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Dates to Remember

Sept 7	Board Meeting
Sept 23	Potluck

Detailed trip schedules at:
www.obsidians.org or
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We Have August Off

The Obsidian Bulletin will not be published in August, there will not be a potluck nor Board Meeting. Have a great month off. We will be back in September.

Please Help

To donate to the lodge renovation campaign or to volunteer your time, see Page 6.

Volunteer Labor Gets Lodge Ready for Renovation, Saves \$\$\$

By Lana Lindstrom

WEBSTER DEFINES “VOLUNTEER” as “a person who performs a service of his/her own free will.” Although there were three hikes scheduled for Saturday, June 25th -- not to mention all the other interesting events going on around town (and uninteresting chores at home) -- 23 Obsidians chose to work for several hours getting the lodge ready for construction. Some folks were the usual suspects who can be counted on to do whatever it takes to make this organization successful; others were newbies, having just joined in the last year or two. As a result, we’re prepared to have the contractors start the construction, having saved approximately 70-80 hours of labor costs.



Rock wall coming down. Clockwise from left: Joella, John M, Rick, Wayne, John J, & Richard.

Sharon and Jim Duncan and Margaret and Bill Prentice removed all the pictures from the walls, emptied cabinets and counters and removed all the shelving, etc., in the entryway. Sharon Ritchie, Beth Kodama and Barb Revere replanted ferns and Oregon grape from around the building and wall to safer areas in the back. Joella Ewing called folks in advance; brought bagels, dips, juice and coffee for everyone; and, then, after hauling a number of rocks, came back into the lodge to help dismantle the counter.

ROB CASTLEBERRY was the pit boss who had the brilliant idea to rent a Cat to haul rocks from a retaining wall to an area several yards away. Many thanks,

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Welcome!

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Norma on the Mend

NORMA LOCKYEAR is continuing her recovery at home now from a recent accident and “doing a very good job of it, too!,” reports Sharon Ritchie. To all those kind people who volunteered to spend time with Norma and/or bring hot meals, a most sincere thank you. “You are what make the Obsidians the outstanding organization it is,” says Sharon.

Nominating Committee Selects Board Candidates

THE NOMINATING Committee met May 5th and June 6th and selected Stewart Hoeg, Anne Dhu McLucas and Brian Hamilton as candidates for three-year terms on the Obsidian board of directors beginning in January. Committee work, past experience, attendance at board meetings, enthusiasm, new ideas and commitment to the club were some of the traits considered as qualities a board member should have. The names of were presented to the board at its July 6th meeting. The election will held at the October 14 annual meeting.

Stewart is on the Finance Committee. He has been attending and contributing at board meetings on financial issues; has led hikes and logged more than 25 trips; and also gives lots of help to his wife, Kathy (Entertainment Committee chair), at the potlucks.

Anne has logged more than 100 trips, led 20 hikes/ski trips and attended summer camp for many years. She has previously served on the board.

Brian joined the club in 2003; is on the Construction Committee; led the Diamond Peak graduation climb in June; and participated in the Crevasse Rescue School in July, 2004.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (George Hermach, Janet Jacobsen, Bill Johnson, Lana Lindstrom, Lenore McManigal and Sharon Ritchie) believes the nominees offer experience, commitment and different perspectives.

According to the club’s constitution, up to three additional nominees may be submitted by petition (signatures of five voting members required with approval of those nominated) to the Secretary before the September board meeting. The complete slate of nominees will be published in the September Bulletin. Members will vote for three individual nominees, with those receiving the greatest majority votes being elected. Three of the club’s nine directors are elected each year for three year terms. Newly elected directors are expected to attend the October, November and December monthly meetings as non-voting observers (except they will vote in the November election of board officers).

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

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By-Ways By BusLiz Reanier
Climbs..... Sue Sullivan
Concessions Laurie Funkhouser
Conservation Doug Nelson
Entertainment..... Kathy Hoeg
Extended Trips..... Lana Lindstrom
Finance Ken Kodama
Lodge Building Rob Castleberry
Lodge Grounds Max Brown
Librarian/Historian.....Lenore McManigal
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COMING THIS FALL:

More Travels and Adventures

OUR NEXT POTLUCK won't be until September, so don't show up at the lodge in July with your special dish. It's not too soon, however, to put stars on your calendar for our fall programs. We've already scheduled a "Wild West Photo Show" by photographer David Stone for the November potluck; and a program on

the Rioja region of Spain by Chuck and Sandy Reul in October.

William Sullivan will be back to talk about new hikes in the Central Cascades, probably in January; and Guy Santiago will be back in the spring to talk about canoeing the Green River through Utah's red rock,

or possibly backpacking in New Zealand.

If you'd like to suggest a speaker or present a program yourself (September's open!), please contact Entertainment Committee Chair Kathy Hoeg. See you in September.

POTLUCKS

JUNE REVIEW:

Kayaking Down the John Day

By Beth Kodama

NO MATTER WHAT TRIP Guy Santiago leads, he always makes you want to try it...even when he mentions the scorpion under the burlap bag. At the June potluck, Guy, co-owner of Oregon River Sports, took us down a stretch of the John Day River with 11 kayakers. In the 69 miles from Clarno to Cottonwood, the river flows through a mixed terrain; sometimes shaded by towering basalt cliffs, sometimes meandering through green pastureland. Guy likes to make this trip in late June, when the lower water level keeps the crowds away. The river was cloudy, but Guy says water quality is much better than it was in the 70s, thanks to BLM efforts to keep cattle away from the river. ("A lot has changed since the 70s.... I used to have an Afro," he quipped, rubbing his clean-shaven head.)

The trip starts with class 3-4 rapids, but eases after that. The group made the trip in six days in inflatable kayaks, paddling for 45 minutes, resting for 15, to conserve energy on the long days. Guy's kayak was piled so high with gear (including folding chairs!) it looked precarious, but he swears he never swamped. He admitted a few "lose face" occasions when people had to walk their kayaks through shallow water.

THE GROUP was obviously having fun. We saw Jocelyn catching her first fish and using a paddle as a snake stick during a hike. "Brother Bob," a minister, seemed to mellow as the days passed and his stubble grew, 'til he stunned the others by letting out an expletive (deleted by Guy) on the last, exhausting day. Sixty-year-old Carleen squeezed the trip in just before having open heart surgery, so it must have been as unstressful as Guy claims.

As on Obsidian trips, they all shared expenses, planned the trip together and carpooled, keeping costs very low. Guy acts as leader, not paid guide, and as cook, which he obviously loves doing. Originally from Hawaii, he uses his mixed heritage (Filipino, Chinese, Hawaiian and more) to season his dishes. Guy shared some practical tips about gear: he prefers a barrel pump for the kayaks (fast and quiet), an Ecosave toilet system (easy to use) and he cooks on a camp stove, making no fires at any time in order to leave no trace. Water quality on the river is too poor to allow filtering, but they had no trouble carrying enough water for the whole week.

For more info about this and other Venture Trips organized by Guy, see:

www.oregonriversports.com/venture.html.

Stores Offer 10% Discounts

MCKENZIE OUTFITTERS and Collins Bike Shop are offering 10% discounts which Obsidian members can either apply to their purchases or to the Obsidian Lodge Fund.

The offer runs through October. Just identify yourself as an Obsidian at the register and tell the cashier whether you want to take the discount or have it credited to the Lodge Fund. It's up to you!

For Collins, the discount does not apply to sales items, bikes or labor on repairs; it's mostly for accessories and repair parts.

The club is greatly appreciative of these stores and our contacts: Marc Lancy at McKenzie Outfitters and Jay Loew at Collins.

BOARD NOTES

July 6, 2005

President John Jacobsen called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Wayne Deeter (VP), Susan Sullivan, John Pegg, Sheila Ward (treasurer), Sandra Larsen and Jim Duncan (secretary). Also present were Kathy and Stewart Hoeg, Bill Johnson, Max Brown, Laurie Funkhouser, Marshall Kandell, Doug Nelson, Lenore and John McManigal, Brian Hamilton, Liz Reanier, Sharon Ritchie and Rob Castleberry.

The minutes of the June board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Sheila Ward): The treasurer's June report was distributed. The board approved payment of the following bills: EWEB (\$68.13); Postmaster (Bulletin bulk mail \$125); Insta-Print (Bulletin \$356); Joella Ewing (lodge work party \$27.95); City of Eugene (Challenge Course \$550); Lana Lindstrom (extended trips \$39.22); Kathy Hoeg (Entertainment \$5.38); Wayne Deeter (On-line \$42.65); Rose Marie Moffitt (Publications \$21.99); Mary Croson (Publicity \$65.40); Sue Sullivan (Climbs \$25.10); Max Brown (Lodge\$20).

Old Business

Trip Leader Awards: See story, Page 22. The Board approved the following by-laws addition: *The President or other designated person, with the approval of the Board, shall award the 25, 50, 75, 100 (and so on) Trip Leader Award to those members who have led that number of trips. These Trips shall be a cumulative total of Bus, Climbs and Trips. These shall be awarded at the Annual Meeting. The appropriate number will be on the official arrowhead emblem, along with the word "LEADER."* Only members who have won this award shall wear the insignia with the trips led total on the official Club emblem.

Fund-raising Committee: Sharon reported donations to lodge building fund stand at \$57,746 with 217 members having made donations. See story on Page 3 re: discounts offered by McKenzie Outfitters and Collins Bike Shop.

Nominating Committee: See story, Page 2.

Lodge Construction Committee: Brian reported the committee met three times in June and made decisions regarding heating, windows, floor covering and lighting. Building permit review by the City of Eugene is currently running two weeks behind. A demolition work party of club members on June 25 made good progress. Options for removal of selected trees from the work area are under consideration.

New Business

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Convention: Doug reported this year's convention Aug. 26 – 28 on the Columbia River Gorge. The board approved John Jacobsen as our primary delegate to the convention; other interested Obsidians who attend would also be designated as delegates (if allowed by the FWOC).

Annual Meeting Format: Speaking for the Entertainment Committee, Kathy questioned having the annual meeting as a potluck dinner with regularly scheduled potluck already on the books for October. The board agreed that rather than having a second potluck that month, the Entertainment Committee would provide dessert and coffee for the annual meeting that will be scheduled for a 7 p.m. start time.

Donations on Membership Renewal Forms: John suggested it might be worthwhile to designate donations for the Contingency Fund on this year's membership renewal forms. The board agreed; the Membership Committee will handle it.

Committee Reports

Summer Trips (Sandra Larsen): 32 trip reports received in June (195 members, 56 nonmembers, \$412 in fees).

Climbs (Sue Sullivan): Two reports received for climbs of Mt. Hood and Diamond Peak (14 members, 9 nonmembers, \$118 in fees). Leader packets are being distributed.

By-Ways by Bus (Liz Reanier): A 5-day trip to different sites in eastern Oregon and a one-day trip to the Wildlife Safari were completed in June. The July 15 trip to the Big K Ranch and other sites is full, as is the 5-day trip to Harrison Hot Springs in August. September trips to Cascade Lakes Highway and the Depoe Bay Salmon Bake currently are not full and available to those interested.

Summer Camp (Jim Duncan): The committee continues to meet regularly. Leaders for summer camps for the next three years have been recruited. Lana Lindstrom will lead the 2006 camp with Jim Duncan as assistant; John Jacobsen will lead the 2007 camp with Bill Montgomery as assistant; Bill will then lead the 2008 camp with an assistant to be named. Committee members are making scouting trips to evaluate potential campsites.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Kathy reported for Lana that 11 participants had a great time at the Challenge Course on June 27 (Kathy was one of the facilitators).

Publications (Marshall Kandell): 500 copies of the June Bulletin were printed, 474 mailed for a total cost of \$461.33.

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): June potluck (40 for dinner, 43 for the presentation, \$41 in fees).

Science/Education (Rick Ahrens): John reported the committee organized and led a bus trip to Wildlife Safari in June, and acted as a naturalist for an Obsidian hike in the West Eugene Wetlands.

Membership (Sharon Ritchie): Board approved five applications for membership (Active). Total membership is 543.

Publicity (Mary Croson): John reported for Mary that 500 Obsidian business cards and 500 Obsidian bookmarks were printed (samples were available at the meeting). The cards were provided to McKenzie Outfitters and REI for distribution. The Eugene Celebration Booth will cost \$55.

Online (Wayne Deeter): The website is up to date.

Finance (Ken Kodama): Stewart reported that he, Lana, and Ken have begun the audit of the General Fund with Sheila. After completion of the general fund audit, the bus fund would be audited for 2004. It was also noted that access to investments and safety deposit boxes are typically tied to various officers, but there is no procedure in place to keep this information up-to-date. It was recommended that after the first of the year when the board and officers positions have been updated, the Finance Committee review the signers for all accounts and make any necessary changes to keep the signatories current. In the discussion of this topic, it was noted that one of the safety deposit keys had been lost and that a new key should be made by the bank.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All trip reports and trip leader counts up to date

Coast to Coast in Scotland

By Anne Dhu McLucas

(Editor's Note: After stepping down as dean of the U of O School of Music in 2002, Anne Dhu McLucas received a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar grant for research and teaching in Scotland in 2003; and followed that up with the memorable hiking experience summarized below. The author of three books – with another in the works – Professor Anne specializes in ethnomusicology and music history. She's back teaching at the university and hiking and leading with the Obsidians this year...and that's music to our ears!)

