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Apr 21	Lodge Work Party
May 1	SciEd Tues - Wind Power
May 2	Board Meeting
May 17	First Aid Class
May 18	Potluck - Riverkeepers

**Summer Schedule
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Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore a new area.

Summer Trips Committee Puts Together Terrific Schedule

By Barb Revere, Co-Chair, Summer Trips Committee

BATHED IN SPRING'S soft sunlight, showered by the mist of a waterfall, cooled by a dew-drenched forest, delighted by a wildflower meadow or basking on a sun-drenched ridge -- that's how we hope to see you next. That's what we've been working for.

The 2007 summer trips schedule was recently posted on our website and promises a truly fabulous season ahead. We have 104 leaders and 190 trips on the schedule and it's still growing! On any given weekend you can choose from several offerings and the weekday trips are plentiful. While hiking and bicycling make up the majority of the trips, boating, birding, camping, backpacking, trail maintenance, SciEd workshops and the Second Annual Obsidian Baseball Night help spice up the mix.

WE THANK ALL the leaders who have helped us put together the terrific upcoming season. Without the leaders' willingness to commit their time and to plan, arrange and lead trips, there would be no Obsidians. We think you'll agree the leaders form the core of the club and hope you will not pass up the opportunity to thank the leader on your next Obsidian trip.

Thanks go, as well, to our great Summer Trips Committee members who made phone calls, sent emails, helped stuff packets and have contributed greatly to the summer trips effort: Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Ann-Marie Askew, Anne Bonine, Joan Bradley, Barb Bruns, Jim & Sharon Duncan, Paul Flashenberg, Mary Hamilton, Sam Houston, Bob Huntley, Sandra Larsen, Joanne Ledet, Becky Lipton, Janice Marshal, Helen Martz, Sue Meyers, Effie Neth, Carol Petty, Kathy Riddle, Karla Rusow, Barbara Schomaker, Judy Terry, Sharon Thomas and Charlie Van Deusen.

Another big "thank you" to John Jacobsen for help with the database and to Wayne Deeter, who put the schedule on our website. We also thank Margaret Prentice, who gave advice when needed, served on the committee and revised the Leader's Guide. We believe it is a clear, concise and well-organized reference manual for leaders of all experience levels and will prove useful for many years to come.

So slather on the sunscreen and let's hit the trails!

P.S. THE LEADER'S MEETING IS APRIL 17, 7 p.m. at the lodge. All leaders should attend the meeting and pick up their packets with the new permanent Leader's Guide. The new guide is meant to be kept and used for several years (until the next revision).



Photo by Barb Revere
Stacks of trip leader packets just packed by Summer Trips volunteer packers, from left, Anne Bonine, Margaret Prentice, Barb Bruns, Janet Jacobsen and Tom Adamcyk.

Welcome!

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Bulletin Mail Box

I WAS BROWSING in the (Mazama) library this afternoon and happened upon the February 2007 Obsidian Bulletin. Great story on Florence Ogden Sims. The Mazamas should do more articles like that in their own bulletin.

I have one question and one observation about the article. The question is did you really mean to say she was the first woman to climb North Sister? Or did you mean to say she was the first woman Obsidian to climb North Sister? *

As far as being the first woman to climb all three sisters, Louisa Almy and Geraldine Coursen (Mazamas) climbed all three in 1910 as follows: Middle Sister, 8/9/10; South Sister, 8/12/10; and North Sister, 8/19/10 during the second ascent. Still Florence was the third woman to complete the triple and you folks have her alpenstock and know a great deal more about her than we know about Louisa or Geraldine.

Hope all is well and thanks again for the great read.

-- Jeff Thomas

*(Editor's note: Jeff Thomas is a member of the Mazamas and the editor of "Oregon High -- A Climbing Guide." * And, yes, we did mean to say first Obsidian woman to climb North Sister.)*

OBITUARIES

Brooks "Dale" Moon

FORMER OBSIDIAN Brooks "Dale" Moon, 68, of Soda Springs, Idaho, died December 17th following a four-year battle with colon cancer.

For many years, Moon lived in Eugene and did "lots of outdoor things with club members Latham Flanagan and three-time president Ben Ross (who is still a member)," says club historian Lenore McManigal.

During his two years as an Obsidian, Moon did two climbs of Mt. Hood and a climb of Mt. Washington. In 1970, he and Flanagan were holed up in a snow cave for five days on Mt. Hood. He spent three days in a snow cave with two other climbers in 1974. Moon and Ross also climbed six mountains in one day!

Nominating Committee Forming

ANOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet in May to discuss the procedures for selecting, and then select, three candidates for election to three-year terms on the Obsidian board of directors, with the term beginning in January of 2008. At the April board meeting, the board appointed Doug Nelson and Barb Revere to head up the Nominating Committee. They will form the Nominating Committee and implement the selection process.

If you are interested in sitting on the Nominating Committee, have suggestions for candidates for the Obsidian board of directors, or are interested in being considered as a candidate for the board of directors yourself, please contact Doug or Barb:

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As of April 1, 2007

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Honorary Members	2
Junior Members	20
Life Members	21
Total Membership	560

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Obsidians in Eugene Mountain Rescue Answer the Call – Usually at Night!

By Marshall Jay Kandell

A PHONE RINGING at 2 a.m. seldom brings good news. For the many Obsidians who are part of Eugene Mountain Rescue (EMR), a ringing phone at night usually means a call to action. Someone is lost and needs to be found...rescued, if possible.

EMR shares a symbiotic relationship with the Obsidians. Indeed, it may have grown out of the club's experience with the outdoors, mountain climbing, familiarity with our area's various terrains and, of course, our many skilled climbers. A volunteer organization founded in 1968, EMR specializes in search and rescue missions involving high angle or remote settings and works in close association with the Lane County Sheriff Department's search and rescue operations.

The information and perspectives reflected in this article were gained in a discussion with a group of Obsidians who preferred to keep the focus on EMR and its collective teamwork rather than on their individual identities. Indeed, every attempt to solicit dramatic citations of personal heroism or, for that matter, fear, were deflected with expressions of complete confidence in the abilities of the "team" to handle situations and care for their own members' safety.

BUT LET'S GET BACK to that late night phone call. Climbers, hikers and mushroom pickers often go awry during the day. Friends and family may look for them, but only become alarmed as evening approaches. A 911 call is routed to the Sheriff's Department, where search and rescue coordinator John Miller (a former Obsidian) begins to organize the search and rescue teams. By this time, it's usually late evening.

EMR has a "hasty team," a group of members ready to go on a moment's notice. The call to action, however, can come to any of a number of team members who have established positive relationships with the Sheriff's Dept. over the years. That contact then calls on other EMR team members to respond (about 25 on the call list). Again, this is a volunteer organization and not everyone is always available...so, it might take several wake-up calls before a team is assembled.

Team members keep backpacks at the ready, along with



EMR search team 4 on the way to Cooper Spur in search of three climbers who attempted to climb the north side of Hood in Dec. 2006. One was found deceased in a snow cave near the summit. The other two have not yet been found. Photo used with permission of EMR and can be seen, along with other photos, on their website at <http://www.eugenemountainrescue.org>.

whatever equipment that might be required (crampons and ice axes for winter mountain or glacial efforts, for example) and duffles with sleeping bags, changes of clothing, etc., in case they wind up in the field for more than a day.

The members of the EMR team all go to Lane County Public Works, where they report in to the search and rescue operation, join up with all other rescue teams (including EMTs, scouts, horse groups, etc.), load up the vehicles, get their marching orders and move out...usually beginning any search as morning shows its early light.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION often proves faulty. Determination of where a lost person (or persons) might be is seldom definite...and searching miles and miles of square miles for someone in rough mountain terrain can pose huge logistical challenges. Not knowing if someone is injured, or how seriously, can change the degree of difficulty of the rescue effort.

"I just hope I can make a difference," said one Obsidian, "and that it's not a body recovery." Even body recoveries can have their rewarding moments, they say, since they give closure to appreciative families. In fact, EMR has used body searches as training exercises (for example, after winter

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A Salute and a Challenge

By John Pegg

THIS MONTH I have both a salute and a challenge for Obsidians. Looking back at the Winter Trips schedule and at the Summer Trips, Climbs, and Bus Trips coming up, I am astonished at the level of participation Obsidians have in this club. We are not a big organization, but we have a big impact on the recreational life of our members and the community.

My own life of exploring Oregon's mountains started in a Spring Climb School over twenty-five years ago, and my gratitude to the Obsidians who

helped me learn knots, use of an ice axe and other skills, is still fresh today. Giving back a little of what was so freely shared with me is one reason I am so happy to lead a climb, hike or cross country ski trip every year. The schedules show I am not alone in this.

MY CHALLENGE is to all of you who have never lead an activity or have not offered to lead this year. I ask you to reflect on how much some of those activities have done to increase your awareness, your knowledge, and your enjoyment of life. Don't you think it is time you gave something back? Of course there will

be excuses. My own schedule is almost full for the entire summer! But enough of excuses! Your favorite hike can still be added to the schedule; your favorite climb can still introduce someone to a beautiful mountain. Our web site makes sharing the schedule much more flexible than in the past. All you have to do is contact the appropriate committee, an easy thing to do.

So thank you to all the leaders this year, and over the years, who have so unselfishly helped us enjoy our great outdoors. We all benefit. But if you have not yet offered to lead something, there is still time to make a difference.

Obsidians in Eugene Mountain Rescue

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snows melt on mountains). One such exercise was remembered less than fondly. It was on North Sister – the “ugly sister” whose unstable rockfall slopes cause all climbers great concern.

