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Dates to Remember

June 14th	Sci Ed—Yellowstone
June 29th	Wetlands Potluck
July 11	Board Meeting

Remember Date Changes

SciEd on Thursday June 14
Potluck on Friday, June 29

Summer Camp Openings

We need more campers!!
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Great Deal

Annual Climb School Offers “Mountaineering 101” Course

By Larry Huff, Climbs Chairperson

ONCE A YEAR, in early spring, the Obsidians and Eugene Mountain Rescue come together. The two clubs organize, promote and instruct a beginning mountaineering course. The Climb School is a fundraiser and tool to recruit participants into the two organizations.

It was four years ago when I first came through the course. It was an inspiration and has shaped my life in many positive ways. I believe the inspiration landed me square in the job of coordinator of the school this year. At first glance, the task appeared to be overwhelming; but, like clockwork I, found out that with the usual cast of characters it would be a cinch, “huh.”

With the dates, volunteers and climbing gear for the school secured we just needed to get the word out. We posted on the two clubs’ websites and put up flyers around town at the various outdoor stores and programs. The registration was going slowly through the first several weeks, with only 16 students signed on with eight days to go. We advertised in the Register-Guard’s Outdoor section a week before the Thursday night opening classroom session. Inside a week after advertising in the newspaper the response was so overwhelming the amount of participants nearly doubled. The class grew beyond the maximum and we scrambled to recruit more help and gear for the school.

IT IS A THURSDAY afternoon at the Obsidian lodge and I am scrambling with the help of the four volunteer instructors to get the stage set for the 28 eager participants who will be arriving at 6:30 p.m. As the time for the class approached, the lodge was becoming a beehive of activity with 19 volunteers helping orient 28 students and giving instruction in knot tying as we prepared to open class.

I have participated the last three years as an assistant, but I did not have to open a class and give an introduction to mountaineering in front of nearly 50 people. I was more nervous than I let on, but was fortunate to be able to pass the torch to the very capable and rehearsed cast of instructors.

The first classroom and subsequent field day are geared toward the fundamentals of safe and efficient travel on rock in a mountain environment. In this portion of the school, the students learn basic knots and their uses, the proper use of equipment, how to travel on a fixed line and the proper climbing and belaying commands. The



*Photo by Julie McGlinsky
The first step is the hardest. Rappelling at the columns during Obsidian climb school.*

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President's Message: *Guess What I Saw Today!*

By John Pegg

HIKING UP MT. PISGAH on the east side today, I surprised a coyote. Actually, I don't know who was more surprised. I watched open mouthed as it scampered away through the tall grass. This was one of the little gifts that make a day and a hike in the sunshine even more special. It is one of the many serendipitous connections we invariably make with the life beyond our city-bound lives. It is one of the many reasons we Obsidians hike, climb, bike and put ourselves in the outdoors.

As we enter the best of the spring and summer hiking season, I hope you are looking forward as much as I am to the surprises ahead. I love exploring new places. But it isn't only the new places that hold surprises. Every year, I hike some of the same trails I have hiked in the past, climb some of the same mountains and bike some of the same roads. It is never the same. There is always the new flower I never noticed before, the view I never appreciated or the coyote that jumps out at me around the bend. It is time to pack up your 10 essentials, dust off your boots and enjoy the surprises that await you.

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OBITUARIES

Norman 'Sylver' Lee

DR. NORMAN 'Sylver' Lee, of Tumalo, died March 28 of age-related causes. He was 93. Lee was born August 22, 1913, in Junction City to Wright and Edith (Oswell) Lee. He married Katrina Mangiafico in Eugene in 2000.

Lee served as a second lieutenant in World War II. He worked as a dentist until retiring in the mid-1970s. A former Obsidian, he enjoyed mountain climbing, skiing, the natural world and "transcendentistry."

An active club member from 1934 to 1968, Lee became the 73rd Obsidian Chief in 1937. His activities included 22 climbs and 15 ski trips.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, a sister and his

first wife, Judy. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sierra Club.

Lorie Cross

ACELEBRATION of life was held May 25 at First United Methodist Church for Lorie Cross, who died April 20 of head injuries suffered in a motor accident on January 17. He was 87.

Last October, Lorie was invited to the lodge open house to see his two carvings, "Beside Forest Trails," in the entryway. The story of how the 1946 carvings made their way to the lodge was featured in the December Bulletin. We are honored to have Lorie's artwork grace our lodge. There is an impressive wood carving by Lorie Cross, Art Clough and others at the Eugene Airport. The next time you pass through airport security, keep walking toward the west windows. The carving is on the north wall.