ONE YEAR AGO, I was just ending a wonderful walking trip in Scotland which took me and my two hiking companions 116 miles -- from Inverness on the northeast coast to Ardnamurchan, the farthest west point on the Scottish mainland (looking westward toward the Inner Hebridean Isles of Mull and Rhum). My presence on the trip was the result of serendipity -- a dinner table conversation overheard, my inquiry and an invitation to join two delightful people for an intense 12-day experience, which I will relate here only in barest outline form.

We met in Inverness at the first of our many comfortable bed and breakfasts. We had time to explore the city and lose some of our jet-lag before setting off on Monday, June 21, to the village of Dores, situated right on the east side of Loch Ness. Coinciding with solstice, we didn't even last long enough to see the sun go down that first evening, as we adjusted to our long days of walking. The paths were generally easy to follow. We had good maps and directions; and we knew our one piece each of luggage would be awaiting us at the next B&B. (All arranged by the our travel company, "Bespoke Highland Tours.")

UPPER FOYERS was next, after a stop at a lovely water-



Castle Loch Ness

fall and high tea, which seemed to coincide nicely with the end of each day's walk. The vistas along Loch Ness, which included everything from elegant castle-like homes to humble farmhouses, kept us continually interested; but it was the continually changing moods of the long, long lake that were the most intriguing.

After an early morning crossing of the loch with one of the captains who helps mount "monster hunts" (he says there is definitely something big down there, but declines to call it a mon-

ster), we approached Castle Urquhart from the water, thus missing most of the tour traffic.

The weather was good for the most part, with occasional misty mornings, which only enhanced some of the scenery on the west side of Loch Ness. Lush greenery and tumbling rivers reminded me of being home in Oregon -- but the brogues and local brews of single-malt Scotch soon reminded me of where I was!



Loch Ness

BESIDES THE MANY Douglas firs, there were the distinctive Caledonian pines trees with their reddish bark and tangled roots and branches. Although named by Scot David Douglas, Douglas firs are indigenous to and were imported from North America, but are prized in Scotland now for their use as timber.

We sometimes whiled away our hiking time by making up stories about the people we met. Curiously, most trekkers were hiking in the opposite direction. So, we met quite a few locals and some other foreigners, including two English people (yes, to Scots they are foreigners!) who had hiked from the southernmost point of England to Invermoriston, where we stopped for our fourth night before leaving Loch Ness and working our way westward along the locks that connect Loch Ness with the Irish Sea. The Great Glen Way is the main trek leading through the West Highlands (my next hike in Scotland, I hope), but we continued on to Fort Augustus, a fascinating small city, with many amenities, where we took a much-needed bank and post office break before heading on to the locks.

OUR SPECIAL INDULGENCE was to stay at a real castle, the Glengarry Castle Hotel in Invergarry -- a rather modern castle, but located next to a wonderful ruin on the banks of Loch Oich.

By Saturday, the 26th, we had reached the town of Spean Bridge, where I had the best room and meal of the entire trip—at the Smiddy House—to say nothing of a chance to do laundry in-house for only 1 pound 50!

We reached the end of the locks at Fort William, where

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

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

Donations to the Obsidian Building Fund: June 1 to July 1, 2005

<p>Mt. Pisgah \$1 - \$99</p> <p>Lynda Christiansen Corrine Hunt Sandra Larsen Peggy Lee Mathes <i>in gratitude of our trip leaders</i> Birgitte Williams <i>in gratitude of Sharon Ritchie</i></p>	<p>Sue Wolling</p> <p>Diamond Pk \$100 - \$249</p> <p>Rob Castleberry & Joyce Thomas Anonymous Kitson & Peter Graham Brian & Mary Hamilton Dot Leland</p>	<p>Mt Thielsen \$250 - \$499</p> <p>Bert Ewing <i>in honor of the climbers of the 1960s and 70s.</i></p> <p>Mt. Jefferson \$500 - \$999</p> <p>Wendy Dame & Don Doerr Verna Kocken <i>in honor of Dr. Ewart Baldwin</i></p>	<p>Three Sisters 1000-\$4999</p> <p>Trish McGillivray <i>in memory of John Kocher</i></p> <p>Mt. Hood \$5000+</p> <p>John & Janet Jacobsen <i>in gratitude</i></p>
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Fundraising Focus

AS OF JULY 1, we have surpassed our Phase 1 fund raising goal of \$50,000 and donations have reached **\$57,746**. So far, 217 of our 543 members have donated to our "Honoring Our Past by Building for Our Future" campaign. Additional member donations are encouraged, so that we may put some second phase goals within reach.

WBGs architects have submitted drawings to the city and we hope to obtain our building permit the third week of July. 2G Construction is anticipating a construction start very near to the day the permit is in hand. We continue to work with 2G and WBGs to refine details, pick fixtures and finish up the many details to making this all happen.

We continue to need volunteers of varied skills and with varied time commitments to help us build the entry addition and lodge improvements.

So if you have yet to donate or you want to get on the volunteer team please see the form below for details.

Honoring Our Past by Building for Our Future

Contributions Welcome

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

This gift is in Memory, Honor or Gratitude

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Phone _____

Donors are recognized by donor level in the Bulletin and on a donor wall at the Lodge. Please indicate the name you prefer we use when we recognize your gift:

Name _____

Mail to:

Checks should be payable to: **Obsidian Lodge Fund
Obsidians, Inc. – Lodge Fund
P.O. Box 51424, Eugene, OR 97405**

Volunteers Needed

We are recruiting volunteers to be a part of the renovation and expansion work at the lodge. There will be jobs for all skill levels and time commitments. Tell us how you can volunteer:

Fill in name, address and phone in opposite column

Hours available (generally): _____

Skills: _____

Call or email:

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Joella Ewing
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or

Mail to:

**Obsidian Lodge Volunteer
P.O. Box 51424, Eugene, OR 97405**

Volunteer Renovation

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Rob, for picking it up and returning it with his truck. Pat Adams and Richard Hughes had fun operating the Cat,



Richard at the helm.

although Rick Ahrens also took it for a spin around the parking lot. At age 81, John McManigal was the oldest volunteer; insisting on picking up the rocks and moving them up the hill instead of loading them on the Cat. Rich and Jan Anselmo, Wayne Deeter, John Jacobson, Rick Ahrens and Nancy Whitfield also worked with me in the rock brigade. We discovered that John Jacobson had lots of experience dislodging rocks which were embedded in dirt; that man wields a mean pick!

Inside, the more skilled folks removed cedar interior paneling very carefully so it could be re-used at a later time. Rob Castleberry, Craig Renkert, Garry Degulis and



Guy, Gary and Rob



Ken & new apron

Guy Strahon -- all very experienced carpenters -- were joined by Ken Kodama in his brand new carpenter's apron. Everyone had a very fine touch and, amazingly, almost all the panels were salvaged. After the



Pat fueling.



Bill and Jim removing kitchen cabinet.



How many Obsidians does it take to unscrew a nut? Craig, John and Richard at work.



Sharon transplanting



Some of crew at rest. From left: John J, Beth, Sharon, Richard, Jan & Rich, Wayne, Lana, John M., and Nancy

rocks were removed, folks joined the demolition derby in dismantling the counter and removing molding and the sliding door.

MANY, MANY THANKS to all of you for your commitment to the Obsidians. There will be other opportunities to participate in the lodge renovation after the construction begins (right now, that's scheduled for late July). In the meantime, if you want to be called or emailed, please let me (683-1409) or Joella Ewing (344-9197) know and we'll put you on the list.

" I Think that I Shall Never See..."

The following perspective by Obsidian Pat Bitner will appear in the July/August issue of Lane County Audubon Society's newsletter, the Quail. Pat is the society's conservation chair.

By Pat Bitner

JOYCE KILMER'S classic ode to the tree was a part of my childhood, read aloud from a slim volume called something like "101 Famous Poems," during family evenings so long ago. Maybe you know it? Trees give us so much -- their beauty, their shade, sometimes our livelihood. They are the lungs of the planet, in their diminishing numbers striving to counteract the pollution we humans are producing daily.

As I write, old growth timber in the national forest bordering the McKenzie River is being harvested under existing contracts with the Forest Service, reportedly up to the banks for the McKenzie. Although environmentalists are working to stop work ongoing and the Eugene City Council, among many other entities, passed a resolution urging the cessation of logging on the McKenzie, no positive response has been received to date.

Those old growth forests are not only beautiful and inspiring, they are very important to ensuring the excellent quality of the water which comes from the McKenzie and into our homes every day. A report by the Riparian Management Work Group, Oregon State Programs for Managing Riparian Resources, Oct. 2000, lists among key riparian vegetation functions which influence water quality and aquatic habitat conditions:

- **SHADE.** "Cool, well-oxygenated water is required by salmon, trout and other cold-water fish.....As stream temperatures rise, the ability of water to hold dissolved oxygen content decreases. Prolonged exposure to water temperatures above 70 to 77 degrees can be lethal...."

(Remember the recent salmon kill-off in the Klamath?) "Streamside vegetation is a key to protecting water temperature." It moderates temperatures both in winter and in summer. Vegetation on stream banks stabilizes the banks,

fostering deeper, narrower channels, thus retaining a more constant temperature. Riparian vegetation increases resistance to erosion of stream banks; the roots of shrubs and trees hold the bank and prevent the release of sediments. Those roots also provide cover for young fish.

- **TREES AS NUTRIENT SOURCES.** "Streamside vegetation provides a nearly constant input of leaves, wood, insects, spores and other materials...constituting an important part of the aquatic food chain."

- **FALLEN TREES** and their value as habitat. "Large pieces of wood are a critical component of aquatic ecosystems. In the northwest, large wood is important for the freshwater survival and production of salmonids." Trees fall into the stream and lodge, contributing to the formation of side channels, redirecting stream flow. They provide important habitat for fish and invertebrates.

A REMARKABLE (to me at least) recent news report tells of a logging salvage operation which is harvesting old growth logs from the depths of the Columbia River. These are logs which over the years fell into the river. Many bear the bites of axes used to cut them down before the days of chain saws. "It comes from trees that grew much more slowly than those

from modern tree farms, yielding lumber of exceptionally tight grain...extremely durable, so it rarely shrinks, swells or warps." (Register Guard, June 14, 2005)

I have no objection to the resurrection of these remnants of a past when no one questioned man's right to harvest any living thing on this planet without thought to the future. But, this is 2005; our frontiers are gone; our resources are ever so finite; our chances to reverse course and stop the overconsumption which has defined modern civilization are diminishing.

The window of opportunity to change our destiny is beginning its closure.

Can we not learn to live more simply, go with nature's flow? Just a summer's thought; enjoy our beautiful rivers and forests -- and remember, it's all up to us.

Trees

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can made a tree.

-- Joyce Kilmer, 1886-1918

Coast to Coast Scotland

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we met the only true downpour of the entire trip. Soaked to the skin, we gratefully boarded a train to our next destination a hotel at Glenfinnan, situated in a truly spectacular setting on Loch Sheil, where we stayed for two nights, enjoying a day hike in the highlands while one of our number rested her twisted ankle.



Highland Walk

WITH A LITTLE HELP from a bus (for which we waited over two hours!) we reached Acharacle in the West Highlands, from which we undertook our longest, most arduous hike to date -- over the highlands, mostly without footpath (despite a sign to the contrary), to be met on a lonely road by

a wonderful taxi/tour driver, who drove us the last 10 miles to our final destination at Kilchoan, where we stayed for two nights, with our walk out to Ardnamurchan to finish up the coast-to-coast trip.



End Point – Anne and hiking companions.

Once at Kilchoan, however, the only way to get back to Glasgow for our flight home without backtracking 100 miles, was to travel by ferry to Tobermory on the Isle of Mull (the home of my ancestors), then by ferry to Oban, and by train to Glasgow.

We ended the trip most pleasantly on July 1st at the appropriately named Amadeus Guest House and took our separate paths -- the others to do part of the coast-to-coast trek in England; and me to go back home to glorious Oregon...refreshed, well exercised and full of great memories.

See additional photos online at:

<http://www.obsidians.org/2005/articles/scotland-mclucas/>

Warning: Toxic Blue Green Algae

FEDERAL AND STATE health officials, the Dept. of Agriculture, Willamette National Forest and the Corps of Engineers have all issued warnings about the presence of toxic blue-green algae bloom in nearby waters...most recently, Larison Cove, Hills Creek Reservoir and Crane Prairie Reservoir (in central Oregon south of Bend).