EMR has monthly training practices covering suspension systems, winter survival skills, avalanche/snow search and rescue, search techniques, tracking, glacier travel and crevasse rescue, map and compass practice and the use of radios. Members are trained in first aid and CPR (but are “really glad when an EMT is on the rescue team!”) and undergo certification testing by the Oregon Mountain Rescue Council every four years to demonstrate competence in mountain rescue. Obsidians interested in joining EMR don't have to be experienced climbers, however, since EMR provides necessary training.

EMR IS OFTEN CALLED upon to assist in search and rescue efforts in other Oregon counties and even out of state. Such efforts included the recent searches for climbers on Mt. Hood, where they once found themselves blinded by blowing snow in a blizzard. “The only way we could have found anyone (in those weather conditions) was to fall over them.”

Despite the big play such rescue efforts get in the news media, most missions do not involve high mountain drama. EMR has logged about 8,000 mission hours since 2000, with 65% *not* involving true mountain rescue (although such rescues are the most time intensive).

The calls can be quite diverse. Plane crashes, lost kids, searching for evidence in remote crime scenes. Since the advent of GPS, the number of lost hunters has gone down; while the problems with the more low-tech, nose-to-the-ground mushroom pickers continue.

As EMR team members describe some of their more

memorable experiences – such as having to lift by rope a stretcher-bound mushroom picker up a perilous cliff on an exhausting mile-long journey to an ambulance at the closest logging road – it is appropriate to respond with some awe at their skills, strength and heroism. They downplay such adoration, however.

“IT'S A TEAM EFFORT. *We can only do as much as the team can do.*”

“If we're not feeling well, we have to be honest and let our team members know. Our own safety is paramount.”

“We have techniques for coping with risky situations and minimizing the risks.”

“I'm not afraid, because I know the people climbing with me are capable of saving me.”

“I don't think any of our EMR people have been injured.”

“When I first started, I had a hero attitude...and then I did a body search.”

“One of my first missions involved a horrendous plane crash...we had to gather and try to sort out body parts.”

It should be noted that none of the team members sharing their insights had Rambo-like physiques. They were men and women of modest build (although they did say they had some on the team who were “really big and strong”). They may not be that big in stature, but you can bet they look **great** to the men, women and children they rescue!

The biggest hazard EMR faces?

“Driving to and from the mountains...I-5 can be deadly!”

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For more information on Eugene Mountain Rescue, check out their website at <http://www.eugenemountainrescue.org/>. And we can all look forward to John Miller from the Lane County Search & Rescue doing a potluck presentation on December 14, 2007 at the Lodge.

Don Hunter:

Avid Conservationist and Producer Of Audio-Visual Spectaculars

By Lou Maenz

(Janet Jacobsen -- who also did most of the research -- and I interviewed Don Hunter at his home in South Eugene.)

AN INTRODUCTION

This witty, charming and erudite environmentalist was a delight to interview. Not only were we entertained by good conversation and wonderful glimpses back in history, we were lucky enough to be treated to a demonstration (including recorded sound from trains long ago) of model trains operating in a mockup of the last railroad logging camp in Oregon.

If, in the environmental world, there were a title of *emeritus* bestowed, this professor emeritus in audio-visual from the University of Oregon should surely be a recipient. Don's entire life has been devoted to lovingly preserving the sights and sounds of nature and trying to convince others of the environment's beauty and value.

For those of you who do not know Don, he is a member of the Obsidians and has been since 1960, although his first club hike was in 1935. He was born in Eugene and raised on Dillard Rd. in a house right before the hairpin turn south of Baldy. After graduating from Eugene High School in 1932, he attended the UofO for a degree in electrical engineering. When the depression halted this endeavor, he went to work for Dotson Repair, which was right next door to Dotson Photography. Dot Dotson's brother ran the shop (talk about small world). Don worked there for a few years, joined the military and, later, completed his degree in Chicago, thanks to the military. He then returned home and was hired by EWEB. However, he soon was lured into working for the university in 1946 to establish their first audio-visual department.

AN ARCHIVIST OF SOUND AND SIGHT

Don's fascination with sound and sight began early in his life. In high

school he was in charge of the AV department, and when they purchased the first RCA radio-phonograph recorder in Eugene, the budding sound biographer went to the train tracks and made recordings of the trains coming and go-



Don Hunter

ing. It was the beginning of a collection of thousands of sounds -- audios collected for posterity.

"Of special interest to me during my career in audio recording has been the collection of unusual sounds and the preservation of sounds around us which are disappearing from our lives, often unnoticed."

(see http://natural-history.uoregon.edu/Pages/dh_virtual_tour/museum_tour/museum_tour.html)

A natural progression from sound is sight, and Don followed that route with a passion. He became a photographer of the Pacific Northwest and developed an inspiring and immense collection of sights, as well as sounds. Black and white photography was soon replaced by sophisticated 35mm slide technology.

"PROUD TO BE AN OBSIDIAN"

Around the time he was working for Dotson Repair in 1935-36, Don became active in the Obsidians and climbed Middle Sister with Elsie and Dot Dotson, along with about 25 others. It was cold, he was cold, he had no sleeping bag, and ended up snuggling with Elsie and Dot in their sleeping bags: a memorable beginning to a long Obsidian relationship. One of the other experiences Don reminisced about was riding the ski train. During 1936 and 1937 the now famous Snow Train ran from Eugene to Crescent Junction near Odell. This important piece of history is well to make note of and in the men's restroom at the lodge are both a photo of the train and an advertisement for the trip. The train carried 600 people and cost \$1.75 a ticket. That may sound inexpensive, but not when you consider that the average annual income in the United States at that time was just about \$1,800. Breakfast and a box lunch could also be purchased on-board.

Over the years, Don participated in a number of trips with the club. He reflected on the wonderful time he had in 1938 at the Belknap Hot Springs two-day new year's party. Not only was it a fun time with lots of games and sports, but also one of the most beautiful nights he ever experienced -- the stars brilliant and the snow shining in the moonlight. Other fond memories were climbing South Sister from Devil's Lake with Bob Merrill in 1962 and climbing the North Sister in 1963, thus becoming an Obsidian Chief. He also led a fair number of trips. Of these, the most memorable were probably in 1971, 1976 and 1981, when he led photography trips to the Painted Hills. These trips had something of a marathon quality to them. Off at 8:15 a.m., Sahalie Falls at midmorning, lunch at

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Don Hunter: Avid Conservationist

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Smith Rock, a stop to photograph Oregon cactus in bloom, the Painted Hills, wildflowers, dinner, and home at 1 a.m. -- a good time had by exhausted all.

And, to round out his Obsidian resume: he, his dad and his brothers all worked on the building of the first lodge.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL SYNERGY

Occasionally in life a person is lucky and talented enough to join two passions and arrive at a union that is greater than the sum of the two. Don's audio-video archiving and love of nature coalesced into such a synergy. Joining avocation and vocation, he developed extravaganza slide shows using three screens, four projections and sound. These shows were presented with minimum of narration, letting beauty speak for itself.

Over the years, he created at least 30 such presentations, several of which have been shown at potlucks. It needs to be noted that Don has also entertained the Obsidians with personal slide shows ranging in interest from railroads to Arizona canyons. The multi-media presentations between 1971 and 1999 included Mt. Pisgah, Mt. St. Helens, the new Oregon Trail, and Oregon Spectacular. The comments from the Bulletins are a litany of praise: "a visual delight," "thoroughly enjoyed," "attentive audience," "Grand," "a gourmet visual feast." Two of his inspiring programs, "Eugene Then and Now" and "The Pageant Years" were presented at the Hult Center during the Eugene Celebration in 1998.

We all have favorites among the things we have done and frequently the reason is simply, it was a lot of fun to do. Don's program on Mt. St. Helens is his favorite among the environmental shows he has produced. It is also one of the most moving. He took a series of pictures during the eruption and, a year later, flew over the caldera. He was immensely touched by what he saw and requested a pass to enter the red zone. He, his two boys and one of their girl

friends were given a permit and a receiver so they could be warned of impending danger. Off they hiked into the devastated area to record what the overwhelming power of nature had wrought. This was one of his potluck shows.

ACTIVIST

The Three Sisters Wilderness Area consists of 283,402 acres in the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests. It is the centerpiece between the northern Cascades and the Umpqua in the south. It is currently a designated preserve, free from timber and mining desecration. This was not always the case, however. Don was one of the

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Friends of the Three Sisters, an environmental action group formed by Obsidians in 1957 which was instrumental in helping to foster a reclassification upgrade to wilderness area in response to the looming threat of the area being opened up to timber interests by the Forest Service. It was a battle that lasted nearly 30 years. On February 24, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed the Endangered American Wilderness Act. The Three Sisters Area was protected at last.

What was Don's part? Twice, under the auspices of Friends of Three Sisters, he went to Washington to do battle with the Forest Service. The first time was in 1971 to present his show of the pristine French Pete Watershed Area, the only roadless region to be left out of the Three Sisters district, to the congressional committee concerned with land management. It was a three screen, four projector extravaganza and was so effective the Forest Service,

scheduled to present its program after him, declined the opportunity. In essence, they threw in the towel.

So impressive was the response he was again sent to Washington that year by the Friends to help preserve the Rock Mesa area. That matter involved a mining company which had rights to pumice mining south of South Sister. The issue at hand was the purchase of the claim by the government so it could be included in the proposed wilderness area. After his show before the congressional committee, he was told that had he not shown the slides, most likely the area would have been left to the miners. The congressmen had thought Rock Mesa was just a pile of rocks. Once again the old adage "a picture is worth a thousand words" proved true. And to that we need to add: Thank you, Don.

NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

Currently, the UofO is funding the translation and recording of many of Don's shows, slides and tapes to CD and DVD so they won't be lost due to changing technology. Unfortunately, the French Pete and the Rocky Mesa presentations are not among them. Don is working on his autobiography, as well as a program on the places he has visited that were his favorites. He is orienting this show to a more conservationist viewpoint.

Don's latest and favorite, so far, of all his presentations is a three screen show titled "To Live!" The slides and narration are based on a philosophical question: "Do we sometimes, at lucid moments, see the structure of a master plan?" Considering that Don has looked and listened more closely to the earth than most of us, this should be a fascinating look into some of the deeper and more contemplative aspects of the relationships to be found in nature.

Don Hunter has impacted and added much to our lives. He is an avid conservationist, archivist and environmentalist. How lucky we are to have him as a fellow Eugenean and Obsidian.

Our Club Penstemaniacs: Robin and Ken Lodewick

By Janet Jacobsen

WHEN I STARTED HIKING with the Obsidians in the 70s, I was told that if I would learn to identify a few new wildflowers each year, I would soon be a “wildflower expert.” If I had followed this advice, people might now be asking me to identify wildflowers on the trail. Instead, I am still asking, “What is that flower?” There is one flower, the penstemon, that consistently stumps me every time.



Penstemon serrulatus

Obsidians Robin and Ken Lodewick are true penstemaniacs with a passion for this flower. Robin said, “You would be surprised how few people can identify a penstemon.” (No, I am not surprised.) The genus penstemon is the largest of flowering plants native to North America (270 species or more, depending on which botanist does the counting). There are 46 Oregon penstemons. Its common name, beardtongue, comes from the bearded staminode found in most species.

ROBIN AND KEN are able to quote detailed features and locations of numerous species by memory. Through the years, their garden has been an ongoing research project and contained over 150 species of penstemons. Robin said that at the present time they only have three in their garden, but Ken insisted there are only two. In the 90s, Robin and Ken published “Key to the Genus Penstemon,” a plant key containing all of the species. The key is quite detailed, but very practical for nonbotanists.

Robin and Ken are also members of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. They were active in the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness project. In the early 70s, Ken and Robin made a 3-D map of the contours of the French Pete Valley. Ken, a cartographer, cut out the pieces and stacked them together. Robin said, “It was transported to the hearings

(Endangered American Wilderness Act) and whatever happened to it after that I don’t know. Perhaps it’s in a vault in Washington, D.C.”

Ken, an Obsidian since 1955, has gone on 203 trips. He met Robin when she joined the Obsidians in 1961. She has gone on 166 trips. The Lodewicks led many wildflower hikes for our club, including Obsidian Loop and Iron Mountain. They liked to stop on the way back to town at Koosah Falls to see the penstemon serrulatus. Robin said, “On July 4th, we would lead a hike to Bohemia Mountain, where there are displays of wildflowers, including several species of penstemon.” On their June 26, 1982 trip to Iron Mountain, Ken wrote, “Stopped at several other places to check -- you guessed it -- penstemons. Spring was late this year (there was snow on the trail near the summit) and the flowers were in full bloom, a grand show. We found for the first time on the mountain (for us) dicentra uniflora, or steer’s head, related to bleeding heart.”



Dicentra uniflora, or steer’s head

ROBIN LAUGHINGLY told me dicentra uniflora is difficult to find. The leaf blooms for one week and the flower for one week. Years ago, while camping with the Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness near Park Meadows, Ken was hiking with a Swedish botanist who was looking for the elusive dicentra uniflora. The botanist was so disappointed that he had traveled so many miles and hadn’t seen one. Ken said, “If you look down at your feet, you will see hundreds of them.”

I wonder what my chances are to spot dicentra uniflora? I’d better stick with penstemons. Ken warned me that being around a penstemaniac was contagious.

Robin and Ken have been loyal attendees at potlucks. They were unable to attend the past few months for health reasons.

Summer Camp Whets Appetite For a Week in an Isolated Lighthouse

By Leila Snow

AREN'T MEMORIES of summer camp at their very best during the dreary months of winter? It was certainly true for me as I contemplated a Christmas gift for my husband. I kept thinking back to Sequim and the fun we had hiking and visiting with friends in such a beautiful area. That's why I got him a membership to the New Dungeness Light Station Association (<http://www.newdungenesslighthouse.com/membership.html>); it only costs \$30 and it's the first step toward becoming a keeper.

Once we had our membership, I began looking for a time we could stay at the light house. It's a popular place and is usually booked two years out. I signed up for a week in November 2008 and kept my eye on the website for any cancellations. A single room in the three plus bedroom keeper's house became available the first week of March, and I snatched it up. The scheduler confirmed our reservation and sent us the contact information for the two other couples with whom we would share our week. This is where I began to have my first doubts. A week in an isolated lighthouse with people we've never met? "What if they want to watch daytime TV?," I wailed. My husband had to remind me that they had also signed up for a week in isolation and would likely be our kind of people.

WE MET OUR CO-KEEPERS for dinner in Sequim at the start of our tour of duty. Oddly, both couples were named Mike and Sue; and both Mikes were engineers. One couple was from Sequim, retired with a lavender farm. This would be their first trip to the lighthouse. The other couple was from Yakima and had discovered the light house as we had, while traveling with their hiking group.



Dungeness Spit Lighthouse - Photo by Barb Revere

We met the transport team at the storage depot in town, unloading all our food and gear into two large four-wheel-drive Suburbans. Transport happens at low tide, whenever that may be. We were lucky to have a humane 6 p.m. departure time. Sometimes, the ride out is the most memorable part of the trip; however, there were no large logs obstructing our path and the sand was relatively smooth. When we arrived the outgoing keepers had their things piled by the drop off point. Our driver gave a quick tour of bilge pumps and other technical issues to one of our party while the rest of us unloaded our gear and loaded up the outgoing team. In mere minutes, we were alone -- out five miles of barely accessible sand spit with a lighthouse we knew nothing about.

THE KEEPER'S HOUSE was built in 1905 and has been meticulously maintained. It was like staying at a fabulous bed and breakfast and had everything we needed to make our stay comfortable -- including the dreaded TV, which our group never turned on. We spent the first night unpacking and reading the voluminous literature about the light station, familiarizing ourselves with its operations and history. We were all in

bed by 9 p.m., listening to the gentle lapping of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The days soon settled into a pattern. Yakima Sue and I would get up early and walk the spit at low tide, many days going almost all five miles back to the trailhead. I had a wonderful time identifying ducks and sea birds, and even more fun watching their feeding and social patterns. We would often meet the first visitors on the spit, and would give them encouragement to go all the way out to the lighthouse. The rest of our crew would spend the mornings watering, mowing the lawn and performing small chores such as recaulking the bathtubs. When visitors arrived at the station, we would welcome them, share a bit of history and give them a tour of the lighthouse. By 4 p.m., all visitors would be gone and we would spend some time in our individual pursuits: Sequim Susan and Mike looking for agates, Roy singing in the tower, I watching wildlife behavior and large ships steaming by, and Yakima Mike and Sue reading.

At 6 p.m., we would gather to lower the flag and go in to dinner. We traded cooking responsibilities,

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Getting to Know Our Committees - and Their Chairpersons

Editor's Note: We've asked each of our committee chairpersons to share with the membership a little bit about themselves and their committees. Each month, we'll present a few of their profiles.

Brian Hamilton, Chairperson Lodge Building Committee

A LOVE OF mountain climbing prompted me to join the Obsidians in the fall of 2003 after completing the required qualifying climb of Broken Top. Climbing is still my favorite club activity, followed by cross-country skiing and hiking.



I am an architect working primarily on public, institutional and commercial buildings.

My professional background led to requests that I serve on the Lodge Construction Committee in December 2004 and, later, the Lodge Building Committee. I am now in my second year as an Obsidian board member.

Besides the responsibilities listed in the club's bylaws, my primary goals for the committee are:

1. Prepare a maintenance & operations manual for the lodge. The manual will contain instructions on how to use and maintain equipment and materials incorporated into the lodge during the recent remodel, as well as previously existing lodge equipment, furnishings and finishes.

2. Update lodge rental documents to reflect changes to the building, contact numbers, and, possibly, the rental rate structure.

Barb Revere, Chairperson Publications Committee

A TRIP AROUND Clear Lake in May 2005 was my first experience with the Obsidians. I've hiked 108 more trips since then, but Clear Lake and the McKenzie River Trail remain my favorite. One day while hiking with Marshall Kandell, I asked a lot of questions about the club. He said, "Start going to the board meetings –but watch out, you'll wind up chairing a committee."



Publications Chair? I consider myself more a spokesperson for our hard-working committee. I write the Trip Sampler. John Jacobsen does layout with Stewart Hoeg. Marshall Kandell is the copy editor. Janet is our researcher, writer and reporter. We all proofread endlessly. Our committee decides everything by discussion, sometimes loud and long, and builds to consensus.

Our committee's general goal is to send out a publication that illustrates and augments the interests, intents and ideals of the club. We hope every issue informs, delights and strengthens our membership. Our specific goal for 2007 is to build more participation by readers -- in the form of letters to the editor, hiking tips, recipes, poems, anecdotes, opinion pieces, photographs (keep them coming) and whatever else they think might be of interest to an outdoorsy bunch like the Obsidians.

Isolated Lighthouse

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which made it more like a holiday! Dinners were a time for lively conversation; then we'd all settle down to read, embroider, paste pictures in our albums or pursue other quiet activities. Some nights we'd take a night walk or go up in the tower to see if we could identify other light stations. One night I spent three hours watching the shipping channels and listening to the waves lap. So peaceful!