Obsidians, Global Warming And Carbon Footprints

By Joella Ewing, SciEd Chairperson

HAVE YOU THOUGHT about how global warming could affect the Obsidians and our activities in the not so distant future?

What will happen to our Yachats to Waldport hike when the sea rises a foot, or even six inches? To the Tahkenitch Dunes or the Hobbit Trail hikes? What will it be like to hike through what are now lush forests after they are decimated by weather change-related insect infestations or disease or additional wildfires? How will we ski or snowshoe without winter snow packs? And, we'll be able to throw away our crampons and ice axes because no one will even want to buy them, except as relics of the past.

These are all real possibilities facing us, with discernable changes perhaps beginning as soon as five to eight years from now — if the time frame prediction EWEB's renewable resource specialist Jim Maloney made at the May SciEd program is correct. In fact, a study released May 18 by the UO Institute for a Sustainable Environment predicts the 2020s will see 50% more acres of forests burned than during the 20th century and by the 2040s a 100% increase. Also, 11 independent scientists told the Northwest Power Planning Council northwest temperatures have already increased nearly two degrees since 1900. The rate is expected to continue at a rate of about a degree a decade, causing 40% of rivers in Oregon and Idaho to be too warm for salmon by 2090.

Some scientists say we are already seeing changes caused by global warming. Could the dead tree stands on Aufderheide Drive be an early warning of things to come? What can we do as individuals to turn these dire possibilities around?

Measure Your Carbon Footprint

WE OBSIDIANS practice the ethic of leaving no trace behind; but whether we realize it or not, we each leave behind a "carbon footprint" every day, the size of which depends on how we live our lives.

Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, in a Register-Guard guest viewpoint, described carbon footprints as each person's personal greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). She discussed how we create them and how to calculate our own individual or household carbon footprints. She challenged each of us to reduce our carbon footprints by reducing our GHG emissions and provided a website (www.sustaineugene.com) that offers more information, as well as:

- a tool for calculating your carbon emissions;
- a pledge form to let her know you will participate in the Mayor's Climate Challenge; and
- tips to help you decide your personal effort to meet the

challenge.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS she asked us to consider:

- A "typical" Eugene resident's personal GHG emissions are 13.6 tons per year.
- The Oregon per capita is closer to 17 tons.
- The US average is about 20 tons of CO₂e (equivalents) per year.

A UofO Climate Leadership Initiative study indicates transportation is the largest contributor (big surprise) of nearly half of our typical Eugenean's tonnage, assuming he/she drives only 12,000 miles per year in a Honda. Heating and cooling, hot water, lighting and appliances make up most of the remainder.

This figure does not include 5.5 tons of emissions per year (a conservative estimate) generated in providing, manufacturing and transporting food and other consumer goods to our typical Eugenean. It also does not include air travel, which can add two tons for a flight from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco; or as much as five tons for a trans-Atlantic flight.

I hope you will access the above website to come up with your own carbon footprint. I did and found it fun and informative. I've taken the Mayor's challenge and hope you will, too. Even more important is following

through with such measures as driving less, turning the thermostat up in the summer and down in the winter, using compact florescent bulbs and energy efficient appliances, buying locally produced foods that don't have to be transported, keeping car and lawn mower air filters clean, replacing washers to stop drips and remembering to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Even after we reduce all we possibly can, we still emit quite a lot of carbon into the atmosphere. Some people want to further mitigate the damage they cause by purchasing carbon offsets.

What are Carbon Offsets?

PEOPLE CAN BECOME "carbon neutral" by purchasing carbon offsets equivalent to the carbon footprint that remains after reducing all the GHG emissions they can. Please note, though they are called carbon offsets, they offset *all* green-

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Climate Change Causes Concern

By Janet Jacobsen

(With an editorial assist from
Marshall Kandell)

GLACIERS GROW SLOWLY. Watching glaciers grow, for some, might be compared to watching paint dry. For others, it's a passion. Watching glaciers recede and threaten to disappear altogether, however, is causing excitement and tremendous concern throughout the scientific, environmental and outdoor communities.

One such ice flow is Collier Glacier, which starts from the saddle between North and Middle Sister and flows northwesterly around the west face of North Sister. And, for at least as long as there have been Obsidians, we have had Collier Glacier watchers, including Ray Sims and Ruth Hopson Keen.