People are being warned not to come in contact with the water in such areas. Drinking the water is particularly dangerous. People should avoid swallowing or inhaling water droplets and should not let pets come into contact with the water.

BLUE-GREEN ALGAE contaminate a number of mountain lakes in Oregon every summer, notes Obsidian and former microbiologist Jim Duncan. "Last year, one section of Odell Lake was closed due to these critters, and Larison Cove canoe area is always contaminated."

"I'm not a particular expert on these organisms, but...it's interesting to me (as well as a pet peeve) that government agencies and newspapers in the Pacific NW

continue to refer to these creatures as blue-green algae. The fact is, most of them aren't blue-green (they're green) and none of them are algae," Jim says.

"They're cyanobacteria, a group of bacteria that some scientists consider to be the most important organisms to ever inhabit the earth," says Jim. "Cyanobacteria are responsible for oxygen in the earth's atmosphere (which began to accumulate in the atmosphere about 2.3 billion years ago) and consequently all animal life has evolved to live in the atmosphere they created."

HOWEVER IMPRESSIVE their resume, cyanobacteria reproduce rapidly in fresh water when the amount of sunlight, temperature and nutrients are adequate. Within a few days a "clear" lake, pond or ditch can become cloudy with algae growth...called a bloom...which usually floats to the surface and can be several inches thick near shorelines. It often looks like green paint floating on the water. And it can be bright green or bluish, brownish, reddish green or white.

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How to Stay Cool When the Mercury Rises



By Kristin Hostetter
Special to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer

WE ALL KNOW THE DANGERS of hiking in cold weather: frostbite, turbulent weather, slipping on ice and snow, etc. But hot-weather hiking has its own sets of hazards -- all easily avoidable if you plan properly and know how to turn on your personal AC. Follow these tips to stay cool and comfy this summer.



Drink, drink, drink -- When it's really steamy, you should be consuming a pint of water every 30 minutes or so. (Note: Opinions on the above number vary, but be sure to drink enough water so that your urine is clear and odor free.) If you have a hard time drinking enough fluid, invest in a bladder with a feeder hose so you can drink on the go.

Eat -- Keep salty and revitalizing snacks -- such as nuts, dried fruit and energy bars -- handy to replenish what you lose as you sweat.

Wear sunscreen and lip balm -- Sounds obvious, but too many people (myself included) decide to "catch a few rays" instead of slathering up with protection. It doesn't take long for sunburn to get you, so forget the tan and slap it on. Go for 15 SPF or higher.

Keep clean -- If you have the option of jumping into a lake, river or the ocean for a quick dip, do it. It'll unclog your pores so you can continue to sweat effectively. Plus it feels sooooo good.

Wear long sleeves -- It may sound crazy, but veteran desert hikers know this is the way to go. If it's hot and dry, go with a long-sleeve cotton shirt. Hot and humid? Wear a synthetic shirt with good vents. Either way, white and other light colors absorb less heat than darks. This goes for all apparel and fabrics.

Wear a hat -- Turn a regular baseball cap into a desert hat by placing a bandana underneath it to protect your ears

and back of neck from sunburn. Better yet, soak that bandana in cool water before placing it under your hat. It's almost as good as eating an ice cream cone. OK, I exaggerate.

Wear synthetic socks -- Synthetics are cooler and wick moisture faster than wool and cotton. During breaks, and at the end of the day, remove your socks to let them air dry.

Wear lightweight, breathable boots -- If you can, avoid all-leather and/or Gore-Tex models, which tend to be hotter. Boots made from a combination of fabric and leather breathe better and keep your feet cooler.

Avoid drugs -- Some medications, such as cold and allergy pills, can decrease sweat rates and contribute to overheating.

Seek out shade -- When you stop, rest in the shade.

Try an external frame pack -- These lift the weight off your spine, increasing ventilation between you and your load.

Camping?

Choose a light-colored tent with lots of vents -- Dark tents can be like saunas.

Pack a sleep sheet -- A cotton bed sheet can make a sticky insulated bag a lot more comfortable on a sweltering night. (Don't forgo the bag altogether, because nighttime temperatures can drop unexpectedly.)

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

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

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

Blue Green Algae

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Blue-green algae can produce nerve and liver toxins. Signs of neurotoxin poisoning usually appear within 15-20 minutes after ingestion. In animals, signs include weakness, staggering, breathing difficulty, convulsions and death; in people, signs

may include numbness of the lips, tingling in the fingers and toes, and dizziness. It may be hours or days before signs of liver poisoning appear. Liver toxins can cause abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting in humans and death in animals. The toxin cannot be removed by boiling, filtering or treating water and there is no known antidote.

To report a blue-green algae bloom that isn't already posted, call the nearest Forest Service or Army Corps of Engineers office. Only special laboratory testing of water samples can confirm whether or not a bloom is toxic. These generally take several weeks to complete, at which time the bloom and/or the toxins may be gone.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

Finley Wildlife Refuge

April 3, 2005

Leader: Rick Ahrens

3 miles ("A")

WE BEGAN AT McFadden Marsh and spent time looking at ducks and other things. Then we hiked the Mill Pond Trail and saw woodies and hoodies and white calypso orchids. The weather was cool with occasional showers; the trails were muddy in spots. Thanks to George who tallied the 60 species of birds we saw. Participants were: Joan Abel, Rick Ahrens, David and Shelly Call, Dan Christensen, Walt Dolliver, Jane Hackett, George Jobanek, Bonnie Richman and non-members Mary Beth Crawford, Tom Crawford, Pam Davis, and Lydia Deane.

Heceta Head/Hobbit Loop

May 8, 2005

Leader: Anne Dhu McLucas

6 miles, 800 feet ("B")

FIVE INTREPID women braved the predicted rain, only to have another perfect Mothers' Day hike on the coast, without a drop of moisture in sight. Starting from the day-park area of Washburne State Park, we headed down the beach to the Hobbit Trail, reveling in the beautiful weather and then up to Heceta Head, where we had lunch (and some toured the lighthouse). We went down the trail then over the road to Meadow Loop, ending up back at the parking lot at about 3 p.m., in time to stop for pie a la mode at AlphaBit and get back to downpour in Eugene! Hikers were Barbara Bruns, Helen Martz, Anne Dhu McLucas, Tina Rain and nonmember Kathleen Rockwell.

Fern Ridge Wetlands ("A")

May 11, 2005

Leader: Rick Ahrens

WE MET AT 6 P.M. at the end of Royal Avenue and spent a couple of hours looking at and listening to birds and watching

mayfly duns turn into spinners. It was a pleasant evening. Participants were: Rick Ahrens, Rob Castleberry, Kathy Hoeg, Anne Hollander, Ray Jensen, Janet Jacobsen, Judy Newman, Bill and Margaret Prentice, Barb Revere, Ruth Romoser and nonmembers Dan and Rosemary Villani.

Mount June

May 21, 2005

Leader: Walt Dolliver

5 miles ("A")

IN A BLUSTERY May morning four hardy souls gathered at the SEHS parking lot for a short trip via Dexter and Lost Creek Road to the base of Mt. June. We parked approximately a mile from the trailhead to add more distance to the hike. The actual ascent to the top is very steep, making the hike a very good aerobic workout. After catching our breaths we were rewarded with a fabulous view of the Cascade Range. Hikers were Walt Dolliver and nonmembers Barbara Boylan, Shawn Phelps and Nancy Radws.

Old Baldy/Coburg Hills

May 21 2005

Leader: Gary Kirk

5.5 miles, 1,500 ft ("B")

LIMITED THE SIZE of the group this year to 20, but only 12 signed up. And after the hike was over, I realized I am going to limit it to 12 from now on. I felt more like I was part of the group and had done a better job of leading and sharing the hike. We drove just beyond Spores Bridge to the gravel lot. There, the rest of the hikers waited while I drove to open the gate to the pasture where we parked. As hikers got ready, they got a pep talk, warnings, unwanted advice and a comment about the special permission allowing us to hike on private land.

We walked McKenzie View Road eastward to the "Trail Gate." Over the gate and up the hill, past the marsh. Then on the "Kirk Memorial Trail" that goes up the steep slope to the "Cave". We then continued along the trail, which in some places is built with boards fastened to the rock wall, while I pointed out the many rock climbing routes on the steep vertical rock cliffs. The name of this area is called "The East Caves." At the top of the ridge

we walked over to the open area to view the Springfield/Eugene area below. Then slowly upward and onward to the summit of "Baldy" which we reached at noon.

This year the weather was cloudy, with no rain. The views were excellent. We sat around on the rocks at the summit and enjoyed lunch and conversations with old and new friends. After lunch we headed downward by a cross country route. While it wasn't raining, the ground was soggy and the grass was wet. The leader, being first, stripped off most of the water and transferred it to his pants. I was following a trail I had marked over to the "Main Caves" where the Obsidian climbing schools for years used to teach basic climbing. Following orange tape, we wandered down through the woods to just above the Main Caves. A short tour of the area and we headed downhill, across the meadow, over to the "Whale" - a very large rock with a lot of short rock climbing routes. Now it's all downhill to the parking area with wet boots and pants, but everybody had made it in fine shape and I think had enjoyed this different view of Eugene/Springfield area, the woods and rocks of the Coburg Hills, as I had enjoyed sharing it with them. Again, as the leader I felt that the smaller number of hikers made it so much more enjoyable; and Max Brown did an awesome job as rear guard. On the trip: Ann Marie Askew, David Becker, Max Brown, Maggie Gontrum, Yuan Hopkins, Gary Kirk, Beth and Ken Kodama, Jacki Lukowski, Mel Zavodsky and nonmembers Gerry Lee and Carol Stern.

Tamolitch Dry Falls

May 24, 2005

Leader: Leona Devine (for Dianne Jeffcott)

4 miles ("A")

WE HAD A PERFECTLY beautiful, sunny day for this short but spectacular hike from Trailbridge Reservoir along the McKenzie River through impressive old-growth and across the 1,600 years old lava flow. Tamolitch pool is as stunning as ever with its crystal clear, blue-green water. We shared a lunch site overlooking the pool with a group of hikers who came down from the upper falls, two mountain bikers (ouch) and an eager New

Yorker who was determined to visit every scenic spot in Oregon. On the hike out we had an interesting chat with a group of biologists conducting a plant inventory of the McKenzie watershed. Hikers were nonmember John Bailey and members Leona Devine, Margaret Prentice and Barb Revere.

Eagles Rest

May 30, 2005

Leader: Marc Hansen

5 miles, 1,422 feet ("B")

ON A QUIET Memorial Day morning 11 capable, congenial hikers gathered at SEHS to make the trip to Eagles Rest. Then we drove 20+ miles up Hwy 58 and on graveled Goodman Creek Road 3+ miles to the trailhead. The trail was muddy, yet very passable. Oxalis and other undergrowth were extremely verdant. We enjoyed a leisurely lunch atop 3,000-ft Eagles Rest. Highlights of the trip were congeniality and camaraderie. Hikers were LaRee Beckley, Barbara Bruns, Marc Hansen, Yuan Hopkins, Anne Dhu McLucas, Barb Revere, Bonnie Richman, Martha Welches and nonmembers Tom Adamcyk, Nancy Andrew and Annette Gilmer.

Siltcoos River/Carter Lake Dunes

June 2, 2005

Leader: Sheila Ward

6 miles ("B")

SUNSHINE, a little wind and a congenial group are the best ingredients for a wonderful hike. Eleven hikers in three cars drove to the trailhead parking area near the Siltcoos River south of Florence. I



On the beach.

break this outing into two parts, doing one hike before and the other after lunch at the picnic tables near the river. In the leader's opinion, the estuary views and the walk on the beach are always great,

no matter the conditions. Seeing all the pelicans, seagulls and sea lions at the mouth of the Siltcoos River was a bonus. Everyone agreed the weather was cooperating to make it very good trip. Enough of a breeze so we were all comfortable walking through, up and down the dunes on the Carter Lake Dunes portion of the hike.

Hikers included members Anne-Marie Askew, Max Brown, Barbara Bruns, Sandra Larsen, Barbara Morgan, Margaret Prentice, Ginny Reich, Ruth Romoser, Sharon Thomas, Sheila Ward and nonmember Alice Nyitray.

Vivian Lake, Salt Creek & Diamond Creek Falls

June 4, 2005

Leader: Diane Jeffcott

8 miles, 1,600 feet ("B")

NINE PEOPLE ranging in age from mid 30s to 75 were on this amazing hike. The variable weather provided us with rain, hail, snow and occasional bursts of sunshine. We hiked first to Vivian Lake, where we ate lunch quickly on snowy logs or standing up; then hurried down to Diamond Creek Upper and Lower Falls, Too Much Bear Lake and Salt Creek Falls. We visited each and every viewpoint so as not to miss anything. The snow around Vivian Lake sparkled in the sunshine; it was a real winter wonderland in June. We left Eugene at 8 and were back by 4:30. Bill Sullivan's book suggests hiking this trail in mid-June...we all know why! The hardy hikers enjoyed home baked brownies at the lake. On the drive up we saw a flock of peacocks crossing the road...rarely does it get more exciting driving to trailheads. Hikers were Ann-Marie Askew, Maggie Gontrum, Diane Jeffcott, Anne McLucas, Fred Munz, Marina Perry, Nancy Whitfield and nonmembers Steve Gunn and Betsy Halpern.

