert. Their 2018 schedule includes hikes, backpacks, and trail maintenance. If backpacks to Steens Mountain, Cottonwood State Park, or Death Valley National Park interest you, contact Obsidian member Dan Chamness, who lives in Prineville, at:

chamness@crestviewcable.com.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

June

10 Sun	Brice Creek with Trestle Falls Hike M Hackett..	953-7046
10 Sun	Tire Mountain Hike M Randall	844-5916
11 Mon	Saddle Mountain Hike M Osinga	337-9160
12 Tue	Birding at Summer Lake Bus Cutsforth.....	746-4929
13 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon	513-3452
14 Thu	Amazon Hdwtrs—afternoon Hike M Hougardy.	206-9532
14 Thu	River Walk/Court House Art Hike E Hackett....	953-7046
16 Sat	Middle Sister Climb M Reiter	521-8472
16 Sat	Marys Peak, East Ridge Hike M Smythe.....	757-6357
16 Sat	Mt St. Helens Climb Kaminski.....	510-610-1705
17 Sun	Cape Perpetua Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
17 Sun	Vivian Lake Hike M Cooper	868-5427
19 Tue	Larison Rock Hike M Hackett.....	953-7046
20 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin	221-9015
20 Wed	Amazon Hdwtrs—afternoon Hike M Hougardy.	206-9532
21 Thu	Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M Jacobsen...	206-1251
23 Sat	Exploring the Ridgeline Hike E Cooper.....	517-6785
23 Sat	Bugaboo Ridge to Bachelor Mt. Hike M James..	683-7488
24 Sun	Lowder Mountain Hike M Terry	345-0720
24 Sun	North Umpqua Waterfalls Hike M Osinga.....	337-9160
27 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829
27 Wed	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
27 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
30 Sat	Mt Washington Graduation Climb M Hamilton	343-6550
30 Sat	Crescent Mountain Hike D Smith	520-488-9569

July

1 Sun	Gordon Meadows/Lakes Hike M Randall.....	844-5916
2 Mon	Bohemia Mountain Hike E King	554-1180
4 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
7 Sat	Yapoah Crater Geology Hike D Rundle.....	653-0741
8 Sun	Middle Pyramid Hike M Adkins	344-4163
11 Wed	Newport Beach Camping Hike E Nagy	514-4110
11 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lindstrom.....	683-1409
12 Thu	Exploring Ctrl Oregon CarCmp M Hougardy	206-9532
18 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741
19 Thu	Old Albany Bus West.....	343-5492
21 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hansen.....	360-852-2041
21 Sat	Three Fingered Jack / P.C.T. Hike D Cooper....	868-5427
21 Sat	Goat Rock Wilderness Bk Pk Lipton.....	736-7498
22 Sun	Annual Beach Barefoot hike Hike E Sojak.....	799-9199
22 Sun	Rosary Lakes Hike E Terry.....	345-0720
25 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829
25 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
26 Thu	Maxwell Butte Hike M Miller.....	484-4586
27 Fri	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
29 Sun	Crescent Mountain Hike D Randall	844-5916

August

1 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rolfe	206-9501
3 Fri	Pamelia Lake Hike E Cooper.....	868-5427
3 Fri	Obsidian Grand Tour Hike D Johnson	520-2470
4 Sat	Otter Lake Geology Hike D Rundle	653-0741

4 Sat	PCT—Obsidian trail to Hwy 58 Bk Pk D Lipton	736-7498
5 Sun	Brice Creek Hike M Terry.....	345-0720
8 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741
10 Fri	Jefferson Park Bk Pk D Sullivan	683-6837
12 Sun	Belnap Crater PCT Hike D Sojak	799-9199
12 Sun	Diamond Peak Wilderness Bk Pk D Adey	520-9285
15 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon.....	513-3452
19 Sun	Mt Washington Climb Hansen	360-852-2041
22 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
23 Thu	Waldo Lake Kayak Kayak M Sinnott.....	915-0234
25 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hamilton.....	343-6550
25 Sat	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
29 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829
29 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rolfe.....	206-9501