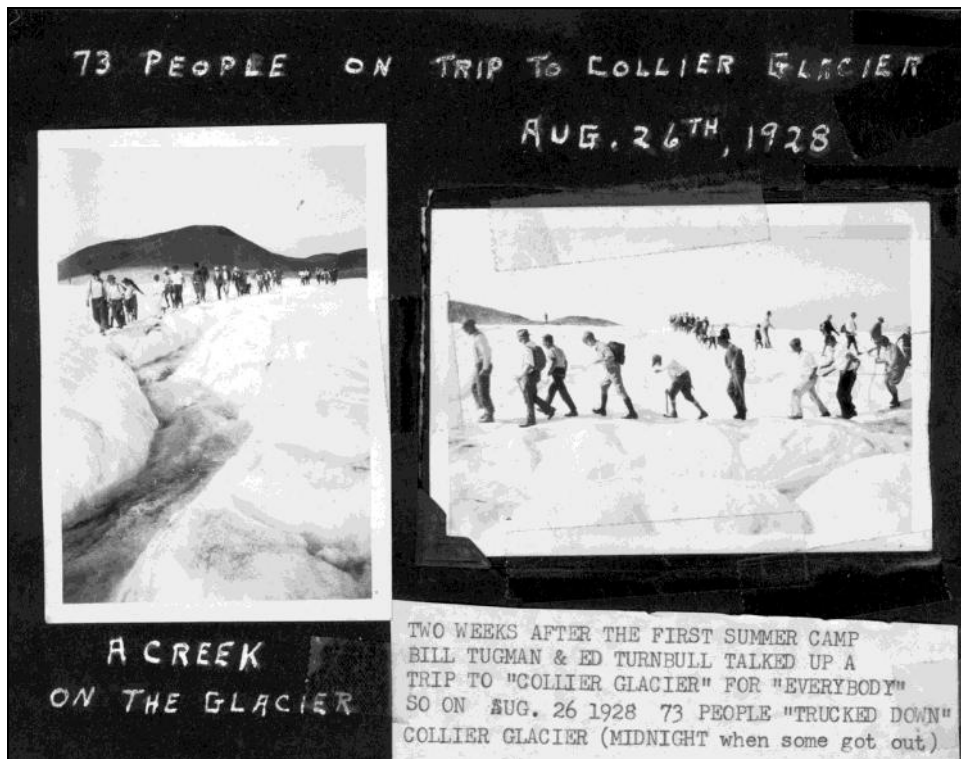
Starting with the present and working backwards in time, my glacial juices started flowing when I read an article by John Kirkland in the Portland State University (PSU) Magazine about Professor Andrew Fountain and his glacier research. Fountain's PSU website (www.glaciers.research.pdx.edu/collier.php) is filled with old and new photos of glaciers, including Collier.

"GLACIERS ARE perhaps the clearest expression of climate change," says Fountain. "The cause of glacier retreat since the 1950s has been thinning winter snowpacks. Prior to that, probably warming summer temperatures." Fountain has worked closely with the Mazamas, studying their old climbing photos. I knew that early Obsidians had also taken special notice of Collier.

And, so, the research began...with old Bulletins, in libraries, on the Internet, by email and in dark and dusty crannies of the lodge.

Ray Sims

AT THE FIRST OBSIDIAN summer camp on Aug. 7, 1928, Sims led seven men on the club's first climb of North Sister. They found a notebook in a tin can on top left on a solo climb in 1910 by H. H. Prouty, president of the Mazamas. Sixty-three people had previously signed the notebook. Two weeks



Page from Ray Sim's scrapbook

later, Obsidian leaders took 73 townspeople on a sightseeing tour of Collier Glacier. The group gathered in the center of the glacier around the draft (hole in ice where surface water runs off) to hear a short history of Oregon's largest glacier. This must have been an amazing task, considering road conditions then and the long hike.

Dr. Andrew Fountain was one of the presenters at Melting Mountains Conference April 14th at the Mazama Mountaineering Center. Links to his presentation can be found at www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C176.

Sims continued to lead the North Sister climb every August for more three decades, taking photos and adding them to his collection of slides from climbs and hikes (which we're still hoping to locate in the lodge). There is a slide of the glacier (shown above) Sims took when he led 20 Obsidians -- including John Bovard, the club's first president -- to the top.

In 1930, Ray and other Obsidian

climbers placed new Mazama boxes on the tops of all Three Sisters -- all on the same day. The Mazamas maintained summit boxes with the trip logs on top of Oregon's mountains for many years, until vandalism caused their removal.

Ray wrote in a 1950 Bulletin about his first attempt of North Sister in 1925. Climbers will find his description a contrast with today's conditions. "We had a beautiful day for the climb and, as I remember, the vastness of the Renfro Glacier permitted us to walk right over the middle of it on a straight line and also to the thin edge or rock separating it from Collier Glacier. And Collier was so high; with all the rocks we now know being covered with many feet of ice and snow. The route up the red ridge and all the little pinnacles we now go around, were all climbed and down the other side, on that first climb. The foot of 'Prouty Pinnacle' was reached, but as it was early in the summer and we had neither rope nor ice axe, we stopped there. The snowfield below the pinnacle on the west side was huge."