Three Buttes Hike and Bike

June 5, 2005

Leader: Doug Nelson

I CONCEIVED the "Three Buttes" as a cross training workout day. Two others joined me for the trip and I got my workout all right, just trying to keep up with them! Nonmember Yan Seiner joined George Jobanek and me for a combination bike ride and hike that took us to the

tops of three favorite Eugene area hills; Skinner Butte, Mt. Pisgah and Spencer Butte.

The day was mostly cloudy and cool with a few brief showers and breaks of sunshine. Not a bad day for 30 miles of biking (with 2,000 ft. plus? of elevation gain) and four or five miles of hiking (with another 2,000 ft. elevation). The "leader" was well at the rear of our small group for a good share of the time, especially on that long pull up Fox Hollow Rd. If I had it to do over, I'd change only one thing. I'd bring a towrope so George could give me an assist going up those hills! Many thanks to George and Yan for joining me on a most enjoyable and satisfying outing.

Deception Butte Hike

June 5, 2005

Leader: Craig Renkert

8 miles, 2,600 feet ("C")

WITH SCATTERED showers forecast and clouds overhead we headed toward Oakridge. Our trailhead was on the south side of Rte. 58 just west of the bridge west of the trailer park, two miles east of Shady Dell campground. According to Sullivan, a new trailhead off Deception Creek Road is scheduled to open later this year. We saw the survey flags marking the intersection of the new trail with the existing trail just above the bridge crossing Deception Creek. Shortly after leaving the car it began to rain, but the forest cover sheltered us from the direct impact; however, the trail was wet, with ferns and bushes soaking our pants. By the middle of the trip we all had wet feet from the water running down our legs into our boots.

Before we got to the top, the rain stopped and patches of blue sky appeared. By going beyond the top and down to a clearing on the east side, we could see Oakridge and, "on a clear day," Diamond Peak. The wind was so strong and cold at the top we headed back down the trail a short distance to a large open forested area to sit in the sun for lunch. On the hike down in soggy boots on the wet and sometimes muddy trail, the sun shone through the clouds making the fog and forest a beautiful sight. In spite of being drenched and muddy below the knees and having our view limited by the clouds, we all felt it was a pleasant hike. Joining Craig Renkert were Rich Romm and nonmember Elizabeth Chandler.

Owaso to Greenway Bridges

June 9, 2005

Leader: Margot Fetz

About 3 miles, no elev. gain ("A")

ON A WARM sunny morning -- especially welcome after days of cloudiness and rain - five of us learned a lot about the watershed and rivers from Jody Lemmer of the East Lane County Soil and Water Conservation District and a little about her work preserving the watershed by working with private landowners in agricultural areas. The effect of the dams and reservoirs we have constructed over the years has been dramatic as far as flood control is concerned, but also through channelization and damming we have significantly altered the free flow of the Willamette and other streams. We can help preservation efforts by ensuring we don't let chemicals, detergents and fuels enter the watershed. Participants: Jean Coberly, Margot Fetz, Joanne Gulsvig, Dorothy Quirk and Ginny Reich.

Kentucky Falls

June 10, 2005

Leader: Joella Ewing

4.4 miles, 800 ft. ("A")

FOG AND LOW CLOUDS obscured Roman Nose and the grand vistas usually observable on the way to Kentucky Falls, but provided wonderful hiking weather for our eight trekkers. The three falls roared their spring runoff into the streams below. We marveled at the profusion of wildflowers, both on the drive and the hike, including rhodies, columbine, iris, yellow lupine (as well as insidious Scotch broom), monkey flower and inside-out flower. The road is well marked compared to my other trip to Kentucky Falls about 15 years ago, but detailed driving instructions on the Whittaker Camp-ground bulletin board provide added reassurance. Four returned to Eugene following the hike, but the rest of us browsed Florence's Old Town before dining at AlphaBit in Mapleton (the restaurant offers a Friday night fixed-menu dinner for just \$9.25). We enjoyed very good fresh-out-of-the-oven bread, Caesar salad, chicken Marsala over pasta (with lots of mushrooms), homegrown broccoli and strawberry shortcake (for menu information and to make reservations for future Friday night dinners, call 541-268-4311). Hikers included Michelle Tambellini, Barb Schomaker, Marshall Kan-

dell, Anne Bonine, Leila Snow, Barb Revere, Maggie Gontrum, Joella Ewing.

Tire Mountain

June 11, 2005

Leader: Allan Coons

7.5 miles, 800 ft. ("B")

SIXTEEN SIGNED UP and four called to cancel, so 12 of us met at SEHS just before 8 a.m. It was cloudy and cool. The prospect of a lovely wildflower hike overcame worries about rain, mist and muddy trails...all of which were in store for us. Chuck Evers, Anne Bonine, Barb Revere, Ken Rosenarin, Joanne Ledet, Yuan Hopkins, Ed Lichtenstein, Walt Dolliver, Nancy Lynchild, Holgen Bruns, Josh Emmons (age 12) and Allan Coons did our introductions, then left for our first stop at Westfir R.S. We reached the trailhead where the Alpine Trail intersects the USFS road, put on our rain gear and set forth. This is a hike that goes through old growth forests and through one mountain meadow after another. As the exposure changes from beneath the forest canopy to openings to the east, to the south, to the west and to the north, the variety of flowers changes. It's like a gallery of wildflowers with one room following another and each somewhat different from the other. Alpine Trail is a popular mountain bike route making the trail muddier and more ditch-like than it would be otherwise. We had lunch at the site of the former lookout tower; and we cut that short because of rain. On a clear day one can see the Three Sisters from a few vistas; hidden by clouds this day. The wildflowers were out and many were perhaps a week or two from peak season...of course that varies from plant to plant. I have attempted to list many of the wildflowers available for viewing on previous reports and will not repeat that list this time. We returned to Eugene and to clearing weather.

Devils Den

June 12, 2005

Leader: Wayne Deeter

5 miles ("B")

THE TRIP WENT much more smoothly this year, as I now have some slight idea of where things are in the "Den." John Jacobsen picked up George Jobanek and Rob Castleberry in Eugene, saving me 80 miles of driving. An omen awaited us at the trailhead -- a 20" dia. cut Doug-fir on

its side. Blissfully ignorant of what lay ahead, we set a fast pace northwards towards the Den, encountering mucky sections of road containing Subaru-sized ruts, dirt-bikers from hell and more cut trees. Hmm, what did this all mean?

After about 1 1/2 miles we took a path to the right, entering a meadow and saw Melrose below us, Roseburg beyond and all the way to Bailey and Thielsen far off in the east, McLoughlin in the southeast. The temperature was coolish -- just right for hiking. A few clouds lounged in the blue sky.

Argh! We had to scramble over a slash pile to get up to the balancing rock. To the west, last year's tangle of manzanita was now a wasteland, roads cut here and there through the sand-stone. We found the trail again on the other side of this mess and were soon down to the Den's entrance. I attached a hand-line to a nearby tree and one at a time we lowered ourselves into the foyer.



George, Rob and Wayne descending.

A quick journey through the jumble of chockstone alley got us to Bathtub Rock in time for lunch. After that we found the Rabbit Hole and, pushing packs ahead, squeezed through, crab-walked up and over the bump in the narrow hall, and crawled out into the Big Room inside the Den proper. Leaving our packs there, we made our way into the room with the big maple growing out of a ledge half way up the wall. Then we climbed up and over a moss-covered boulder, up a ramp and down into the ante-room to the Bat Cave and the Knife Room.

George elected to be first down into the Knife Room. Note for next year: good idea to have a light in there as it's rather difficult to feel one's way across. The exit is steep and muddy. Once out, we all

made the obligatory circle around the Blarney Madrone, then headed back into the Den via the north entrance. We were soon back to our packs, collected them, then went back to the foyer alongside the rotting trunk of a maple that some fool had cut down about 20 years ago.

Back at the trailhead I couldn't convince anyone else to go check out the Callahans climbing area, so we instead left for Peggy's at Rice Hill, where I indulged myself with a triple scooper (*Devil made me do it!*) The others were more restrained.

Lower McKenzie River Trail June 14, 2005

Leader: Barb Revere
7.8 miles, 200 ft. ("B")

UNDER A RARE (lately) partly sunny sky, six Obsidians boarded the #91 Lane Transit District bus in Eugene or Springfield and traveled 50 miles to the McKenzie River Ranger Station to begin this shady forest hike along the Lower McKenzie River Trail. Our hike endpoint was Belknap Hot Springs Lodge and Gardens, four miles further up river. We found the trail pleasantly shady, mostly dry-damp, and easy walking, though we had to circumnavigate a major mud quagmire at a road crossing just after Paradise Campground; and a fir tree had fallen and obscured about 30 feet of trail at about mile three.

At the lodge, we had lunch, then split into smaller groups to soak in the hot pools or wander the extensive gardens. Helmut demonstrated Watsu, a massage technique using the resistance and buoyancy of water combined with traditional Shiatsu massage. Too soon we had to meet to retrace our steps back to the ranger station and board the bus back. A great time was had by all and we each expressed satisfaction at having partaken of the 'best bargain in Lane County'--the bus ride out the McKenzie River Valley, all for a paltry \$2.50 roundtrip. Rider-hikers were Anne Bonine, Mary Ann Holser, Tom Holser, Barbara Morgan, Helmut Plant and Barb Revere.

Sweet Creek

June 15, 2005

Leader: Margaret Prentice
2 miles ("A")

ARRIVING AT THE trailhead we were pleased to be the only vehicle there. Our pleasure was short-lived; in a few min-

utes two full vans and a car arrived. Kids on a field trip? No, 28 enthusiastic Elderhostellers from Florence. Luckily, we had already made use of the facilities. We did chat a bit & acknowledged their enthusiasm for the beauty and diversity of Oregon. Those from the east were excited about having had to evacuate because of a possible tsunami. Because they were on a schedule and we were there for a leisurely time, soaking in the glories of Sweet Creek, they soon passed us and we were on our own again. Although the water had receded since early spring, the falls and creek itself were still pretty spectacular.



Margaret Wiese and Bill along Sweet Creek.

We saw a variety of wildflowers, including inside-out flowers, tiger lilies, Oregon geraniums and a western columbine. An ouzel "dipping" on a rock was fun to watch and, as we ate lunch on the rocks, Bill caught sight of a trout leaping for an insect snack. It was a delightful day with perfect weather – sunny, but not too hot. We were Bill and Margaret Prentice and Margaret Wiese.

Little Cowhorn & Hehe Mountains

June 15, 2005

Leader: Wayne Deeter
5 miles, 1,700 ft. ("B")

WITH ITS ROCK COLUMNS, variety of flower, and the views from the top, it's surprising Little Cowhorn has been led so rarely in recent years. I decided to combine it with another easy hike or three to make it into a "B" trip. When I scouted out the trip a week before with John Jacobsen, we checked out Gibraltar Mountain. While an enjoyable hike, the bushwhack necessary proved too much for a "B" hike. Perhaps it could be combined with a hike from Little Cowhorn to Pernot Mountain sometime for a nice "C" trip.

Jan Jacobsen and Anne Hollander

joined me. As neither was anxious to tackle Gibraltar, we didn't attempt it. Partly cloudy skies and mild temperature made for pleasant hiking. Despite a relaxed pace, we made good time to the top of Little Cowhorn.



Wayne at Little Cowhorn Lookout.

We lingered in the meadow just below the top, enjoying the wildflowers. The lookout has been readied for use as a rental -- the decking replaced, the floor newly tiled and it's been furnished with several site-built items.

We saw 9 of the "10 peaks" from Little Cowhorn's summit (only McLoughlin eluded us). After lounging in the sun for about an hour, we descended to the car, drove back down to Fall Creek, then up Rd. 1832 for a short visit to Symbol Rock, a volcanic rock formation having similar hexagonal crystals to the columns on Skinner Butte, but curved, and on their sides. We continued a short ways to Hehe Mountain, for a short hike to the top. It's pretty overgrown on top, so no view, but it makes a nice, 1.5 mile walk.

The last stop of the trip was Flagstone, a new (within last 20 years) sport climbing area on the side of Sardine Butte. John and I had stopped there a week before and I wanted to check it out again, now that I had the book with me. We then proceeded north on Quartz Creek road to Hwy 126, where we stopped for snacks and drinks at the Finn Rock Grill.