THE DAYS WERE DISTINGUISHED by unusual sightings. A number of

times we were able to see nuclear submarines come into the bay for change of personnel, flanked by Coast Guard cutters. A small skiff would meet the submarine in the bay, and the change of personnel would take place right on the water. Another day, we got to watch a juvenile eagle bring food home and deposit it with the adults, who then parsed it out to the whole family of four eagles. We were able to observe two otters eat a ray, an awkward but fascinating process.

All too soon, our week was up. On our final day, we had over 40

visitors – more than we'd had the entire week! It made for a busy moment, as we were also cleaning the house, washing linens and getting ready for the incoming keepers. Nevertheless, we had our gear piled in the drive when transport arrived. It was fun to talk to our volunteer drivers on the way out, as we too now felt a personal responsibility for the success of the New Dungeness Light Station.

Would I do it again? In a heartbeat! I keep a watch on the website for openings, and hope you will too!

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[www.newdungenesslighthouse.com/
lighthousekeepers.html](http://www.newdungenesslighthouse.com/lighthousekeepers.html)

Board Notes

April 4, 2007

By Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary

Members present: Board Members: John Pegg, Sheila Ward, Brian Hamilton, Stewart Hoeg, Anne McLucas, Barb Revere, and Laurie Funkhouser. Other members present were Lana Lindstrom, Barbara Bruns, Larry Huff, Wayne Deeter, Scott Hovis, Lenore McManigal, John Jacobsen, Janet Jacobsen, Julie Dorland, Kathy Hoeg, Joella Ewing, Jim Pierce, and Doug Nelson.

Treasurer's Report: Requested and received approval for payment of bills.

High Cascade Forest Volunteers: John, as president of Obsidians, provided support of endorsement sought by High Cascade Forest Volunteers as part of the non-profit application after receiving a majority response for such support for Board members via e-mail.

Old Business

None

New Business

Nominating Committee: The Board needs to establish a nominating committee in April 2007 to be in the process of obtaining candidates for the Board position. Doug Nelson and Barbara Revere volunteered to be on the committee and to work to obtain at least a total of five members.

Lodge Rental Policies: Brian Hamilton is creating a committee to present a proposal regarding changes to the Lodge Rental policy. Stewart Hoeg and John Jacobsen agreed to participate in the committee. Brian welcomed any one who is interested to join.

Lodge Insurance: Barbara Bruns the current bill for renewal for the lodge insurance is \$1850 which provides for a 4.675% inflation increase in commercial property value, no change in general liability and minimal change in non-owned auto coverage (vehicles used for club administration functions).

Committee Reports

Summer Trips (Barb Revere/Janet Jacobsen): Barb reported 2 trip reports have been received – impressive since the season started 4 days ago – with

\$21.00 in fees collected from 2 non-members and 11 members. The Leader Meeting is scheduled for 4/17/07 (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Currently 190 trips are scheduled with 104 leaders but there are some weekends which are available for trips.

Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): Jim reported a total of 8 trip reports with 4 trips canceled and 1 trip rescheduled, which included 64 members and 9 non-members for total revenue of \$104.00.

Climbs (Larry Huff): The 29-event climb schedule is online. Climb school starts Thursday 4/12/07 with 16 enrollees. An ad was placed with the Register-Guard to promote the climb school to try to meet the maximum of 24 students.

By-Ways-By-Bus (Liz Re-anier): Lenore McManigal reported for Liz that the "A Day in the Country" bus trip. A full report will be featured in the May Bulletin.

Summer Outing (Jim Duncan): John Jacobsen reported for Jim that the Summer Camp potluck presented slides, gear information. Currently the 1st week session is nearing full and the 2nd week has some spots. The committee met in March to discuss cooks, fees and registration matters. Will meet again in April to discuss duties, responsible people, etc.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Lana reported that Sharon Ritchie had a successful Crater Lake trip with 43 people enjoying the great food, good company and lots of snow. \$500 transferred into the General Fund.

Youth (Scott Hovis): Scott led a youth backpacking trip during the Spring Break but was disappointed there were no sign-ups for the event which resulted in him soliciting participants.

Membership (Julie Dorland): The Board approved the membership application for Heather Croson. 2 reinstated members. Current membership is 560.

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): Kathy reported approximately 66 dinner attendees and 75 presentation attendees for the 3/27/07 Camp Pegg potluck.

Science & Education (Joella Ewing): 35 people attended the 3/13/07 Global Warming program. Total fees collected: \$32. The 4/10/07 (7:00 p.m.)

program will be proper selection of walking and running shoes. In addition, 4/18/07 Rick Ahrens will lead an evening hike at Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, 5/1/07, Jim Malone of EWEB will speak on Wind Power, 5/28/07, Rick Ahrens will lead an interpretative hike all the way around Mt. Pisgah, 6/2/07 Joella will lead a 2-mile hike on the Ridgeline Trail ending at the Raptor Center for the 1:00 p.m. program and 6/19/07 Holly McCrea will provide a program on Yellowstone.

Publicity (Anne Dhu McLucas): Anne presented three discussion topics for the Board to consider: 1) Request for \$300 for update publicity materials, distribution, etc. ; 2) Develop a list of media contacts; 3) Provide electronic versions of the Bulletin to persons to promote the club and/or to nonmembers at an annual subscription rate. The Board opted to discuss item 1) at the next meeting but approve items 2) and 3) with a subscription rate of \$20/year.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): Laurie reported March sales of \$126.90. Looking to add to inventory soon.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Wayne reported that of the 410 of the 560 (66 2/3%) members have e-mail addresses.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Lenore reported events for April. All trip reports have been posted to the computer record.

Lodge Building (Brian Hamilton): The main circuit breaker tripping continues to be a problem. Brian sought and received approval from the Board to have Reynolds examine the problem and look at replacing the breaker (potentially \$350-400). John Jacobsen has prepared drafts of Lodge opening and closing procedures. New signage will be posted when drafts are finalized.

Lodge Ground (John Jacobsen): Work parties took place on 3/15/07 and 3/22/07 involving planting of disturbed areas. The next work party is scheduled for 4/21/07 9:00 a. m. to noon to coincide with Earth Day!

Safety (Doug Nelson): Doug reported no incident reports this calendar year. The Safety Committee will be hosting an informal, outdoor oriented first aid class on Thursday, 5/17/07, from 6-9 p.m. at the Lodge.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Snow Shoe Trips

Gold Lake Shelter

February 24, 2007

Leader: Zella Andreski

Co-Leader Jane Allen

5 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

FIVE OF US set out for another adventure. The scenery was grand, pure, pristine and beckoning. The trees were heavily laden with snow. We even had the privilege of blazing some of the trails, which allowed us to be a part of reality and made us appreciate mother nature and the gifts she bestowed upon us once more. Because of this, the trail turned from an E to an M, as can often occur. But our valiant group unanimously enjoyed it. It was not difficult to do. Member: Jane Allen, Zella Andreski, Ken Augustson and Linda Hovey; nonmember Manuel Balesteri.

Diamond Creek Falls

March 10, 2007

Leader: Jim Pierce

3 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

A DAUNTLESS DOZEN gathered, expecting forecasted rain. But blue skies prevailed, with nary a drop until the trip home. The snow was crusty after recent rains and the trail littered with small branches and lichen. Trail obstacles were negotiated without injury. We paraded through all seven canyon viewpoints and often paused to listen to the breeze in the trees. The falls were spectacular, with lots of water. We took 90 minutes to reach the Upper Diamond Creek Falls. After lunch beside the falls, the return route was along the FS road and the Vivian Lakes trail. We enjoyed spectacular panoramas and majestic mountain hemlock forests. The return took an hour. In the parking lot, Marianne fed us her wonderful poppy seed cake...which attracted the entertainment: Clarke's nut-crackers removing tidbits from open hands. We almost beat the rain back to Eugene. Enjoying the lovely outing

were qualifying nonmember Heather Croson and members Marianne Camp, Kathleen & Jim Floyd, Daphne James, Barb Revere, Patrice McCaffrey, Sharon & Jim Duncan, George Jobanek, Ann-Marie Askew and Jim Pierce.



Ski Trips

Arrowhead Lake

March 4, 2007

Leaders: Laurie Funkhouser

Co-Leader Charlie Van Deusen

10 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

WHAT A GREAT DAY! Our crew of seven members arrived at Gold Lake Nordic Area under blue skies with minor clouds and 10-12" of fresh snow! *Yahoo!* Geared up and headed up the road on a single track, but had to break trail when the track veered off onto Abernathy Road. Rotating the lead dispersed the hard sweaty work of trail breaking, except for energized Sue Wolling! Due to the warm weather (50+ degrees), the forest was truly a "rain" forest of melting snow, so opted to continue down FS 6899 rather than our intended destination of Arrowhead Lake. Lunched in a sunny spot where Chris Stockdale amazed us with her boomerang littering talent. Returned the same way under continued warm, blue skies. The enjoyable group included Glen Svendsen, Dave Jensen, Sue Wolling, Chris Stockdale, Janet Winter, Charlie Van Deusen and Laurie Funkhouser.

Midnight Lake

March 17, 2007

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

6 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD JUST STARTED up the steep section of trail when we heard a loud *Crrraack!* Sure sounded like a ski broke. Both skis seemed intact when the skier picked up his feet. However, when he removed his skis at lunch, we could see a very large crack with several branches just beyond his boot! Plus, the

bottom of the ski had delaminated underneath the crack, so there was a bubble which was not evident going uphill, but did slow him down a bit on the return. Amazingly, the ski held for the rest of the trip!