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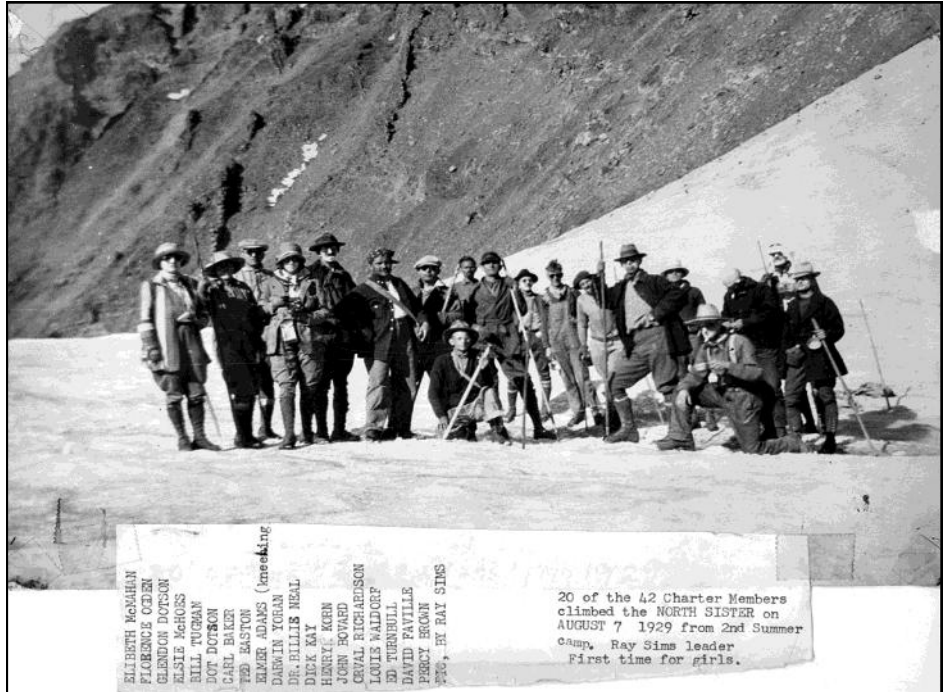
For Glacier Watchers Past & Present

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Ruth Hopson Keen

A 1941 BULLETIN had a story about Ruth and summer camp. She was commissioned in 1941 to make a systematic study of Collier Glacier for Dr. Francis Matthes, senior geologist of the U.S. Geologic Service and chairman on the committee on glaciers. Ten Obsidians, including Hopson, organized a cooperative summer camp at Sunshine Shelter, sharing work and expenses. Located on the Skyline Trail below North and Middle Sister, Sunshine Shelter was later demolished and burned by the Forest Service. They spent the week studying the glacier, as well as plants and animals. Mushrooms were of particular interest at mealtime. "The campers found that Collier glacier now has a muddy lake at the snout. The glaciers are suffering from malnutrition due to 'vitamin snow deficiency.' Miss Hopson clearly demonstrates this with her many pictures extending back to 1933."

On a humorous note, the women appropriated most of the Sunshine Shelter for their living quarters. They pointed to a grove of mountain hemlocks and told the men, "Under those trees you can sleep perfectly dry while the rain comes down in torrents." (*I would like to think that Ruth made this statement*). The traditional President's Tea ended the camp in a blaze of glory.



Pausing on Collier Glacier, 1929 North Sister climb. Page from Ray Sim's scrapbook.

Some suspected the president put 'Electric Punch' in the tea!. "Taking a sick glacier's pulse" turned out to be a lot of fun for the summer campers.

SO, WHO WAS RUTH HOPSON? Ewart Baldwin, retired UofO geology professor and long time Obsidian, provided several clues; the main one being that when Ruth Hopson was "older," she married Al Keen and moved to Portland. Obsidian historian Lenore

McManigal said Ruth Hopson Keen's trip log showed she joined the Obsidians in 1932 and became the 17th Princess (*Princess Rain-in-the-Face*) the following year. She made her first trip to Collier Glacier in August 1933 and her last Obsidian trip to Collier in 1947. Her last bus trip with the club was in 1992. Her obituary is in the December 1998 Bulletin.

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Collier Glacier September 27, 1936



Collier Glacier August 14, 1973

The above pictures were both taken by Ruth Hopson Keen. They and many others are available for viewing at [Glaciers Online](http://glaciersonline.pdx.edu), at the Portland State University website: <http://geospatial.research.pdx.edu/glaciers>. Pictures used with permission.