U of O Campus ("A")

June 16, 2006

Leader: Richard Heinzkill

THIS HIKE WAS BILLED as a walk and talk hike. Although I did most of the talking, several of the other members, especially Maggie Gontrum contributed bits of campus lore as we went along. On an overcast morning we gathered at SEHS parking lot, walked down 18th to campus, made a brief stop to look at the music school, then on to Agate and into the

William Knight Law Center and out again out through the east door. From then on we snaked our way around campus... from the library, to the Dads' Gate on Franklin, the science buildings, stopped for coffee and snack at EMU, more campus and back to 18th, arriving at SEHS at 12:15 p.m. -- not having had to put up our umbrellas once. The congenial group of Obsidians consisted of: Joan Bradley, Max Brown, Margot Fetz, Maggie Gontrum, Peter Graham, Richard Heinzkill, Margit Hollerud, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Marshall Kandell, Barb Revere, Bonnie Richman, Kathy Riddle, Sharon Ritchie, Ron Shaffer, Barbara Schomaker, and Michelle Tambellini.

Goodman Creek

June 18, 2005

Leader: Chris Cunningham
4 miles, 300 feet ("A")

CLOUDY SKIES and intermittent sprinkles kept the three of us cool as we hiked along Goodman Creek Trail. Numerous muddy spots as thick as chocolate pudding slowed us down, but also gave us the opportunity to appreciate the old growth Douglas fir, lush ferns and wildflowers that framed the path. We stepped off the trail briefly to admire a small waterfall before moving on to the final third of the trail, which has a gentle elevation gain. Hikers were, Chris Cunningham, Pete Peterson and nonmember Eleanor Wilson.

Clear Lake

June 21, 2005

Leader: Marshall Kandell
5.5 miles ("A")

IT WAS THE FIRST DAY of summer, when all around the lake, among the only creatures stirring were ducklings trailing their moms to destinations unknown, an osprey a-swooping and a lone swan a-preening. Wildflowers were a-blooming, their pretty little heads presenting. There were coralroot and candystick, tiger lily and golden iris, windflower and queen's cup. Also, purple lupine, phacelia, twin flower and starflower; wild rose, bunchberry, bear grass and bleeding heart; orange honeysuckle, yellow stonecrop, purple penstamen and pipsissewa. And star flowered Solomon seal and false Solomon seal (a botanical imposter?). Not to mention assorted berries, foam

flower and teeny tiny (less than 1/4") chickweed monkey flowers, a yellow figwort-type flower with red dots in its lava crevices (just try rhyming all that!).



Marshall leading, followed by Barbara, Margaret, Carol, Julie and Tom

And what to their wondering eyes did they see, but an Obsidian leader and his seven hiker team... Barb and Tom Revere, Margaret Prentice, Carol Petty, Barbara Morgan and nonmember Julie Dorland. Less rapid than eagles, his trekkers came – shuffling and stumbling and calling each plant by name (thanks to Margaret and Barb)...stopping only for lunch at the turquoise pool where the lake and McKenzie are born and where a colony of mergansers dove and flapped like in a nature flick on the telly.

As overcast skies gave way to sun, pretty vistas and a glimpse of Mt. Washington, we sprang (sort of) to our cars for a look-see at Sahalie Falls and then drove out of sight. Back to town, wishing all farewell and a good night! (*Apologies to Clement C. Moore for our paraphrasing and deficient rhyming.*)

Patterson Mountain

June 22, 2005

Leader: Melody Clarkson
6 miles, 1,000 feet ("B")

A HIKE ON PATTERSON MOUNTAIN offers everything I love about Oregon, especially on the day selected this year. A cool mist continually reminded us Oregon is damp. The old growth forest reminded us Oregon is a tree-hugger's dream. The rhododendron, woodland violets and wet meadows thick with blooming larkspur, iris chrysophylla and Indian paintbrush reminded us Oregon is a special place. The grouse, mountain quail and cottontail that surprised us on the survey hike and the deer on hike day -- not to mention the slugs and millipedes -- reminded us we share this planet with other living species. Oh, and it's sooo Oregon to not see the Sisters and other

peaks to the northeast. Experiencing the real Oregon with me were Obsidians Marc Hansen, Dan Bates and Ed Lichtenstein; and guest Andrea Taylor.

Heceta Head

June 25, 2005

Leader: Ann-Marie Askew
6 miles, 800 ft. ("B")

AFTER PARKING at Washburne State Park, we headed south during a minus tide. Seemingly hundreds of unbroken sand dollars lay on freshly exposed sand, and starfish of various hues hung on exposed outcroppings as we waded through or leapt over little lakes of swirling eddies well below the tide line. It was sunny as we walked on the beach, although thick fog encapsulated Heceta Head. However, after following the Hobbit Trail up through the dense spruce forest, the fog dissipated as we hiked up and then down the Coast Trail to the lighthouse; and we were treated to clear skies for the rest of the day.

We ate lunch on a sunny bench overlooking the Pacific and chatted with Anne the Bird Lady, a delightful volunteer who let us view nesting murre through her impressive telescope as she described their unusual eggs and nesting habits. After retracing our hike on the Coast Trail, we crossed the highway and walked north along Valley Trail, passing Beaver Lake and China Creek. When we got back to the parking lot, we laughingly considered doing the delightful hike all over again!

Thanks to members Danny Baihuber and Judy Newman and soon-to-be member Alice Nyitray for their excellent company.

Browder Ridge

June 26, 2005

Leader: Brian Hamilton
6.2 miles, 1,550 ft. ("B")

CHOOSING TO LOOK at the positive side of the forecast of "mostly cloudy, chance of showers" (partly sunny, good chance of no rain) five of us arrived at the Gate Creek Trailhead at 9 a.m., two other members of the party were a bit late coming from their home in Monroe. Since the only Obsidian summer trips the leader had previously participated on have been mountain climbs, this was an unusual outing for me because the destination was not the actual goal of the trip. It was

more like a fine meal, to be enjoyed every step of the way.

The hike was billed as a “wildflower hike,” yet none of us knew much more than the others about the wildflowers we would be seeing. We distributed “cheat sheets” of colored photos of a dozen flowers expected to be seen on the hike (compiled from images found with a Google search) which got us going right from the start on the lower slopes by helping us identify three-leaved anemones and vanilla leaf.

After climbing the switchbacks for the first ¾ mile, the trail flattened out and we were treated to the beauty of six-foot diameter old-growth firs. Within a few minutes, we reached a steep meadow filled with chest-high bracken ferns that delighted several of the hikers. The weather turned out to be perfect, warm enough for t-shirts and shorts, and clear enough for us to stop at the top of the fern meadow to enjoy the first of several views of the major Cascade volcanoes, Mt. Jefferson south to Diamond Peak!

After a short break, we reached the lower end of the ridge and were treated with the sounds of elk talking to each other in the dark, north-facing slopes above Gate Creek. A few minutes later we heard the drumming of grouse from below on the south slope. We continued on, never in a hurry, and identified yew trees, devils club, western columbine, blue bells, cat’s-ear lily, penstemon and cliff larkspur, among many others, several of which we could not identify. Big hits with some of the hikers were the large clumps of false hellebore with their swirling patterns, reminding us of wind and water-carved patterns found in canyons in the southwestern U.S., and patches of bear grass in full bloom. We enjoyed recognizing the transitory nature of the meadows, knowing that some of the meadows currently painted yellow or pink would soon be taking on other colors as large fields of lupine were just beginning to bloom.

We stopped for a lunch just after reaching the intersection with the Heart Lake Trail, then hiked another mile to where the trail begins to descend to the lake. Because of the time and ebbing energy levels, we opted not to leave the trail for a cross-county ascent to the summit knoll. Instead we turned back and finished finding all the flowers on our “cheat sheets,” much like playing “Bingo,” and found stonecrop and

spreading phlox near the upper reaches of our hike.

On our way down, we were taunted by a pair of noisy ravens and met three other groups of hikers headed uphill. We reached the trailhead at 3:15 and headed home after a very pleasant hike.

The hikers were nonmembers Courtney Abbot, Pat Bean, Jenny Gray, Mary Hamilton, Debra Higbee and John Norrena and Obsidian Brian Hamilton.

Bohemia Mountain

June 30, 2005

Leader: Wayne Deeter
3 miles, 800 ft. (“A”)



Bohemia City post office/general store.

IN A NORMAL YEAR, this would be a bit early to do this trip; however, the snow's been gone for quite a while already. Coming down to Cottage Grove early were Sherwood Jefferies, Jan Jacobsen and Barb Revere, all of whom piled into my car and we headed east for the mountains of the Cottage Grove District of the Umpqua National Forest. (Thanks, Jan, for “offering” to meet people in Eugene. Not too much arm-twisting was needed.)

Just beyond the Dorena Reservoir we took in the Dorena Covered Bridge (renovated a couple years ago by 2G--the company that'll be working on the Obsidian Lodge.) We then paralleled the old OP&E railroad grade, now the Row River Trail. Just beyond Culp Creek we took the Lower Brice Creek Road so we could catch a glimpse of Wildwood Falls. We passed the site of the Lund(gren)-Park(er) Hotel (now the Lund-Park CG.) Halfway up the Noonday Ridge Road we passed another hotel site --the Noonday Hotel.

The first hike was to the ghost town Bohemia City: a half-mile in, mostly level both ways. The trail (road) was a bit wetter than last year, but still easily passable. Barb brought along her flower book so we could try to identify a few of the wildflowers. The rock garden just before town was a delight, as always, with its array of sedum, paintbrush, penstemon,

etc. There were a few of the big lilies along the way, but they were still a ways from blooming. After getting our fill of the ruins and flowers of Bohemia City, we returned to the main road and over for a quick visit to the Musick Guard Station--now a rental, but unrented.

Next, we drove a mile to the Bohemia Saddle County Park. There were quite a few FS fire vehicles parked there. We started the second hike with the traditional loop through the little garden on the south side of the park. A short ways up Bohemia Mtn. Trail we came upon fire crew members cutting a 24" log out of the trail. We ate our lunches with a view --we could see at least 9 of the 10 peaks. We weren't quite sure if that was a cloud or Hood far off in the north.

Next, we drove to the top of Fairview Peak. The lookout is also an vacant rental. For the return trip we took the Hardscrabble Road and the road to Shane Saddle and followed the ridge road parallel to Bohemia NRT. This trail was the miners' original route up to the Bohemia Mining District from the Roseburg area. We took Martin Creek Road down to Clark Creek, and then Sharps Creek back to complete the loop at Culp Creek. The detour was completed by taking Row River Road on the northeast shore of Dorena Reservoir, instead of the more direct route --Shoreview Drive on the southwest. The final stop was The Cottage Restaurant for drinks and food.



Climbs

Mt. Hood (South Side)

May 30, 2005

Leader: Mark Slipp

THE THIRD TIME was a charm for the third reschedule this year for our Mt. Hood climb. Nine of us met at Calamity Jane's, a burger parlor in Sandy, at 6 p.m. Sunday, where we had the biggest burgers I have ever seen. After dinner, we left for the mountain. It was overcast and very gray. It started to drizzle at Government Camp and wasn't looking too promising. We headed up Timberline Road into the fog. Right when we got to the parking lot, we came out of the fog and were above the clouds. Sunny and not a cloud in the sky. The clouds were about 100 feet below the parking lot.



On summit of Mt. Hood

After getting a little sleep in the cars, we started the climb at 12:09 a.m. We hiked on dirt all the way to the Silcox hut. There was very little snow on the lower mountain. It looked like late July or early August. This very fit group made the first mile to the Silcox Hut in 38 minutes, stopping for a break. From here, the pace slowed a little as we hit snow on the Palmer. The snow was soft-perfect for kicking steps. We arrived at the top of the Palmer chairlift at 2:30 and took a short break. The sky was still clear, stars bright and we had a half moon. We climbed another 600 feet above the Palmer and put on crampons because the snow was getting firm.

Shortly after that we passed a Mazama group. To my surprise, there were very few groups on the mountain. We hit the base of Crater Rock at first light, about 4:30, stopped to put on helmets and then we charged to the Hogsback, arriving by 5:30. Here we roped up in three ropes of three. The snow was firm and hard and we had a clear shot to the summit. We didn't have to wait for anyone. We passed the Bergschrund on the left and passed through the Pearly Gates onto the summit, arriving by 7.

We spent 40 minutes taking pictures, enjoying the views and giving high fives. We could see Mt. Jefferson to the south, St. Helens and Mt. Adams to the north. The clouds, still just below Timberline Lodge parking lot, looked like a blanket of cotton balls.

After a safe descent back through the Pearly Gates and some good glissades below Crater Rock, we slogged back to the cars, arriving by 11:52 a.m. Congratulations to Greg Milliman and Jim Pierce for getting their 10 peaks. Thanks to Doug Nelson and George Jobanek for leading the other two ropes. This hardy group of climbers were Wayne Deeter, Brian Hamilton, Andy and George Jobanek, Greg Milliman, Doug Nelson, Rich Peevers, Jim Pierce and Mark Slipp.