It was great skiing, especially considering we saw lots of bare ground along the road on the drive up. There was 4' of snow according to the gauge at the beginning of the trail. The snow wasn't too icy; nor was it too sluggish on the way down. It was just right! We skied in one layer only with two people in t-shirts. It sure felt like 65 degrees! Sharing a fabulous day were members Jim & Kathleen Floyd, Laurie Funkhouser, Bob Huntley, Lana Lindstrom, Sue Meyers and Dick Moffitt; and nonmember Peggy Windle.



Hikes

Trestle Creek Falls

March 4, 2007

Leader: Ann-Marie Askew

3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Easy)

AFTER WEEKS OF RAIN and snow, we were blessed with partially cloudy skies. Patches of snow framed the road along Brice Creek. Portions of the trail were snowy and/or muddy and we had to climb over a couple of fallen logs, but we thoroughly enjoyed the mild temperature and periodic bursts of sun. We followed the loop counter-clockwise, up to and under the upper falls, then down to Brice Creek, where we stopped for lunch in the sun before hiking up the short trail to the lower falls. Happy hikers included members Joan Abel, Joella Ewing, Kathy & Stewart Hoeg, Sue Meyers, Tom Musselwhite, Barb Revere, Glen Svendsen and Ann-Marie Askew.

North Shasta Loop

March 7, 2007

Leader: Ruth Romoser

5 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD A GREAT HIKE on paved sidewalks and road up North Shasta Loop.

There are nice views of Eugene on this hike -- a great two hour urban walk. Six Obsidians -- Max Brown, Myron Cook, Jim & Kathleen Floyd, Giselle Garrity and I really enjoyed the hike.

Cape Perpetua
March 10, 2007
Leader: Zella Andreski
7 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT BEGAN with 16 hikers on the sign up sheet ended up as 9, due to the predicted rainy weather and the flu going around. For the coast at this time of year, we all felt the climate was actually mild. In the open areas, the wind reminded us of a "not yet over winter" status. The rain that came down was actually a mist and the air was fresh, crisp and clean. As we hiked up, the fog would roll in and out from the shores, occasionally giving us a peek at the view, always astounding. The forest was magic and rejuvenating. We were also graced with the youngest member of our good group -- Jane Allen's nine-year-old grand-daughter, Kaylah -- who held her own on this 900 foot climb. We all enjoyed her. Special thanks to Daniele Delaby for driving and her marvelous sense of humor; and Linda Hovey for sweeping. Members: Jane Allen, Zella Andreski, Ken Augustson, Barbara Boylan, Daniele Delaby, Linda Hovey and Martha Welches. Nonmembers: Kaylah Allen and Bob Cullinan. As usual, it was most fun. P.S. We also enjoyed a bit of hot cocoa in Florence, perfect ending for a perfect day.

flyway was very low, so we canceled that! No real early risers! Everyone dined on their own, had a good night's sleep and were finishing breakfast when all the power in Klamath Falls went out. We didn't have anyone stuck in elevators, so we went back out to the refuge for more birds. We had awakened to four inches of snow in town -- higher in the rural areas. After lunching at Applebee's, we headed home, having to chain up. Although some plans had to be changed, everyone had a great time.

Birds identified: bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, kestrels, northern harrier, magpie, tundra swans, lesser scaup, ring-necked ducks, snow geese, greater white fronted geese, rough-legged hawks, northern pintails, buffleheads, mallards, Barrow's golden-eye ducks, ring-necked pheasants, coots, northern shovelers, ruddy ducks, great blue herons, rock pigeons, California quail, black-crowned night heron, ravens, greater yellow legs, American wigeon.

Riders included members Rick Ahrens, Don Baldwin, Ewart Baldwin, Pat Bitner, Barbara Chinn, Sharon Cutsworth, Dora Harris, Verna Kocken, Earline & Tom Kopriva, Wendy Mitchell, Liz Reanier, Chris Shuraleff, Mary Ellen West, Brigitte Williams and Vera Wooley; and nonmembers Lee Honeyman, Erla & Rob King, Mary & Ron Sherriffs, Annabelle Street, Doris Wimber and Jerry & Suzy Wojcik.

**Open Dates
for Trip Leaders**

SUMMER TRIPS needs leaders to schedule the following easy (E), moderate (M) and difficult (D) outings:
Sun., Apr. 15--M&E; Sun., Apr. 29--D&E; Sun., May 13--D&E; Sun., May 27--E&D; Sun., June 7--E&M; Sun., July 1--E&D; Sat., July 7--E&D; Sun., July 8--E&M; Sun., Aug. 26--E&M; Sat., Sept. 1--E; Sun., Sept. 2--E&M; Sat., Oct. 6--M&D; Sun., Oct. 7--E&D; Sat., Oct. 13--E&D; Sun., Oct. 14--E,M&D; Sat., Oct. 20--E&D; Sat., Oct. 27--E,M&D.

Kulm presented the March Science and Education Tuesday program entitled "Perspectives on Global Warming."

"I figure Obsidians are a pretty sharp crowd," Dr. Kulm began. "So, I can tell you I believe we should really be talking about global heating, rather than global warming."

"While we cannot control the weather, the international community attempts to modify the near-term global climate. We compare the current global warming trend with the most dramatic geological climate changes that are influenced by the earth's orbital parameters and bursts of greenhouse gasses for oceanic and polar deposits."

"The interactions of global warming with sea level fluctuations, melting glaciers, rising temperatures, greenhouse gasses and oceanic processes present a complex feedback system. Abrupt climate change, lasting perhaps 100,000 years, is a severe problem for the inhabitants of Earth."

Dr. Kulm said that if he were to enter the recently announced contest offering a \$25,000,000 prize for the person presenting the best idea to scrub the atmosphere of carbon dioxide, he would suggest planting trees all over the world. He said he would not expect that idea to win.

However, he believes the recent greenhouse gas legislation by California is an important concept for slowing our current warming episode. He suggested that action at the state level is more likely to be effective in a timely manner than waiting for trickle-down legislation to be implemented at the Federal level.



**ByWays
By Bus**

Eagles N' More
February 20- 21, 2007
Leaders: Rick Ahrens, Liz Reanier

TRAVELING HWYS. 58 and 97 to Klamath Falls, we had rest stops at the ranger station and Greenwaters Park and lunch at Applebee's in Klamath Falls. We then went out birding and had great views of eagles on the ice where the highway parallels the railroad tracks going into Klamath Falls. We found some barren area, went to the Refuge Center and then found the birds. The number of reported sightings of eagles out on the



**SciEd
Tuesday**

Perspectives On Global Warming
Speaker: Dr. Vern Kulm

MILLIONS OF YEARS of geologic climate history predict that Earth is due for a global cooling period. However, carbon dioxide and other pollutants have turned that timetable on its head. Trends developing during the recent past indicate we are headed into unprecedented global heating, according to Dr. Vern Kulm, marine geologist and professor emeritus of Oceanic Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University. Dr.

Weather Cooperates with Obsidians On Wallowas Backcountry Ski Trip

By Chris Stockdale, Trip Leader

FANTASTIC POWDER, stunning scenery and an amazingly compatible group of Obsidians combined to give participants a truly memorable backcountry ski trip in the Wallowas, February 22-26.

During the weeks leading up to departure for the Wallowas, snow conditions throughout Oregon were worsening. A dry spell, warm temperatures and then rain did nothing to alleviate fears that we would arrive in Joseph to find bare mountain slopes. Our fears never materialized.

A few days before we left, the weather changed dramatically and this time concern arose about driving conditions just to get across the state. Three carpool groups left from various points and, amazingly, we found all three vehicles in a caravan just outside La Grande – totally unplanned! The drive was fairly uneventful with the exception of snowy conditions going over the Blue Mountain summit, where trucks had stopped to chain up and traffic slowed to a crawl.

Along on the trip with me were Jan Anselmo, Marsha Barr, Larry Dunlap, John Hegg, Bob Huntley, Sam Miller, Bill Sullivan, Charlie Van Deusen, Lyndell Wilken and Sue Wolling.

THE FIRST NIGHT was spent at a wonderful B&B – Chandler's – just a few blocks from downtown Joseph. For \$29 per person, we got comfortable beds (even a couple of single rooms), access to the hot tub, coffee, tea & cookies when we arrived, an incredible full breakfast in the morning and for an extra \$5 per person, showers, tea, coffee & cookies on our way out. (Nobody turned that latter opportunity down.) We backtracked a few miles to Enterprise for dinner at the Terminal Velocity brewpub, on recommendation by Bill Sullivan. A funky place that was a little hard to find, but a great menu and excellent beer.

Our outfitter, Roger Averbach of Wing Ridge Ski Tours, met with us at the B&B the next morning for an extremely thorough briefing on the trip, including detailed information about avalanche danger, snow conditions and the weather. Mandatory equipment included avalanche transceivers, probes and snow shovels (Note: this equipment is available

on free loan from UofO Outdoor Program to its membership, which is \$15/year.) We were able to leave unneeded luggage at the B&B and set off for the trailhead, about 18 miles from Joseph.

THE TRAILHEAD at Salt Creek Summit offers restrooms and a new, large warming hut. You have to share the area with snowmobilers, but Roger promised us his part of Oregon has redneck crosscountry skiers and tree-hugging snowmobilers. Although we set off in windy, cold and snowy conditions, the weather brightened and most of the trip in was in sunny weather. We had to break trail thanks to the recent dumping of snow, but I don't think anybody complained. The trail is about 4.5 miles with lots of little ups-and-downs, which seems like more when you are carrying a loaded backpack. The very last part of the trail snakes down 200' in a series of switchbacks, and then you cross Big Sheep Creek and climb



50' up to the bench where the camp sits.