Mountaineering 101

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rock field session is held at the Skinner Butte basalt columns. We split the class up in two groups over Saturday and Sunday to better facilitate instruction in this small climbing area.

A SCHOOL DAY at the columns starts out with instructors scrambling to set up two fixed lines; a climbing traverse to the top of the formation and a lateral traverse over to two rappel stations, also set up by the instructors. On the ground, the assistants are setting up stations that introduce belaying, rappel and fixed line travel. The students are filtering in and paired up with assistants to go over knot tying and some orientation on the day's events. As the day gets under way we play a name game with a beanbag toss. We then divide the students into four groups to rotate through the belay, rappel, fixed line, and a bonus "how to install proper anchor protection" station.

It's inspiring to watch the students as some, for the first time, challenge their fears as they test their abilities on the vertical and exposed sections of the columns. Many of the students in the class are completely new to the sport; others are refreshing skills that have not been put to use for some time. The rappel station about 40 feet above the ground gives the students the most pause as they step out over the threshold and into the void. I know the feeling when taking the first backward steps and being instructed to lay back in a recliner type stance, trying to convince yourself against all logic that it will be safe. What a sense of accomplishment when you complete the rappel and take a look at the whole scene. Wow!

THE SCENE SHIFTS: we are back at the lodge, another classroom session about to get underway. We are now in the snow and glacier travel sequence. The students by now have a good grasp of knots and an appreciation for the im-

portance of the rope, harness, helmet and associated hardware that keeps them safe while in an mountaineering environment.

It is time to introduce some new equipment and a stronger emphasis on teamwork and proper clothing in an alpine or winter environment. The students are shown the ice axe and cram-



Photo by John Jacobsen

Practicing a boot-axe belay during snow school on Hoodoo.

pons, which are strap-on metal spikes with teeth that fit to sturdy mountain climbing boots. Instead of travel along a fixed rope, instruction deals with running belay where the climbers are tied in to the rope as they travel along .

THE FIELD SESSION for the snow and glacier travel is held at Hoodoo, just south of Santiam summit. We hold the field session only one day because of the distance traveled. It is a big undertaking, as we are dependant on a large showing of volunteers and equipment to properly demonstrate and outfit 28 students. We begin by going over knots and doing another beanbag toss to help remember names. We split the students into seven teams; then go over proper crampon travel technique and demonstrate footwork as we travel up the slope to our staging area, arriving well rehearsed and a little breathless.

The students gather up for a short lecture and a demo on proper anchor setting in snow. They are introduced to pickets (aluminum shafts with anchor points) and their proper use; dead man

anchors (anything that can be buried in snow to facilitate an anchor) and how to use them; and bucket and boot axe belay for entry and exit of glaciers and to move over an exposed ledge or small crevasse. The students break into groups to demonstrate these techniques. We then move on to ice axe self-arrest, hands down the fun part of snow class. They are put through face first on belly, legs first on belly, legs first in a glissade and on their backs head first. It becomes a contest of speed and daring before finally reining them in for the last sequence of this snowy day.

We have brought the students through several exercises, travel and protection techniques to the ultimate task of traveling together on a rope across snow and ice. They break into teams to learn how to distribute and tie themselves into their points on the rope and learn to travel through points of protection, as well sequencing for maneuvering through crevasses on their way up and down a mountain. They end the day by belaying one another off the glacier and

properly coiling up the rope for packing out.

THE GOAL OF THE CLASS is to send the students away with the knowledge of how to take care of themselves and follow safely in a mountain environment. We also hope to inspire them to overcome fears and to realize their potential. We also hope they will volunteer as active members of our two community oriented clubs.

I would like to thank the Obsidians board, the Climbs Committee, Eugene Mountain Rescue and Eugene Parks and Recreation for making this school possible year in and year out. A special thanks to Roger Bailey for providing us with the gear, Doug Nelson for his unlimited advice and support, George Baitinger for his dual role in registration and instruction, Marianne Rieter, Tim McCall and Wayne Anderson. Their instruction was second to none. A big thanks to all the assistants from both Obsidians and EMR. If it were not for them we could not give the individual instruction the students receive.

Best Seven Natural Wonders Depends on Who's Counting!

By Janet Jacobsen

FROM THE COAST to the crest of the Cascades, Lane County abounds with scenic waterfalls, forests, mountains and rivers. Which ones are the best?

"*The Seven Natural Wonders of Lane County*," by James Johnston, was featured in the May 2nd Eugene Weekly. Looking for natural wonders that are unique and interesting, Johnston admits his list is subjective and his "well informed" opinions leave out some obvious wonders, like McKenzie River and the Three Sisters. He states, "A few of these spots are virtually unheard of -- but each of them is guaranteed to be a sight you won't soon forget."