Diamond Peak Graduation Climb

June 11, 2005

Co-Leaders: Rich Peevers, Brian Hamilton

(Report by Brian Hamilton)

SEVEN CLIMBERS shared two vehicles for a two-hour drive to reach the Rockpile Trail at 7:30 a.m. Although the air temperature was warm, it was raining as we shouldered our packs. We fully expected some clearing of the clouds as the day progressed, but we only had a couple glimpses of sun and blue sky throughout the day. Shortly after the intersection with the Pioneer Gulch/Ruth Lake trails, we began hitting patches of snow -- much softer than the week before when I had scouted the climb. It had rained frequently the previous week in Eugene, but quite a bit of spring snow had fallen on the trail, with snow levels ranging from 4,000 to 7,000 feet since Sunday. The first three miles to the intersection with the trail linking Rockpile and Marie Lakes went quickly. We made a short stop to put away rain gear at a spot where, on a clear day, there is a great view of Cowhorn Mountain, Sawtooth Mountain and Mt. Thielsen.

Crossing the creek linking the two lakes, we turned northwest toward Marie Lake and stopped at the upper end of the lake for a break and to check our maps. The short steep climb up the north bank of the lake took us to our cross-country route sloping gradually up toward tree line. Normally, Diamond Peak looms large directly ahead at this point, but low clouds hid the mountain. Without the view of the mountain to guide us, we relied on compass bearings, heading more or less due north while trying to skirt the deeper snowdrifts. Apparently, it didn't take much more than a few degrees on the compass for us to end up one ridge farther to the east than I had intended, but we quickly got back on track. At 7,080', close to the tree line, one climber, having recently undergone knee surgery, felt his knees were not strong enough to endure a steep descent and decided not to continue. After ensuring he had enough warm clothing, rain gear, food, water, map & compass, we decided he could stay put until we returned in 3½ hours. We advised him that if the weather became too unbearable, he could follow the group's tracks in the snow



On the summit of Diamond Peak. l-r: Tatoi, Daphne, Matt, Rich, & Craig

back to the lake where he would be more sheltered from the weather. Two of us took GPS bearings on his position and left him with a roll of orange flagging ribbon to mark his trail in case he decided to head downhill to the lake.

The remaining six of us continued, mostly on snow, since it was usually easier than traveling on loose, bare rocks. We often encountered hollow spots next to buried rocks where the person breaking trail would sink to the knee and sometimes to the waist. Postholing to our boot tops was the norm. Ice axes were out and assisted in self-arrest for a couple of us when we hit thin layers of snow over steep rocks and scree. We stopped for lunch at 12:30 below the false summit. For the remainder of the ascent, visibility dropped dramatically, often down to 25 yards; the wind picked up and we began to get snow and ice pellets driven horizontally into our faces. With the low visibility, we could barely make out the large cornices overhanging the steep east slopes, but we saw enough to know we needed to keep below the ridge top and stay on the wind-scoured west side. We reached the summit at 1:30, but with the temperature at 40 degrees and a stiff wind estimated at 30 to 35 mph, we only stayed for 15 minutes, time enough for the obligatory photographs.

The descent was quick, with some good glissades on soft snow. By the time we began to approach tree line, we took bearings on the location of our 7th climber and realized he was 0.45 miles and two ridges to the northeast. We had to backtrack slightly by traversing across the ridges and located the spot where we had left him, but instead found a note marked with an orange ribbon, saying he had headed back to the Marie Lake once the snow began to fall. Following our earlier tracks in the snow and his flagging ribbons, we easily found him back at the lake, where it was finally sheltered

enough for us to fill out summit cards and write some notes in the summit register. We were thrown off our "lost" climber's trail a few times by older flagging left by past hikes – a reminder for future groups to be sure to remove any ribbons they leave in the woods!

The hike from Marie Lake back to the trailhead was uneventful, but wet. We made it back to the cars at 5:30 and traded our packs and boots for comfortable shoes for the ride home. Four of us made it back to Eugene by 7:30 and the other three stopped in Oakridge for a warm meal. Climbers who reached the summit were nonmembers Matt Rodrigues and Tato Sumantri; Obsidians Craig Renkert, Daphne James, Rich Peevers and Brian Hamilton.



Trail Maintenance

Ridgeline Trail

June 4, 2005

Reported By: **Jim Duncan**

ON A BEAUTIFUL spring morning, 13 Obsidians and 3 others celebrated National Trails Day by working to improve the Ridgeline Trail with representatives of Eugene City Parks. The enthusiastic group broke into three crews: one for clearing brush and overgrowth from the trail; a second for hauling gravel using power wheelbarrows and filling in low areas; and the third for raising and rebuilding a 50 ft. section of the trail with logs, then filling in with gravel. Good progress was made in all areas and the group completed the scheduled four hours of work with a real sense of accomplishment.



Trail maintainers (l-r): Max Brown, Gary Kirk, Rick Ahrens, Stewart Hoeg, Sharon and Jim Duncan, Lana Lindstrom, Marsha Barr, Richard Hughes, Beth Kodama, and Joanne Ledet. Bill and Margaret Prentice not shown.



Byways By Bus

Rhodies, Bridges, & Murals

May 17, 2005

Leaders: **Paul & Barbara Beard**

By-Ways-By-Bus

HEADING SOUTH on Coburg with 46 riders, we turned onto Pioneer Pike, where we saw many beautiful rhododendron and the house where Paul and Barbara lived (1974 - 1985). Barbara is Ethel Allen's daughter and is the dessert chef at a large resort hotel in Lincoln City. From downtown Eugene, we proceeded to Springfield and saw several nice murals. After we turned onto Hayden Bridge Way, Vera Kocken took the mike and gave us a wonderful tour of the neighborhood where she spent some of her childhood years. Shotgun Creek Park was our coffee and rest stop. Then, we saw the Wendling, Earnest and Crawfordsville bridges before arriving at Sankey Park in Sweet Home, where the Weddle bridge is located. Some riders went for a short walk while others fed the hungry ducks. After leaving this park, we saw several more beautiful murals in town. Upon leaving Sweet Home, we traveled through some beautiful country consisting of forests, flowers, and many horse, cattle and sheep farms.

At 1:10, we pulled into lovely Silver Creek Falls park, and enjoyed our barbecue of hamburgers, brats and chicken. The weather was cloudy and overcast most of the day, and a few sprinkles landed on our cooks -- Barbara, Mark and Denise. Highlight of this luncheon was the lovely cake shared by Ewart with everyone celebrating his 90th birthday. We were having so much fun we left the park about 30 minutes late. We arrived at 3:45 in Silverton, where we were greeted by the staff of the Silverton Co. Historical Society Museum. Museum director Vincent Pill couldn't ride with us, but his assistant Jeff did. He told us about the Norman Rockwell murals painted by a local resident, David McDonald, one of the top muralists in the nation.

At 5 p.m., we visited the Pub & Brewery in Mt. Angel. A highlight of the day was determining our "mystery guest." There were several distinguished guests with us, but the "mystery guest"

was Dr. John Baker, author of Camp Adair. After leaving Mt. Angel, we headed for the I-5, passing a beautiful iris field. We arrived back home safely, thanks to our wonderful driver, John Goddard. There are 51 covered bridges in Oregon, and we viewed 10 of them (including Goodpasture Island covered bridge on a mural in Springfield). Thanks to all the Obsidians and guests. Many hands made light the work at the barbecue. Thanks, Paul and Barbara.

On the trip: Ethel Allen, Dr. John Baker, Ewart Baldwin, Don Baldwin, Neil Baldwin, Rosemary Baldwin, Barbara and Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Louise Behnke, Lloyd Bissel, Marylee Cheadle, Marjorie Crueger, Connie Dooley, Robert Eaton, Rosemary Etter, Margret Fea, Rachele Fiszman, Jeannette Forsman, Bette Hack, Barbara Hagerman, Dora Harris, Evelyn Hile, Mark Irving, Marjorie Jackson, Dr. Paul Jensen, Ray Jensen, Rosella Jones, Marcia Jordan, Ben Kirk, Verna Kocken, Gloria Layden, Mary Lemons, Denise McCarthy, John and Lenore McManigal, Don Payne, Barbara Payne, Liz Reanier, Nan Smith, Helen Gillard, Julie Snell, Dick Speelman, Janet Speelman and Vera Wooley.

John Day Fossil Beds & Eastern Oregon Back Roads

June 6-10, 2005

Leader: **Ray Jensen**

DEPARTING in cool rainy weather, we had our coffee stop under cover at Greenwaters Park. The huge snowflakes above 3,000 ft. were unexpected, but a delightful dressing on the trees; so our stop at Salt Creek Falls was very brief. At 11:30, we arrived at the High Desert Museum. Inside exhibits and "Raptors in the Sky" and others shows were excellent. We had a good lunch at their Rimrock Cafe. Then east through Alfalfa to Prineville Reservoir, following Crooked River Canyon, where Ewart Baldwin described the geology in an area not previously visited by bus. We stayed overnight at the Stafford Inn in Prineville.

Day #2 was a big geology day with Ewart front and center. The Painted Hills were spectacular. The strata colors are red-green-buff, but we learned that it is in the green where most fossils are located. Most of us hiked a half-mile to a vantage point where the wildflowers were in abundance. We continued on #26 through the Ochoco's, with everything

fresh and green. At Mascall Formation Overlook, even the untrained viewer could identify the formations: Clarno, John Day, Columbia Basalt, Mascall and the topmost, which is the Rattlesnake. On to the newly opened Thomas Condon Paleontology Center, a unique building containing labs, storage places, meeting rooms, exhibits and great views. The 18-minute video and talks were very good. Ewart and his professional work in geology were duly recognized by the Sheep Rock Unit staff. Our outdoor lunch was across the road at the historic Cant Ranch. Next, another less traveled by-way via Kimberly, Monument, Long Creek and Mt. Vernon to John Day, a scenic two-hour drive. Our guide at the Kam Wah Chung Museum was very informative. There is a new second building emphasizing the contributions of the Chinese here. We stayed overnight at the Best Western John Day Inn.

On day #3, at Sumpter Valley Dredge State Park, guide-narrator Lynn Christiansen took us aboard this behemoth. We explored the town and enjoyed the Gold Post Store with its one-room museum. We had planned to travel the Elkhorn Scenic By-Way with lunch at Anthony Lakes, but received several negatives about this route. So we continued to Granite, where we would make a final decision, similar to when Lewis and Clark made a choice at the Marias River.

At Granite General Store and Restaurant, a nice young blonde lady at the bar insisted we not go ahead. After much too brief a consultation with her, I returned to the bus and we backtracked to Sumpter for lunch. We stopped at McEwen to check out the railroad stuff used for the excursion train on summer weekends. Then, a nice drive along the Powder River to Baker City to see gold nuggets at U.S. National Bank. Finally, to the Oregon Trail Regional Museum, which features a great rock and mineral section. We stayed overnight at the Geiser Grand Hotel, renovated in classical elegance. Wes Prouty, now residing in Durkee, joined us for dinner, and we did a lot of reminiscing about the *Old Days*.

Day #4: After a great breakfast, we went to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center on Flagstaff Hill. Excellent dioramas and displays and we were treated to a live raptor demonstration by a BLM lady from Boise. We trod ruts of wagons made 150 years ago. At mid-day, we were at Union County Museum, which

includes "Cowboys Then and Now." Some of us ate at the Main Street Eatery and others picnicked at the city park adjacent to the historic Union Hotel. Then, on to Elgin and over the Tollgate (Sprout Springs) road to Fort Walla Walla. Road construction delayed us, but the staff graciously stayed overtime to escort us. We thank them. Ewart guided us through lovely Whitman College campus. We stayed overnight at the Marcus Whitman Hotel -- elegance plus. We discovered the bus had a flat tire, but it was Les Schwab to the rescue! A scary thought: what if this had been on the Elkhorn in 5" of new snow at 7,300' pass level??

Day #5: West on #12 with 500 wind power machines visible on the ridgelines. En route, Mary Ellen West told us about Madame Marie Dorion, who was on the Hunt (Aster) Expedition in 1811. A great narration about a respected woman who was buried near Gervais in 1850. On to the Dalles and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center's excellent films, displays and exhibits, featuring replicas of the cargo carried by Lewis and Clark. Our excellent driver, Larry Edwards, then got us through the Portland mess.

Many thanks to Liz Reanier, Ewart, Vera Woolley and her hospitality crew, Don Payne, Janet Speelman and all who contributed to a successful trip. Riders: Don Baldwin, Ewart Baldwin, Paul and Barbara Beard, Pat Bitner, Mary Lee Cheadle, Barbara Chinn, Marjorie Crueger, Judy Dobell, Margaret Fea, Rachele Fiszman, Jeannette Forsman, Barbara Hottle, Kess Hottle, Ray Jensen, Rosella Jones, Verna Kocken, Dot Leland, John and Lenore McManigal, Joyce Norman, Barbara and Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Julie Snell, Mary Ellen West and Vera Woolley



Bike Trips

Short Mountain: Dine at the Dump!