Very basic accommodations, but sufficient. Two sleeping tents with five bunks each and a kitchen tent with two bunks, all of which are equipped with deluxe Thermarest sleeping pads. The tents also have efficient wood burning stoves. For those who didn't mind a little smoke, the wood stove-heated sauna helped them relax and clean up (a little) after a day of skiing. The only tent not heated was the outhouse, so nobody lingered there.

THE GROUP DIVIDED well into two types of skiers – the “Extreme Group” who climbed up high to telemark down; and “The Others” who opted for the lower trails in the valley. *The Extremes* climbed the shoulder of Mt. Nebo twice on Saturday, gaining a total of 3,000 vertical feet. They lost that elevation by floating down through powder snow, telemarking through little clearings. On Sunday, they skied two miles up Big Sheep Creek and then climbed another three miles up the South Fork to a knoll at the 8,200-foot level in Big Sheep Basin. This high valley is surrounded by a wall of icy cliffs. Bill dug an avalanche test pit and found a total of five feet of light powder snow on top of an icy crust. It was

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March Potluck Review:

Camp Pegg Rally *By John Jacobsen, Camp Boss*

THE MARCH 23 CAMP Pegg Rally/Potluck was well attended, in spite of the Ducks playing in the Sweet Sixteen at the same time as the potluck. This was more than just a potluck, it was the opening of registration for camp and many people took advantage by turning in their registration forms to Sharon Ritchie and Lana Lindstrom during the evening.

There was a display of guide books, maps and other information on the Beaver Creek/Yellowstone area available in the Scherer Room.

After dinner, the presentation began when I introduced the Camp Pegg core staff. Campers were reminded that all camp attendees would receive a camp booklet at the June potluck with detailed info on Camp Pegg.

Sharon Ritchie then reviewed the registration process including dates, final payment date, wait list procedure, etc. Lana Lindstrom explained how the food works, how lunches are fixed and what to expect. We had a discussion of early breakfasts to facilitate early departures from camp both for longer hikes and also to beat the tourist hoards into Yellowstone Park.



Old Faithful, one of the many attractions of Summer Camp 2007

Sharon Ritchie showed suggested (and mandatory) items to bring, along with tips for happy camping that she has picked up thru the years. Sharon also reviewed the likely weather to expect - pleasant days, cold nights, but always prepare for the unexpected. Carolyn Higgins talked about the responsibilities of all the campers who will have 2 or 3 duties during the course of the week, such as serving food, dish washing, etc. I reviewed the bear situation, bear procedures in camp, hiking in bear country and the carrying of pepper spray.

Rick Ahrens and I presented a slide show of the Beaver Creek camp site, the surrounding area, activities available, and of course lots of slides of Yellowstone Park. Included were slides of a trip Rick took with his family to Yellowstone when he was a young boy.

We answered many questions about the camp and the area.

There seems to be a lot of excitement about this camp. I know I find the idea of going to a new area that I have not explored before very appealing.

Wallowas Backcountry Ski Trip

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almost too much powder for easy telemarking. They skied back down with snow over their knees.

Meanwhile, *The Others* headed up to the Tenderfoot Trailhead with the intention of finding the Bonny Lakes trail. After finding a snow bridge to carry them over Big Sheep Creek, they bushwhacked up an old burned slope (breaking trail all the way, of course), but never did find anything that resembled an official trail. But they had a great time, heading into the woods through the deep new powder and enjoying the beauty and peace of their

surroundings. On Sunday they decided to follow the *Extremes* (letting those guys break trail after yet another dumping of snow), but that plan only lasted a couple of miles when the *Extremes* performed some extreme maneuvers the *Others* decided not to emulate. But again, and especially because the sun came out, they had a wonderful time in the woods.

DINNERS WERE GROUP events and the last night's meal was a banquet. Bill orchestrated his group and the rest of us were treated to incredible hors d'oeuvres and homemade minestrone soup with Metropol bread -- accompa-

nied by plenty of wine. We woke on our last morning to a glorious sunrise and even more new snow, which made it hard to pack up and leave. Throughout the weekend we had had sunshine, high winds, blizzards, soft snowflakes, temperatures dropping to 12 degrees on one night, and about 18" of new snow total. The trip out was uneventful, and we got back to the B&B for the most wonderful showers before noon.

(Editor's Note: Bill Sullivan's article on skiing in the Wallowas appeared in the Outdoors Section of the March 13th Register-Guard.)

UPCOMING

Barb's Sampler: Flowers & Birds & Goats, Oh May!

By Barb Revere

Tue., April 17 – Larison Creek – Hike, moderate. This is the quintessential northwest rainforest walk with carpets of fern under a moss-draped tree canopy. Larison Creek is a feeder stream of Hillsdale Reservoir and your route follows the reservoir and creek for its entire length. The six-mile trail climbs only 200 ft. and is usually in good shape, even after heavy rains. Led by Margaret Prentice.

Fri., April 20 -- Drift Creek/Horse Creek – Hike, moderate. Ancient Sitka spruce, Douglas-fir and western hemlock with diameters of five and seven feet; need we say more to get you interested in this six-mile goat hike? The trail is steep, but not too much for cloven hooves or good boots. You'll descend 1,200 feet and then climb back out, so be sure to bring a hearty lunch. Mary Holbert and Effie Neth will be along to interpret for any well-behaved humans who wish to join the *caprines* co-leaders, Legs and Plum, on this trip.

Sat., April 21 -- Tumalo Mt. – X-Ski, difficult. Kevin McManigal's eight-mile trip takes off near Dutchman's Flat west of Bend. There is no marked trail in winter and you'll travel up (and down) through dense trees to the summit where you can view the slopes of Mt. Bachelor, the Sisters and other landmarks of Oregon's high country.

Tue., April 24 -- West Eugene Wetlands – Bird & bike, easy. For a 13-mile tour of the wetlands and some good bird sightings close to town, don't miss this opportunity to join Anne Montgomery on this easy peddle. Bring binoculars and birding guide.

Same Day (April 24) –Mary's Peak – Hike, moderate. Last year on this hike up to the highest peak in the Coast Range, leader Dan Christensen reported his group could see from the Pacific Ocean to Mt. Jefferson to the Sisters. The well-maintained trail climbs 2,000 feet to the often snow-covered top and wildflowers abound

along the way.

Sat., April 28 -- North Bank Deer Preserve -- Hike, moderate. Everyone who takes this hike raves about it. Leader John Jacobsen seems to hit exactly on the peak bloom time for the madrone trees. There are groves of these beautiful native trees and some really large specimens to awe you. The wildflowers are terrific, too, and each new sighting is "oohed" and "aahed" over with relish! Be prepared for a truly wonderful time on this hike of 8.4 miles and 1,800 ft.

Sun., April 29 -- Skinner Butte -- Hike, easy. Leader Janet Jacobsen will begin the Eugene Skinner history walk at the Eugene Library by the Skinner sculpture, then head off to the Fifth Street Market, the cabin marker by the columns, and to the top of Skinner Butte. Perhaps from the top, we can view the Eugene Marathon. Easy 4 miles, 200 ft. elevation gain.

Fri., May 4 -- McKenzie River Trail – Hike, moderate. All of this nearby trail travels through deep forest and closely follows the beautiful McKenzie River. Expect easy walking in a ferny, mossy world of spring green studded with white trillium, yellow wood violets and pink calypso orchids. Daniele Delaby leads this 8.6-mile hike which climbs 250 ft.

Sat., May 5 -- Silver Falls – Hike, moderate. The jewel in the state park system, Silver Falls State Park makes a spectacular destination at any time, but in the height of spring run-off it is unbeatable. The Columbia River lava flows formed the rock at the top of the canyon 26 million years ago. Fifteen million years later, erosion of the softer rock layers beneath collapsed some of the lava and carved out the canyon. The trail winds behind many of the waterfalls so you can walk under them for an unusual view. Leader Scott Hovis plans on seeing all 10 waterfalls and covering seven miles with 600 ft. of elevation change. Watch for American dippers.

These brown-gray songbirds dive into fast moving water to feed on insects and other aquatic life.

Sun., May 6 -- Hardesty Mountain -- Hike, moderate. The trailhead is only 30 miles from the south end of Eugene. At 9.6 miles and 2,100 ft., this trip gets a harder *moderate* rating. Leader Laurie Funkhouser likes the hike for the great workout and the change in scenery from ferny undergrowth to bare understory to rocky ridgeline, with views of Sawtooth Rock, Mt. June and Bohemia Mt. popping in and out along the way.

Mon., May 7 – Alton Baker Park -- Evening hike, easy. According to leader Ruth Romoser, this urban hike starting in Alton Baker Park will go "even if it's raining. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a great spring *evening* walk along the river!" You'll walk six miles, with 250 ft of climbing for a great view of downtown Eugene from the top of Skinner Butte.

Fri., May 11 – Chip Ross Park/Dimple Hill – Hike, moderate. Wild flowers should be out and the mountain bikers should still be in school for this weekday trip of 7.6 miles and 1,650 ft. Located in OSU's McDonald Park, this area is a hilly, intertwining network of old logging roads and trails. So impressed was leader Janet Jacobsen when she visited the area last year, that she vowed to visit again in 2007 to explore more trails in this under-utilized park.

Sat., May 12 – Sutton Creek – Hike, easy. A figure eight of trails along a lazy creek above Baker Beach, this trail offers views of ocean, beach, cliffs, dunes, salal thickets and grassy meadows. Watch for osprey, heron and beaver. Jane Hackett leads this 4.8 mile trip with 100 ft. of gain.