September

1 Sat	Broken Top via Tam McArthur Bk Pk Lipton..	736-7498
4 Tue	Mt. Hood Car Camp CarCmp D James	683-7488
5 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
7 Fri	Maiden Lake Bk Pk D Hovis	731-3412
8 Sat	The Husband Climb Willhite	406-570-4514
9 Sun	Divide Lake Hike M Cooper	868-5427
9 Sun	The Wife Climb Edinger	231-1457
10 Mon	Exploring Eastern Washington Bus Beard.....	994-2337
11 Tue	Women's Olallie Lake Kayak Ext Trp Esch	338-8280
12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Steggell	343-7018
16 Sun	Charlton L. to Irish L. via PCT Hike M Sojak...	799-9199
18 Tue	Waterfowl.....	ExploraTalk
21 Fri	Mount Hubris Climb Reiter	521-8472
24 Mon	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
25 Tue	Hunt's Cove Hike D Cooper.....	868-5427
28 Fri	Living Well Without Waste.....	Potluck
29 Sat	National Public Lands Day Trl Mnt M Bell.	503-884-8829
29 Sat	Tatoosh Range Peaks [3] Climb Hansen	360-852-2041
29 Sat	SOLVE Beach Clean Up Hike E Sojak.....	799-9199
30 Sun	Lost Coast California Bk Pk D Hovis.....	731-3412

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6 Sat	Smith Rock-Sport/Trad Climbing Reiter	521-8472
7 Sun	Four-in-One Cone Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
11 Thu	The High Desert Museum Bus Cutsforth	746-4929
11 Thu	Metolius R / Smith Rock CarCmp M Brown	214-930-6394
16 Tue	The Geology of the McKenzie River.....	ExploraTalk
23 Tue	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
26 Fri	A Glimpse into History.....	Potluck
27 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829

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24 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829
30 Fri	Through the Inside Passage	Potluck

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8 Sat	Christmas Party	Bus
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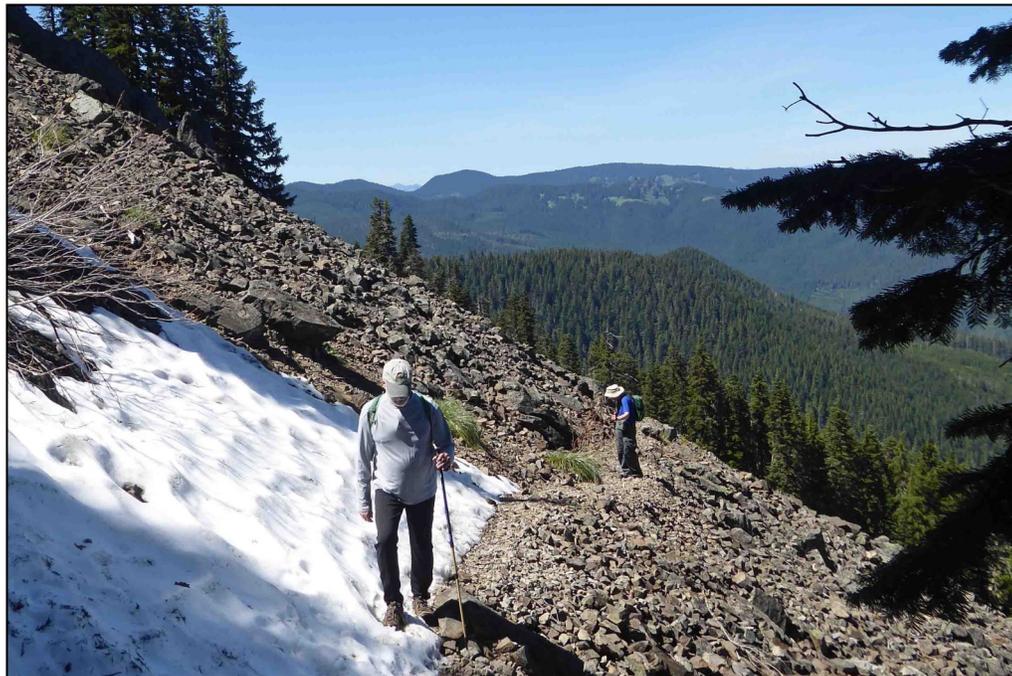
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