**June 8, 2005
Leader: Lana Lindstrom
25 miles ("A")**

GUNS AND METH: 20 biked to the Short Mountain Landfill, *aka* "the dump," on a perfect morning: some starting at Campbell Center for a 25-mile

ride; others at Emerald People's Utility (EPUD) offices for a 12-mile ride. When we arrived at Short Mountain, we were met by Doug of EPUD, who explained how garbage is turned into electricity, enough to power approximately 1,200 households. In addition, having a methane power plant at the landfill avoids huge costs of a collection system to reduce the gases which contribute to global warming. A group of wells pump methane and carbon dioxide through a filtering system to power engines which then run electric generators.

After lunch (which included brownies and cold sodas delivered by Lyn Gilman-Garrick, who generously gave up biking to provide the treats), the group toured the firing range located near Short Mountain. Mark from Eugene Police Department provided very interesting commentary about this shared use facility. Even the IRS agents come out to practice, along with Lane County Sheriff's Department, State Police and Springfield and Eugene PDs. The facility includes a pistol range, a building where officers are shot with paintball-like "bullets" and a rifle range. Mark demonstrated shooting with a .45 pistol and a semi-automatic rifle; unfortunately, he didn't allow the rest of us to practice.

Thanks to participant bikers John Agnew, Gayle Berge, Joan Bradley, Barbara Bruns, Walt Davis, Jim and Sharon Duncan, Stewart Hoeg, Richard Hughes, Les and Chris Kellow, Vicki Levine, Jack and Kathy Lindstrom, Rose Marie Moffitt, Margaret and Bill Prentice, Kathy Riddle and Sharon Ritchie. And extra special thanks to Richard for biking over 30th Ave. to meet us at EPUD.

Our Daily Bread/Veneta June 11, 2005 Leader: Sharon Ritchie

WITH THE PROMISE of a shower or two and a sky full of dark clouds, I was delighted to have all four people show up at the start of the bike path. The ride to Veneta on back roads was really lovely. Petzhold Rd. is my favorite. We all agreed that almost everyone in a vehicle was exceeding the speed limit on Crow Road. We ate a wonderful lunch at Our Daily Bread in Veneta, sitting outside in the sunshine! Dark, dark clouds began closing in as we started our return trip. I promised my great riders that it would not rain until their bikes were safely in

their garages...and it didn't! Many, many thanks to the group for having the courage to show up despite the forecast. They are nonmember (but soon to be member) Steve Gunn and members Gayle Berge, Vicki Levine, Evelyn Nagy and Sharon Ritchie (sort-of-a-leader).

Calapooya Divide Loop

June 26, 2005

Leader: Wayne Deeter

70 miles, 5,000 feet ("C")

AS THERE WERE NO signups for this ride, I rode alone. It was nice biking weather -- perhaps a tad coolish at times, but not extreme, and never too hot. I started by riding down to the Row River trailhead by Mosby Creek and Layng roads, just in case someone wanted to come along but had failed to sign up. After snapping a picture of the Mosby Creek covered bridge, I backtracked to Garoutte Rd. for a shot of the Stewart Bridge. Then up over the hill to the Dorena Reservoir (now full) and along the lake to end the quick tour of covered bridges at the Dorena Bridge.

Picking up the Row River Trail just beyond Dorena Elementary, I rode to its end at Culp Creek, then turned onto Sharps Creek Rd. The weather this year must be good for tiger lilies --they're out in force, as are the foxglove. Ten miles up Sharps Creek, bear right onto Clark Creek Road. (Straight ahead is Hard-scrabble Road, an unpaved road up to Bohemia Saddle.)

A couple miles up Clark Creek is where the major climb of the trip starts, and goes on for about four miles. I had plenty of time to admire the hanging succulent gardens, patches of white irises (iris-chrysophylla) and other wildflowers as I made my way slowly up the hill. Just across into Douglas County, a dogwood was still in bloom.

The sun was out when I reached the divide near Silica Mountain. Along this section were other wildflowers, notably penstemon, a few beargrass, yellow lupine, and much more of the white irises. At one point along the ridge not only was the 22 deg. halo visible around the sun, but an arc of the 46 deg. halo also. To the southeast, Bailey and Thielsen occasionally showed themselves.

The descent from Huckleberry Mountain was a bit slower than usual as there's quite a bit of loose gravel left on the road

from a cheap chip-seal job. Just below Snow Peak were a few wisps of fog and the air turned a bit coolish again, but it warmed back up again down by Big River. Not many people were at Cottage Grove Reservoir (also full), possibly due to the cool weather. I took the shortcut at I-5 (Hillside Dr.) over to Main St., then picked the Row River Trail back up at Thornton Ln., and was soon back full-circle to the Mosby/Layng trailhead.



Wayne at top near Huckleberry Mountain

Willamette Valley

June 26 2005

Leader: Sharon Ritchie (for Norma Lockyear)

38 miles ("B")

ONE NONMEMBER no-show brought the total participants to 2,005, which I felt was more than adequate! Don't you? No, that's not the year, that's the number participants! Okay, okay, so 2,000 of them were participating in a Cycle Oregon ride and going the opposite direction, but it certainly made for colorful viewing as they passed by. We seemed to ride past or alongside them most of the day. This ride is literally out in farm country. It's flat, which was a bonus, and the day was overcast and cool. Perfect biking weather. We were invited to participate in lunch with Cycle Oregon. I said we weren't part of their group. I was told it wouldn't matter, who would know? Good point, but by that time we were like horses heading for the barn.

The end was in sight and anyway, we had already had lunch. Many thanks to the four great riders who kept me company today. I'm sure they enjoyed watching the various bikes and attire flash by as much as I did. My riders were Stewart Hoeg, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry and Martha Welches.

Camp Creek Road

July 02, 2005

Leader: Sharon Ritchie

33 miles ("B")

A FEW OF US gathered at SEHS, loaded the bikes and headed for Albertsons on Marcola Road in Springfield where we met up with others. With a fairly large group (13), we headed east on Marcola Road to Camp Creek Road. It was a little intimidating, seeing all those bikes stretched out behind me when we first started out, but I got used to it.

Camp Creek is a most lovely road, complete with the McKenzie River, Camp Creek, large meadows of flowers, horses and one very noisy young goat calling its mother...and forested hills as a backdrop. The weather was overcast, but not cold. We ate lunch at Hendricks Wayside on the banks of the McKenzie. On the return trip the sun came out. It was warm and the day was beautiful. Many, many thanks to my riders: non-members Nancy Diaz and Alice Pueschner; and members Gayle Berge, Stewart Hoeg, Joan Bradley, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Kathy Riddle, Evelyn Nagy, Vicki Levine, Marriner Orum and Lois Morse.

*Great things are done
when Men and Mountains meet,
This is not done
by jostling in the street.
-- William Blake*

One Day, Three Sisters

(Reprinted from The Obsidian, July 1937)

IT WAS IN THE Green Lakes 1931 summer camp that three members of the Obsidians first climbed all three of the Three Sisters in the same day.

Don Woods, Ed Johnson and Clifford Stalsberg first climbed the North, after the long eight-mile trip from the campsite the day before; then the Middle and then the "BIG" South...16 1/2 hours was the time set by the trio. They came off the South right down to camp and, yes, they slept well that night.

Daring Obsidians Meet the Challenge

By Beth Kodama

WE DID IT! You should have seen our smiling faces after eight hours on the Spencer Butte Challenge Course on Sunday, June 26th! We were exhausted by then, already beginning to feel muscle aches, but proud of ourselves and each other; and grateful to leader Lana Lindstrom (flying in picture on back page) and course facilitator Kathy Hoeg and her team.

What a day! I expected a physical and mental challenge, but didn't realize how exhilarating it would be. I was the last to sign up (after much vacillation) and assumed I'd be the first to wimp out. But the course is defined so there's no such thing as *wimping out*. You decide when you've had enough and stop whenever you want to. Everyone's a winner. Still, Kathy told me most adult groups are much less daring than we were.

THE DAY BEGAN with group problem solving activities close to the ground. First, we stood on posts just a few inches high, but several feet apart, and tried to rearrange ourselves without stepping on the ground between the posts. (Remember those toys we all played with as kids -- the plastic numbered squares you had to rearrange? Well, that was us.) I wish we had a tape recording of our raucous discussion as we tried to figure out a strategy and then urged each other on. Next, we faced the spider web challenge: trying to get all 11 of us through a limited number of oddly shaped holes in a web strung between two trees. It was another test of agility, ingenuity, cooperation and problem solving.

The morning ended with a balancing act -- literally -- at which we excelled! At lunchtime, we relaxed in the splendid

forest, celebrated Richard Hughes' birthday with a delicious carrot cake and wondered what we were in for next. The answer was *heights!* This was the part of the course that seems most intimidating, but there were so many safety precautions --



Bob and Richard on the high ropes.

body harnesses, hard hats, belay lines and a watchful, encouraging support group -- that, somehow, I felt safe even when part of me was terrified. Not going first also helps and my hat's off to John Agnew and Marsha Barr, who took the lead.

We did two "high ropes" activities. The "High Y," done with a partner, involves climbing up a tree with the help of a ladder and footholds and walking on a taut cable strung between trees 20 feet above the ground while holding onto a rope dangling vertically from a higher cable. I watched everyone else in the group do this and did it myself, but still can't believe it's doable. And Marsha, amazingly, did it twice, so there wouldn't be an odd person out.

THE FINAL EVENT of the day, the "Osprey Nest," challenged us to climb up a rope ladder to the top of a pole, then leap into the air and grab a rope hanging several feet away, to ring a bell. I'll never forget the sight of the pole wobbling under John Agnew as he inched to a standing position atop it; or Anne Hollander standing perfectly still on top with her arms outstretched like a diver; or Kitson Graham flapping her wings like Peter Pan as we gently lowered her with the belay lines after her leap.

The wild ones along with me were John Agnew, Marsha Barr, Rob Castleberry, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Kitson Graham, Anne Hollander, Richard Hughes, Bob Huntley, Lana Lindstrom, Chris Stockdale and facilitator Kathy Hoeg.

Crew Chief Needed For Bulletin Mailing

AFTER MANY YEARS of dedicated, valuable service as crew chief of the Bulletin's assembly and mailing team, Rose Marie Moffitt would like to turn the reins over to someone else.

The key responsibilities of the job are the lining up of a crew to prepare the Bulletin properly for mailing and delivering the Bulletins to the Gateway post office. Rose Marie will be happy to brief her replacement on postal regulations and processes and work as co-chief for a couple of months in transition.

The new Bulletin format has simplified the publication's assembly process (collation and binding are now done by the printer) and there is a team of dependable regulars who enjoy the monthly get-together to get the Bulletin out to our membership.

If you would be interested in volunteering for this important and greatly appreciated role in the club, please contact Rose Marie at 343-2154 or rmoffitt@epud.net; or bulletin@obsidians.org.

Janet's Sampler

JANET JACOBSEN has taken a glance at this summer's trips and selected a few for special mention. If you are leading a hike and would like her to know why you think it will offer something special, call her or email her at bulletin@obsidians.org.

On a recent trip, we met a couple who had the book, *1,000 Places to See Before You Die* by Patricia Schultz. They were busy sightseeing so they could check off each place. I was rolling my eyes until I thought of how exciting it is to check off another hike in Bill Sullivan's books. I thought about making a list of 10 hikes not to miss in Oregon. If such a list existed, I know some of the hikes on our schedule would be on it. The snow is melting. It's time to make your own list of hikes not to miss.

Wednesday, July 20 – Mt. Pisgah sunset/moonrise ("A") -- Royal Murdock is leading a hike to the top of Mt. Pisgah for a glorious sunset/moonrise. Surely, it won't rain. He'll try again August 18th.

Saturday, July 23 – Lowder Mountain ("B") -- Diane Jeffcott is leading this 5.6 mile hike above Cougar Reservoir. It is a moderate hike through meadows and old-growth Douglas fir forest culminating with the ultimate panoramic view of the High Cascades from Mt. Hood to the Three Sisters. This was my first hike in Oregon and I was amazed at the views.

Tuesday, July 26 – Cascade Head and other coast stops ("B") -- Led by Anne Dhu McLucas, this hike located near Neskowin has been protected by the Nature Conservancy. The trail climbs through spruce forests to viewpoints of the coast. If it's hot in the valley, this should be an even more pleasant outing.

Saturday, July 30 – George Lake ("C") -- Where is George Lake? After searching hiking books and Google, I finally found it on some computer topo maps. It is the "hidden" lake on the southeast side of Mt. Washington that

older club members have included in their tales of hiking from Little Belknap Crater to Santiam. Leader Brian Hoyland indicated the hike is 12 miles, so perhaps he has found a somewhat "easy" way to get to this gem.

Sunday, August 7 – Phantom Bridge ("B") -- Dan Baihuber, who is also a Chemeketan, is leading this 5.4 mile hike to the illusive Phantom Bridge. When it was on the schedule a few years ago, snow prevented hikers from getting near this unusual sight. The trailhead is in the Santiam foothills near Detroit. It is a long drive, but well worth it just to say you found it.