Same Day (May. 12) -- Urban Bird Walk – Hike, easy. With a 6 a.m. start, this hike is for the *early* birds, both viewing and viewed. Leader George Jobanek plans to walk a loop

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Events at Mt. Pisgah

For reservations and information about the following events, call 747-1504. "Membership" refers to Arboretum membership, not Obsidian membership.

SPRING FIELD BOTANY WORKSHOP, Sat.-Sun., April 14 & 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. -- In this two-day intensive workshop botanist Tobias Policha will help participants improve their identification skills and knowledge of our local flora. The focus will be on flowering plants. This is a hands-on class, so be prepared to go outside. Recommended text: Gilkey and Dennis' Handbooks of Northwestern Plants (2001 edition). Pre-registration required; \$55 (\$50 members.)

8 A.M. BIRD WALKS: Sat. April 14 (with Dick Lamster and Maeve Sowles) and **Sat., May 5** with Davey Wendt. Meet at visitor center, rain or shine. Suggested donation: \$3 (members free). Coffee served!

WILDFLOWER WALKS -- Immerse yourself in the splendor of the Arboretum's native spring wildflowers along blooming trails on these guided walks with experienced botanists. Meet at visitor center, rain or shine. Suggested donation: \$3 (members free).

- **Sun., April 15, 10 a.m.-noon:** "Wildflowers for Dummies"
- **Sat., May 12, 10 a.m.-noon:** with Dr. Rhoda Love

• **Sun., April 22, 10 a.m.-noon:** "Wildflower Folklore"

• **Tues., May 1, 3-4 p.m.:** Native Plant Appreciation Week Walk - free! Co-sponsored by NPSO.

EARTH DAY WILDFLOWER GARDEN WORKPARTY FOR SINGLES, Sat., April 21, 1-3 p.m. -- Celebrate Earth Day by getting your hands dirty with the damp, rich soil of spring in the Arboretum's Patricia Baker Wildflower Garden. The event begins with a stroll around the grounds to meet other nature-loving singles and admire the colorful spring wildflowers. After the walk spend some time in the Wildflower Garden helping to improve plant habitat, remove invasives and plant seedlings. Meet at Arboretum tool shop, rain or shine Free!

MEDICINAL HERB WALK, Sat., April 28, 10 a.m.-noon. Explore the world of northwest medicinal herbs with herbalist Sherri Brown. Meet at visitor center, rain or shine. Suggested donation: \$3 (members free).

BIRDING ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP, Sun., May 6, 8 a.m.- noon. Whether you are new to birding or just want to improve your skills, this workshop will expand your knowledge of the avian world. Join birder Rick Ahrens and learn a systematic way to identify birds by sight and sound; and how to

more effectively use your field guides and optics. Most class time will be spent in the field. Bring binoculars and a field guide (some are available to borrow). Fee: \$25 (\$20 members).

WOMEN IN BLOOM: HERBS FOR WOMEN WORKSHOP, Sun., May 6, 1-4 p.m. -- Join herbalist Sue Sierralupe and learn ways women can use plants and herbs to promote health throughout every stage of life; and take a walk through the Arboretum to look for and identify those that grow locally. After the walk, learn to make an herbal body powder to take home. Students may request areas to cover ahead of time to be sure their questions are addressed. Fee: \$20 (\$15 members). Visitor center. Fee: \$30 (\$25 members). Registration required.

NATURE JOURNALING, Sat., May 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. -- Learn to document nature and record observations in unique ways: preserve found objects in the forest like a beautiful spring leaf or flower, a dragonfly wing, a feather or a pattern of a lichen. Learn interesting techniques to transfer patterns like the path of a bark beetle etched in wood into your. Kermit Horn conducts this science-art class in the Arboretum's White Oak Pavilion. Dress for the weather. Geared to adults; children ages 12 and up only. Register. Fee: \$17 (\$15 members).

Barb's Sampler:

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from Amazon Park -- including the cemetery, the south university neighborhood and Hendrick's Park -- listening and looking for the urban birds most of us don't even know are there. Bring binoculars on this five-mile walk and expect some surprising and lovely birdsong.

Sun., May 13 –Aufderheide Drive – Bike, difficult. Sue Wollong leads this 60-mile road trip between the towns of Westfir and Blue River, climbing about 2,500 feet, summiting at about the mid-point. Your route, also known as forest road #19, tours through significant old growth forests along the South Fork of the McKenzie River, the west shore of Cougar Reservoir and the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. No wonder they call it the Aufderheide

National *Scenic* Byway!

Wed., May 16 –Sweet Creek and Beaver Creek – Hike, easy. It must be spring because this hike is offered on April 21(led by Carol Petty), on Apr. 28 (led by Barbara Schomaker) and on May 16 (led by Jim and Kathleen Floyd). At an easy 5.2 miles with only 650 feet of elevation change, you get more waterfall roar for your buck fee on this than any other hike I can think of. The walkways and viewing platforms get hikers out over the creek for maximum views and misty faces. This hike is always a winner!

April showers bring May flowers, according to the old adage. In Oregon, April showers not only bring flowers, but more showers! So, be sure to tote along rain gear on all trips! Dress for the weather and plan on it changing.



Upcoming Bus Trips

Obsidian Trip Report Generator

By Janet Jacobsen

Prospect Hotel near Crater Lake:

ON SHARON RITCHIE'S recent trip to Crater Lake, I stood up at Sunday breakfast and announced the release of John Jacobsen's new Trip Report Generator. Some members have said they would lead more trips if they didn't have to write that darn trip report. I'm not going to let John talk about it because it will be too technical. Just let me tell you how easy it works and you don't even need a password.

When Sharon Ritchie goes home tonight and starts to write her trip report about Crater Lake, she will just type in her name and the name of the trip. The Obsidian Report Generator will go through all of her 100 trip reports (yes, she has led over 100 trips) and other reports on Crater Lake for the last 50 years. It will determine Sharon's writing style, generate a report, and when the report pops up, Sharon can make changes. For example, if the report says that we are a congenial group, she can click on congenial and pick a more appropriate word for our behavior. Unfortunately, the one thing it won't do is tell the world that Sharon is a fantastic and totally awesome leader. Everyone at the breakfast table cheered and added other adjectives.

At this point, a suspicious Keith Newsom looked at his watch and then asked, "What day is this?" I replied, "April Fools." Everyone started laughing but many were disappointed that the Obsidian Report Generator has not really been invented... yet.

April 1, 2007

Nearby Nature's Summer Quests

\$2/person/\$5/family. Pre-registration suggested, 687-9699

TALONS AND BEAKS -- Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m.-noon -- Learn all about local birds of prey. Check out talons and feathers up close and go on a family-paced hike in search of big birds! Also enjoy a snack, a craft and a visit from a costumed Kinder Critter! Meet outside Park Host Residence in Alton Baker Park (between dog run and community gardens).

BUSY AS A BEE -- Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m.-noon -- How many miles would you fly each day if you were a bee? Learn all about the pollinators that live in our park. Decorate a plant pot and plant your own colorful flower! Also enjoy a family-paced hike, a snack and a visit from a costumed Kinder Critter! Meet outside the Park Host Residence in Alton Baker Park.

DRAGONS OF THE AIR -- Saturday, August 25, 10 a.m.-noon -- Can you think of a creature that comes in red, blue, green, brown and even gold? Search ponds and meadows for our local dragon (flies)-insects that lived way back with the dinosaurs! Enjoy a family-paced hike, a snack, a craft and a visit from a costumed Kinder Critter! Meet outside the Park Host Residence in Alton Baker Park.

A Day in Portland as a Tourist

Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Leaders: Barbara and Paul Beard

Cost: \$63 (\$65 nonmember)

Reservations and Checks to: Mary Lee Cheadle (689-1085)
3225 Richard Ave., Eugene 97402

This will be a great day to enjoy the flowers of May Day and tour the sights. There will be a drive by some interesting new construction and a ride on the new tram that goes from the river up to Oregon Health Sciences University. We will also visit the Japanese Gardens, Pittock Mansion and see a movie at OMNIMAX. Lunch will be at Sweet Tomatoes (included in cost).

Wolf Haven – NW Trek – Tacoma Glass

Date: Wednesday/Thursday, May 16-17, 2007

Leaders: Rick Ahrens and Liz Reanier

Cost: \$140 (\$144 (nonmember))

Reservations and checks to: Barbara Payne (746-1964)
39478 Walterville Lane, Springfield 97478

We will travel 1-5 north, turning off to Tenino (old 99) for a tour and sack lunch at Wolf Haven International, a sanctuary for captive-born wolves and education, restoration and conservation for wild wolves. The tour is handicap accessible. Then we will stay on old 99 to Eatonville for a stop at Northwest Trek, a wildlife park, exhibiting animals and birds native to the northwest. We will take a tram ride out in the free-roaming area to view animals. Then we will travel north through Puyallup to Tacoma for our overnight stay at La Quinta Inn. Day 2, we will check out the Brown and Haley (Almond Roca Candy) outlet store, tour the Tacoma Glass Museum, the Chihuly Bridge of Glass and Union Station. Before we head south, we will view the second span of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge (just opened).