JOHNSTON'S LIST:

1. **Waldo Lake** ("largest natural water body in western Oregon")
2. **Oregon Dunes** ("largest expanse of coastal dunes in North America")
3. **Tall Timbers**, Little Fall Creek drainage ("tallest Douglas fir trees")
4. **Warner Creek Burn** ("only large unlogged burn in Western U.S.")
5. **Sea Lion Caves** ("largest sea cave in the world")
6. **Hell Hole** ("1/2 mile long, 200 ft. deep gash") -- not on any map
7. **Wolf Rock**, near far end of Blue River Reservoir ("according to Forest Service, largest monolith in the state")

Honorable Mention: Tamolitch Pool, Salt Creek Falls and Cummins Creek.

Gathering Other Opinions

I sent copies of the article to several Obsidian sages to get their "well informed" opinions of what should be added to the list. The sages were delightfully challenged.

Ewart Baldwin, retired geologist, said: "In my opinion a forest is ephemeral and doesn't fit the category." He said he was nitpicking, but was skeptical when people refer to the biggest, largest and deepest. "It's OK to speculate." The

McKenzie River would definitely be on his list.

Curtis Irish, photographer, found favor with the list. A few years ago, Curtis lead an Obsidian trip to Hell Hole which Bob Huntley continues to lead. According to Ewart, Hell Hole is a lava flow around 2 million years old with a "recent crack pulled apart by gravity."

Irish, who has also made several trips to Warner Burn and Wolf Rock, said, "Forest Service Road 15 takes one past Blue River Reservoir and after a few miles passes in front of Wolf Rock, which is about a mile in length. Wolf Meadow has a large bog in the center early in the year where a guard station once sat on the shore of the flooded meadow. There is good huckleberry picking around the shores of the meadow. One cannot appreciate the size of Wolf Rock unless one drives by it, but another good view of the rock may be had from Carpenter Lookout."

Curtis continued: "There are little things all over Lane County that are unique. There is a beautiful waterfall near the site of historic Lost Creek Ranch on the old McKenzie Hwy. From the parking site on the north side of the road there is a trail to the west, and a two minute walk brings you to the waterfall (it can only be seen when the glaciers are melting)....Beyond the waterfall the trail continues and a five minute walk will bring you to a multitude of springs that gush out of the lava rock and form a river. In spring, there are queen cup lilies at this site."

Ray Jensen hesitated and then commented, "One doesn't usually pay attention to county lines." Tamolitch Pool and Salt Creek Falls would be on my list." County lines were also a problem for **John McManigal** because

he was sure his top pick, the spring at Separation Meadows, was not in Lane County. Reluctantly, he chose Kentucky Falls. **Gary Kirk** chose the Three Sisters if they didn't have to be "totally" in Lane County. Otherwise, he put Kentucky Falls at the top. Avoiding boundary conflicts, **John Jacobsen** picked "Lane County's special eastern profile -- the Three Sisters, the highest point in Lane County."

Wayne Deeter suggested the Blue Pool at the top of South Sister. "I think the county line is on the east side of the rim so that the pool is entirely in the county. He also pointed out Sardine Butte, Symbol Rock, Collier Glacier, Four-in-One Cone, the big lava flow along White Branch and a few others. He didn't actually say which one was his favorite.

Barb Revere echoed the nomination for Tamolitch Pool, which she keeps leading one way or another each year. Barb remarked, "I love deep forest hikes that give you a view at the end and Tamolitch Pool fits that perfectly, especially if you hike it from Carmen Reservoir. You hike through a deep alder forest with lots of vine maple then into a deep Doug fir and cedar forest. All along the way, the river, which runs underground there, is silent. Suddenly, you hear water flowing and there is a deep turquoise pool with a lively river flowing out of it."

Johnston's article certainly makes one think about what is special about Lane County. These natural wonders also suggest why our club has more than 100 leaders who want to share their favorite places. Perhaps we can get James Johnston to guide us to one of those hard to find places. Thanks to him and the Obsidian sages for their opinions. I am still thinking about my choice, but first I need to sign up for Bob Huntley's trip to Hell Hole.



Hey, We're Not the Only Ones Out There!

Editor's Note: In her "spare time," Janet Jacobsen has been checking out the publications of other outdoor organizations – including the Mazama (Portland), The Cascadians (Yakima), Traildust (Spokane), Trail Blazer (Portland), The Yodeler (Richland, WA) and Chemeketan (Salem).