Sunday, August 14 – Canyon Creek Meadows ("B") -- Laurie Funkhouser is leading this 6 mile wildflower meadow hike with close up views of Three Finger Jack. Bring binocs so you can see any climbers on the spires. This is such a popular hike the Forest Service asks you hike the loop clockwise. A 7 mile version of this hike will also be led by Anne Dhu McLucas on August 20.

Wednesday, August 17 – McKenzie Pass Geology ("A") -- Peter Rodda is going to tell us everything we need to know about lava and volcanoes on this 3 mile walk.

Thursday, August 25 – Autzen Bridge-Knickerbocker Bridge ("A") -- Margo Fetz will lead another interpretive walk. This time, historian Doug Card will join her trip.

Thursday, August 25 – Park Meadow-Golden Lake ("C") -- This 15 mile hike led by Dan Christensen is well worth the effort to get to the north flank of Broken Top. Map and compass are needed to find Golden Lake. Many regard this area as a secret spot. The elevation gain is only around 1,200 feet, which "perhaps" makes this hike accessible for some of us.

Friday, September 9 – Historic Eugene Buildings ("A") -- Walk around downtown Eugene with Joella Ewing and a guide to hear some interesting stories about Eugene's history (first time this hike has been on the schedule).

Saturday, September 10 – Black Meadow ("B") -- Led by Scott Hovis,

this 7 mile trail near Waldo Lake follows some of the prettiest shoreline before heading through huckleberry fields to the meadows. It is late enough to avoid the mosquitoes. Scott leads this every year; it is on my list of hikes to try.

Sunday, September 11 – Matthieu Lakes ("B") -- Led by Michelle Tambellini and Barbara Schomaker, this 6 mile hike takes off from the old McKenzie Highway. The lakes are beautiful and perfect for swimming. Take your suit. A more difficult and drier hike the same day in the same area is **Black Crater** led by Jennifer Baer.

Saturday-Sunday, September 17-18 – Obsidian Falls, Backpack ("C") -- Bob Burnett has a wilderness permit for this 15 mile backpack to the Three Sisters. Near the top of my favorite hike list, this backpack adds the joy of camping near the North and Middle Sister -- a wonderful way to celebrate fall.

You may be wondering why I left out Maxwell Butte and Grizzly Peak with their views of Mt. Jefferson; or the three scheduled hikes of Scott Mountain and two of Four-in-One Cone, which have "WOW" views of the Cascades. There just isn't enough room to list all the great hikes on our schedule. This is the best time of year to be hiking, so sign up! Ask a friend to join and come along.

Trip Leader Awards

OBSDIANS WHO HAVE LED 25, 50, 75 and 100 trips will receive special patches at the club's annual meeting in October. The new trip leader awards, approved by the board this month, will add the embroidered "LEADER" and number level to the traditional Obsidian patch.

The Trip Leader Awards ad hoc committee included Kathy Hoeg, Sheila Ward, Lenore McManigal, Sandra Larsen, John Jacobsen and Sharon Ritchie (chair).

To see where you stand in terms of total numbers of trips led, check the Obsidian website for the stats as of April. The list will be updated again in September.

Events at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum

For information on the following event, call: 747-1504. References to member and nonmember fees refer to arboretum membership, not Obsidian membership.

Guided Arboretum Walk

WET FEET & COOL TREATS! Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m.-Noon. Explore the amazing aquatic world of the arboretum with nature guide Tom Bettman. Kids and families will hike the river and water garden trails and catch live critters in the river and pond, while learning the importance of "the little stuff" in nature. Cool off with homemade ice cream we'll make together after the hike! Suggested donation: \$5 per child/ \$7 per family. (Members \$3/\$5) All walks begin at the visitor center, rain or shine. under free.

Eugene Celebration Booth

VOLUNTEERS will be needed for the Obsidians' Eugene Celebration booth the weekend of October 1-2. If you know you will be around and can sign up for a 2-hour shift, give Mary Croson a call at 221-1866.

Bulletin Classifieds

Help Wanted

Have desktop publishing expertise? Would you like to get some? No pay, but we're an equal opportunity employer! Contact the Publications Committee at:

bulletin@obsidians.org.

Can We Rent Your Camper?

Have a pop-up trailer or truck-camper you're willing to rent for a few days? We're trying to figure out whether to buy a small camper and, if so, what kind. It sure would help if we could try something out before committing ourselves, but all we can rent commercially are big RVs. Please phone or email us if you can help us out. We also welcome advice, warnings, etc. Beth and Ken Kodama, 686-3297, or

mamakodama@comcast.net.

Obsidian Goodies

T-shirts, \$10 (no matter design or size); sweatshirt, \$15; cap, \$15; mug or tumbler, \$10; whistle, \$3. Contact: Laurie at 206-2303 or

funkhouser@callatg.com

Note: There is no charge for placement Obsidian Bulletin Classified ads; however, only members can place ads and preference will be given to ads that relate to the club's mission and our members' outdoor activity interests.

Calendar

July

- 23 Sat – **Chucksney Mountain**, 10m 2000' C, A.Coons (687-9741)
- 23 Sat – **Lowder Mountain**, 5.6m 900' B, D.Jeffcott
- 23 Sat – **Mt. Washington**, Climb, W.Deeter (942-0824)
- 23 Sat – **Santiam-McKenzie Pass**, 13m 2500' C, Blumm (343-8830)
- 23 Sat – **Sawtooth Mountain**, 9.7m 2200' B, L.Huff (915-9071)
- 23-24 Sat-Sun – **S Sister (Youth Climb)**, Climb, Jobaneks (343-8547)
- 24 Sun – **Mt. Scott**, 5m 1500' B, J.Pierce (344-1775)
- 24 Sun – **Three Pyramids**, 4m 1800' B, J.Hackett (984-0049)
- 26 Tue – **Cascade Head and coast stops**, A.McLucas (485-5608)
- 28 Thu – **Hells Half Acre-Fuji Mtn**, 7m 2200' B, Deeter (942-0824)
- 30 Sat – **George Lake**, 12m C, B.Hoyland (338-9881)
- 30-31 Sat-Sun – **Middle Sister**, Climb, B.Johnson (746-1513)
- 30-31 Sat-Sun – **3 Fing. Jack-Mt. Wash.**, Climb, Jobanek (343-8547)
- 31 Sun – **Maxwell Butte**, 10m 2500' C, G.Baitinger (344-9345)
- 31 Sun – **McKenzie Rv Tr/Tamolitch Pl**, 4.2m A, Welches (345-2056)

August

- 5-7 Fri-Sun – **Mt. Adams**, Bkpk 15m 3000' C, Sullivan (683-6837)
- 6 Sat – **Sutton Creek**, 4.3m 100' A, C.Cunningham (344-0486)
- 6 Sat – **Vivian Lk**, 8m 1600' B, J.Ledet (683-2603)
- 7 Sun – **Phantom Bridge**, 5.4m 1400' B, D.Baihuber (503-838-0089)
- 11 Thu – **DeFazio Br-Autzen Br**, Walk A, M.Fetz (687-0733)
- 13-20 Sat-Sat – **Eagle Cap Wilderness**, Climb, Renkert (485-5217)
- 13 Sat – **Lillian Falls and Klovdahl Bay**, 7.6m, B, Hoeg (484-6196)
- 13 Sat – **Marys Peak**, 5m 1250' B, D.Nelson (746-6774)
- 13 Sat – **Maxwell Butte**, 9.6m 2500' C, J. & M.Clarkson (334-6883)
- 13-14 Sat-Sun – **Mt. Adams**, Climb, M.Slipp (1-503-582-1100)
- 13-14 Sat-Sun – **South Sister**, Climb, V.Lamb (343-6845)
- 13-14 Sat-Sun – **Three Fingered Jack**, Climb, Hoyland (338-9881)
- 14 Sun – **Canyon Cr Meadows**, 6m 600' B, Funkhouser (206-2303)
- 14 Sun – **Four-In-One Cone**, 8.6m 1500' B, Christiansen (687-8379)
- 15-19 Mon-Fri – **Harrison Hot Sp - BC**, Bus, Speelman (344-3019)
- 17 Wed – **McKenzie Pass Geology**, Walk 3m A, Rodda (343-3887)
- 18 Thu – **Mt. Pisgah sunset/moonrise**, 3m A, Murdock (345-8305)
- 19 Fri – **Little Brother**, 12m 3000' C, J.Fritz (345-0347)
- 20 Sat – **Canyon Cr Meadows**, 7m 1400' B, A.McLucas (485-5608)
- 20 Sat – **Kentucky Falls**, 4.4m 800' A, S.Larsen (687-2589)
- 21 Sun – **Duffy Lake**, 6.6m 800' B, J.Hackett (984-0049)
- 21-27 Sun-Sat – **Strawberry Wilderness**, Bkpk C, R.Hansen (747-2529)
- 21 Sun – **Washburne-China Creek Loop**, A, M.Kandell (345-8095)
- 25 Thu – **Autzen Br-Knickerbocker Br** - Walk A, Fetz (687-0733)
- 25 Thu – **Park Mdw-Golden Lk**, 15m 1200' C, Christensen (343-8941)
- 26-28 Fri-Sun – **Mt. Whitney**, Climb, B.Blumm (343-8830)
- 27-28 Sat-Sun – **Broken Top**, Climb, S.Still (344-7324)
- 27-28 Sat-Sun – **Mt. Bailey**, Climb, J.Pierce (344-1775)
- 27 Sat – **Mt. Thielsen (Youth Climb)**, Climb, Jobaneks (343-8547)
- 28 Sun – **Tire Mountain**, 7.6m 800' B, M.Welches (345-2056)

September

- 2 Fri – **Little Brother**, 12m 3000' C, D.Quirk (686-3027)
- 3 Sat – **Four-In-One Cone**, 8m 1500' B, C.Tucker (344-8371)
- 3-5 Sat-Mon – **Mt. Jefferson**, Climb, K.Ball (895-3626)
- 3-5 Sat-Mon – **Table Lk**, Bkpk 22m C, K.McManigal (1-503-635-9973)
- 4 Sun – **Grizzly Peak**, 10m 2700' C, J.Hackett (984-0049)
- 7 Wed – **Scott Mtn & Tenas Lakes**, 8.2m B, S.Thomas (747-1623)
- 8 Thu – **Cascades Lakes Highway**, Bus, B.Payne (746-1964)
- 9 Fri – **Tour Historic Eugene Buildings**, Walk, J.Ewing (344-9197)
- 10 Sat – **Black Meadow**, 7m 1000' B, S.Hovis (345-7788)
- 10 Sat – **Broken Hand**, 15m C, P.Adams (746-2204)
- 10-11 Sat-Sun – **Diamond Pk-Mt. Thielsen**, Climb, Deeter (942-0824)
- 10-11 Sat-Sun – **Mt. McLoughlin**, Climb, J.Mueller (744-8797)
- 10 Sat – **Scott Mountain**, 10m 1200' C, D.Predeek (345-5531)
- 10 Sat – **Tire Mountain**, 7.5m 800' B, C.Cunningham (344-0486)
- 11 Sun – **Black Crater**, 7.5m 2500' B, J.Baer (431-0767)
- 11 Sun – **Bunchgrass Trail**, 10m 1500' C, C.Stockdale (767-3668)
- 11 Sun – **Matthieu Lk**, 6m 800' B, M.Tambellini (343-8051)
- 11 Sun – **Waldo Mtn - Salmon Lk Lp**, 9.5m B, Renkert (485-5217)
- 15 Thu – **Rigdon - Wahanna Lk**, 12m 300' C, D.Christensen (343-8941)
- 17-18 Sat-Sun – **Mt McLoughlin-Crater Lk**, Climb/Bike, Deeter (942-0824)
- 17-18 Sat-Sun – **Obsidian Falls**, Bkpk 15m C, B.Burnett (753-1535)
- 17 Sat – **Salmon Bake-Depoe Bay**, Bus, M.Cheadle (689-1085)
- 17 Sat – **Tidbits Mountain**, 4m 1100' B, S.Hoeg (484-6196)
- 18 Sun – **Indigo Springs**, 6.3m 400' B, J. & S.Duncan (343-8079)
- 18 Sun – **Maiden Peak**, 12m 2900' C, D.McCarty (342-6962)
- 18 Sun – **Matthieu Lakes**, 6m 800' B, K.Riddle (684-4030)
- 21 Wed – **Mt. June - Hardesty Way Tr**, 8m C, Deeter (942-0824)
- 23-25 Fri-Sun – **Diamond Pk Lp**, Bkpk 36m C, Hansen (747-2529)
- 23 Fri – Potluck
- 24 Sat – **The Twins**, 6.6m 1600' B, T.Woxell (485-7384)
- 24 Sat – **Vivian Lake**, 7m 1800' B, W.Dolliver (345-2975)



*What was that blur flying through the trees? Could it be Lana Lindstrom?
We may have the answer for you – check out Page 21.*



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