A Diverse Community: Woodburn

Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Liz Reanier

Cost: \$37 (\$39 nonmembers)

Reservations and checks to: Pat Bitner (485-3971) 1925 East 26th, Eugene 97403

Woodburn is best known for agriculture, berries and nursery plants. It is also known for being culturally diverse with a large Hispanic population and many Russian Old Believers. We will visit the 1892, 14-room Settlemier house, the World Berry Center and Museum and have a look at the onion domed Russian Old Believer Church. We will visit the downtown area where Hispanic shops are located. For railroad buffs, we will visit Engine 1785, a 1902 SP steam engine. We will take in the Bauman Farms store, a fourth generation family farm and garden center. Lunch will be at the Wellspring Medical Center (your cost), a new \$13 million facility devoted to the health, pleasure and well being of its visitors.

AT THE LODGE

Wind Power on Tap SciEd Tuesday - May 1

JIM MALONEY, the alternative energy specialist at EWEB, will present our May SciEd program on Wind Energy on Tuesday, May 1, at 7 p.m.. Please note the change from our usual second Tuesday date, which falls at the same time as EWEB's monthly board meeting where Jim will also make a presentation.

Jim will talk about wind energy, in general, and zero in on its application in the Pacific Northwest. He will also discuss State Senate Bill 878, the Renewable Portfolio Standard (government speak for renewable energy standards), developed by a working group appointed by the governor. In addition, Jim's PowerPoint program will consider the right way to implement wind power without a negative impact on birds, bats and other wildlife.

--Joella Ewing, SciEd Committee Chair

Global Warming Discussion

ANYONE INTERESTED in taking part in a four-session discussion course on global warming, please contact Judy Newman at:747-2001 or [www.jnewman@uoregon.edu](mailto:jnewman@uoregon.edu).

We will be using the Northwest Earth Institute "Global Warming Course" book of readings. Only cost for the course is \$16 for the text. Books may be shared.

Dates, times and location will be decided by the participants.

First Aid Class

THIS INFORMAL CLASS, sponsored by the safety committee, will be held at the lodge on May 17, from 6-9 pm. The focus will be on basic first aid problems and techniques in an outdoor setting. The class will be free of charge and all trip leaders and interested others are encouraged to attend.

--Doug Nelson, Safety Committee Chair



POTLUCK

APRIL 27 PREVIEW :

AMY MORRISON - WILLAMETTE RIVERKEEPER

By Chris Cunningham

FROM KAYAKS AND CANOES, or maybe along a favorite hiking trail, they monitor the quality of the water - and life itself - in the Willamette River and its many tributaries. Besides testing for water pollution, they watch for changes in the terrain that might cause erosion or affect wildlife habitat. They identify sections along the river that beg for cleanup. They ensure that stormwater doesn't interfere with the river's water quality. They insist that municipal treatment plants and sewer systems don't contaminate river—and ultimately—human health.

These dedicated staff and their cadre of volunteers work under the auspices of Willamette Riverkeeper, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the Willamette River.

Amy Morrison, River Protection Coordinator for Willamette Riverkeeper and overseer of the River Guardian volunteer program, will be the April potluck guest speaker. Through slides and lecture, she will give the audience a progress report on what Willamette Riverkeeper has accomplished so far, and discuss outstanding river issues the organization hopes to resolve.

Morrison holds a B.S. in Environmental Science/Watershed Management from Humboldt State University in California. She developed an interest in river advocacy, education and public involvement issues while serving as a NWSA Americorps member with Tualatin Riverkeeper. She says she is grateful she can combine her "science background with community organizing, to help others see the value of protecting and restoring the natural environment."



What's more, she is "thrilled" her work takes her along the Willamette River and its surrounding communities—sometimes by canoe—from Eugene to Portland. What Obsidian wouldn't feel the same?

For more information about Willamette Riverkeeper, see www.willamette-riverkeeper.org.

April Potluck

**Friday, April 27, 2007, Obsidian Lodge
Potluck, 6:30 p.m. Program, 7:30 p.m.**

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with your own plates, utensils and cups...and \$1 to help cover lodge expenses. Parking at the lodge can get crowded, especially for potlucks. Please consider carpooling.

Camp Pegg Openings Still Available

THERE ARE STILL a few slots available for week 2 of Summer Camp at Beaver Creek, Montana, near Yellowstone. Wait lists will be available for both sessions when they become full, so if you are interested, get your registration and deposit in. A form was included with your March Bulletin and the forms are available for download at our website - www.obsidians.org. Complete instructions are included with the form. This will be a great camp in a great new location, so don't miss it.

Another Chance to Join High Cascade Forest Volunteers



HERE'S ANOTHER CHANCE for you to "give a little back" to the forests and trails we all love and use. Last year, I reported on the first-ever training session for volunteers offered by the Willamette National Forest staff. Those who signed up are now part of the High Cascade Forest Volunteers squad.

This group of dedicated workers spent countless hours over the ensuing months surveying trails, performing maintenance work, hosting trailheads and "adopting" wilderness lakes. However, as the national forest budgets are cut even further, WNF must depend even more on volunteers to keep our beautiful part of the state in good repair for all to enjoy.

This year's training weekend is scheduled for May 18-20 and will be held at the Westfir Middle School. Classes include First Aid/CPR, Map/Compass/GPS training, Survival Tips, Trail Maintenance Basics, Wilderness Steward/Hosts and others. All classes will be offered at least twice during the weekend and registration is free. On Saturday evening, registrants are invited to a BBQ and Dutch Oven Dinner. Camping is available at the school (tents and RVs) and the school will be open for showers and toilet facilities.

If you are interested in more information, contact me at chris-veryan@yahoo.com or 767-3668. *By Chris Stockdale*

Obsidian Calendar

April

14 Sat – Mt. Pisgah, East side, hike, Marc Hansen	343-5114
14 Sat – Orchard Point, bike, Sharon Ritchie	342-8435
15 Sun – Clothing/Equip Swap Lindstrom	683-1409
15 Sun – Three Creek Lake, X-Ski, D, McLucas.....	485-5608
15 Sun – Rogue River Trail, D, B.Montgomery.....	736-8955
17 Tue – Larison Creek , hike, Margaret Prentice.....	687-5850
17 Tue – Leader's Meeting,	7PM at the Lodge
18 Wed – Fern Ridge, evening, Walk, R.Ahrens	689-3996
20 Fri – Drift Creek, Horse Creek side, Holbert.....	541-265-4208
21-22 Sat-Sun–Mt. St. Helens, Climb/X-Ski,Deeter.....	942-0824
21 Sat – Old Baldy/Coburg Hills, M, G.Kirk.....	683-7033
21 Sat – Sweet Creek-Beaver Creek Falls, M, Petty.....	935-2088
21 Sat – Tumalo Mountain, X-Ski, McManigal.....	503-635-9973
22 Sun – Upper Fall Creek, 8m 100' M, E.Neth.....	484-6210
22 Sun – Raptor Center, Earth Day, 3m, Jacobsen	343-8030
24 Tue – Mary's Peak, 7m 2000' M, D.Christensen.....	343-8941
24 Tue –Eugene Wetlands, Bird/Bike, Montgomery	688-7025
27 Fri – Willamette Riverkeeper—Morrison.....	Potluck
28 Sat – North Bank Deer Preserve, Jacobsen.....	343-8030
28 Sat – Skinner Butte, teen climb, S.Hovis.....	345-7788
28 Sat – Spencer Butte, Trail Maint, P.Asai	933-3927
28 Sat – Sweet Creek, 2.2m 250' E, B.Schomaker	485-1378
29 Sun – Diamond Peak, X-Ski D, B.McWhorter.....	345-8099
29 Sun – Skinner Butte, M, Jacobsen	343-8030

May

1 Tue – Portland, Bus, B. & P.Beard	541-994-2337
1 Tue – Wind Power	SciEd Tues
3 Thu – EmX and hike, 7m M, J.Jacobsen	343-8030
4 Fri – McKenzie River Trail, M, D.Delaby	688-4978
5 Sat – Mt. Hood, Climb, M.Slipp.....	503-582-1100
5 Sat – Silver Creek Falls, 7m M, S.Hovis	345-7788
5 Sat – Tahkenitch Dunes -M, M.Camp.....	221-1866
6 Sun – Clear Lake to Trailbridge, D, B.Revere	726-4989
6 Sun – Hardesty Mountain, M, L.Funkhouser.....	206-2303
7 Mon – Alton Baker Park, M, R.Romoser.....	726-8154
8 Tue – Cape Perpetua, 4.5m E, D. & S.Call	954-7733
11 Fri – Chip Ross Park/Dimple Hill, Jacobsen.....	343-8030
12 Sat – McKenzie View, Bike, M,S.Ritchie	342-8435
12 Sat – N. Fork Willamette River, M, Dolliver	345-2975
12-13 Sat-Sun – Smith Rock, Rock Climb, Huff.....	915-9071
12 Sat – Sutton Creek, 4.8m 100' E, J.Hackett	984-0049
12 Sat – Urban Birdwalk, M, G.Jobanek	343-8547
13 Sun – Aufferheide Road, Bike, D, S.Wolling	345-2110
13 Sun – Heceta Hd./Hobbit Trail, M, McLucas	485-5608
16 Wed – Sweet & Beaver Creek Falls, E, Floyd.....	654-0087

Semi-Annual Building/ Grounds Work Party

Earthday, Saturday April 21, 9-Noon

The Obsidian Lodge Building Committee and the Grounds Committee will be having a joint Earthday work party at the lodge to cleanup, repair and maintain our beautiful property. We can use lots and lots of hands to make the work fly by. Tasks of all kinds available so please come and help out. Refreshments will be served. RSVP:

Brian Hamilton 343-6550 red.gray@comcast.net

John Jacobsen 343-8030 johnwjacobsen@comcast.net



Skiing in the Wallowas. See report on Page 13. - Photo by Chris Stockdale



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