By Janet Jacobsen

I HAVE A STACK of May newsletters from other clubs ready to give to our historian, Lenore McManigal. I was wondering if there is a better way to use them. Think you'd be interested? Read on to see what I noted.

I found an article about trip descrip-

tions and pacing that prompted Barb to write an article for our Bulletin. The Melting Glaciers conference in Portland would be of interest to our Conservation Committee. Melody Clarkson, Obsidian, is editor of Nature Trails.

I found it interesting how clubs refer to slow walks: the pokies, the amblers, the dawdlers.

One club is sponsoring a backpack class. One club needs a new editor. Some have a president's message. One club has Tuesday hikes, usually intermediate.

HERE IS A TIP from the Mazamas. To get in shape, load up your pack with

water. When you get to the top, dump out the water for the hike down. You will save your knees. (Or wash up at the top!)

Auto break-ins are on the rise in the Columbia River Gorge. Barb and I should pass that on to the Sam Miller car camp trip in June. Mazamas charge \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. Urban hikes or street rambles are \$2 for all. Ten cents a mile for car pooling.

If I don't hear from anybody, I will pass them on to Lenore. We do not have a place in the lodge to store them. I think they should be used and then recycled.

Carbon Footprints

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house gases that cause global warming, from carbon dioxide to methane. These offsets, purchased from offset providers, fund projects that prevent one ton of greenhouse gases from being emitted for each ton you have caused. Projects include planting trees and replacing coal energy with wind farms, methane-capture facilities or solar power. Many promising projects that would help reduce GHG lack the capital they need to get built. By directing your offset dollars to these projects you can help finance new wind farms, solar arrays and more.

Energy customers can support wind and solar power by purchasing renewable energy certificates, also known as RECs, or green tags. Utility companies that offer green energy options may build their own green power facilities, or simply purchase green tags on behalf of their customers. Offsets can be purchased for \$5-25 per ton of GHG and generated \$100 million in the U.S. last year. In fact, "carbon neutral" became the New Oxford American Dictionary's word of the year in 2006.

What to Look For

THE MARKET in carbon offsets has grown so rapidly the industry is still unregulated. Therefore, the buyer must beware. Also, skeptics question if offsets do any real good for the planet or if they are just the 21st century version of papal indulgences, enabling guilt-free energy consumption. Proponents argue, however, that offsets are a supplement to, *not a substitute for*, energy efficiency. Almost anyone can sell almost anything under the guise of carbon neutrality. Even airlines, hotels and travel agencies are offering carbon offsets to compensate for the GHG your vacation or other travel will cause.

"Real Money," a publication of Co-op America, an environmentally and socially responsible consumer advocacy or-

ganization, offers the following guidelines,

Reduce your impact first. Then, look for offsets:

- That support specific projects. Don't settle for vague claims.
- That will cause carbon reductions that wouldn't have happened otherwise. "For an offset to be meaningful, the purchase has to cause a NEW carbon reduction, rather than taking credit for a reduction that would have happened anyway."
- Where GHG reductions will happen on a clear time frame.
- Whose providers insure your offset can't be resold.
- Whose providers are independently verified.

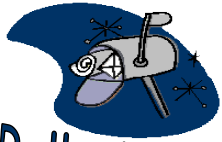
Avoid offsets that purchase "allowances" on a climate exchange (as businesses that exceed their emissions targets can do). They cannot give the above recommended specifics about the allowances.

Examples of Ongoing Projects

According to the May/June issue of "National Geographic Traveler," Vail Resorts announced it would offset 100% of its electric energy use by buying 152,000 megawatt hours a year of wind power. REI Adventures trips are fully carbon-neutral through an arrangement with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation. And Climate Trust sells offsets to fund electrification of truck stops, so trucks won't have to idle while waiting to refuel; and supports construction projects using a blended cement that causes lower emissions.

RESOURCES:

National Geographic: Online questionnaires: www.safeclimate.net/calculator
Translate units of GHG into gallons of gas saved, acres of forest preserved, etc., at www.usctcgateway.net/tool.
The Green Guide, at www.thegreenguide.com.
NativeEnergy www.NativeEnergy.org/coop.
The Climate Trust www.carboncounter.org.
MyClimate www.sustainabletravel.



Bulletin Mail Box

A TRIP LEADER'S RANT: Back in the 80s, I led the Devil's Den trip (Roseburg area), which is a maze of twisty passages in all directions. For this reason, I would limit it to 12, due to the need to keep close track on everyone. In fact, leaders of this trip have been known to get lost in the caves themselves. I had led the trip for a couple years with no problems.

Then it happened. When I picked up the signup sheet for the trip on Friday (for a Saturday trip), I noticed there were five alternates also signed up. That evening I was called by one of the early signers, who had unexpected company and had to cancel. I told him I was sorry, but would call an alternate to join us, which I did. On Saturday morning...a family of four were not there. I called them and asked if they had forgotten they had signed up for the trip. "No," they said, "but they had colds for a few days and decided not to go." I asked why they had not cancelled by calling me, as I had alternates on the signup sheet who REALLY wanted to go. Did not get decent answer. As it was too short a notice to get any of the alternates to join us, we headed off on the trip, four hikers short, and with four alternates losing out on what was a fun adventure. While I enjoyed leading the hike, I pulled back from leading trips for a long time, because of the way I felt about people who only think of themselves.

Then in 2001 Jan Jacobsen convinced me that the club needs to hike Baldy (which needs special permission) as it was the first official hike the club did (Rick Ahrens says), and I have led it every year since then. This year's hike of Baldy was held on April 21 and it also was limited to 12 hikers. When I picked up the signup sheet on Friday, there were 12 hikers, with 7 alternates. The signup sheet had a big red letter notice about calling if canceling, so I thought I was covered. Early Saturday morning I got a call. The person de-

ecided to not go due to the rain coming early. I thanked her and called an alternate, who was happy, even with short notice, to join us. The group formed at the parking lot. By the 9 a.m. startup time a married couple had not shown up. I waited five minutes and then just went on the hike, ticked off because two other alternates had missed out. Later, I discovered the man had gone on the climbing school class and I'm not sure what his wife did. On both of these trips it was Obsidian members who did not call to cancel after making the commitment to do so when they put their names on the signup form.

Leaders give their commitment when they agree to lead a hike, do a pre-hike to make sure things will work, lead the actual hike and follow-up with submission of the fees and a written report. The least members (as well as nonmembers) can do when they sign up for a

hike, trip, climb, etc. is to give a heads up to the leader if they cannot make it.

-- Gary Kirk

I FOUND AN "OOPS." Please forgive a nonmember for writing in to you, though I am the son of two Obsidian members and I do enjoy reading *The Obsidian Bulletin* when I see it at my parents' home. Reviewing the trip report on the April 6 Council Crest hike I appreciated the inclusion of the OHSU tram ride. I had my first tram trip several weeks ago. An error, charming though it is, needs comment mainly because of the outdoor nature of the club and the skills of some of your members. The cable car driver must be able to "rappel" from the car, not...ahem... "repeL."

Not even the new "Automatic Trip Report Writer" caught that one. Cheers!

-- Randall Speck

Editorial:

Courtesy, Consideration & Camaraderie

ALTHOUGH THE SUMMER TRIP season is just building up steam, trip leaders have already been reporting problems with no shows, argumentative participants and signup sheet sabotage.

As is noted in the letter at left from longtime member Gary Kirk, leaders are the lifeblood of our program. They are volunteers who invest a lot of time and thought into the scheduling and guiding of members and nonmembers (who they are often meeting for the first time) on their favorite ventures into the natural wonderland around us.

When someone signs up, but fails to show up – without giving adequate advance notice to the leader – it leaves the leader in a quandary at the meeting site. Wait or not wait? Leaders are not required to wait, but usually give latecomers a five-minute grace period. Unfortunately, on popular trips, no shows mean those on the wait list are deprived of their chances to go on the trip. We have had instances over the years when people have signed up for as many as three events on a single day, waiting until the morning of the trips to decide which (if any) they want to do. And, as Gary experienced, there are people who check to see if any raindrops fall on their noses before grabbing their backpacks.

IT IS IMPORTANT that leaders accurately and fully describe their trips on the signup sheets. It is equally important that participants READ the information before signing up and understand what the trip is all about. It is rude and inconsiderate to show up for the trip and argue with the leader about how long the trip should take, how fast a pace the leader wants to set or debate why the leader wants to follow a particular trail or explore a particular geologic or flora feature. It is also rude and inconsiderate to not stay with the group on a trip. Going off on your own is not only sometimes quite dangerous, but also puts the leader in a situation where his or her attention is split between the safety of the group and the missing nonconformist.

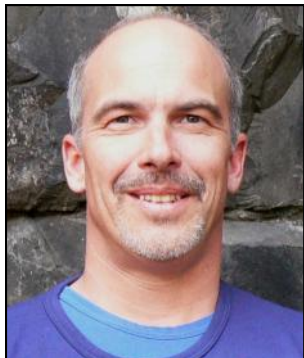
Our venerable organization has thrived for more than 80 years on the strength of our shared interests and our shared investment of resources and voluntary labor. Our trips have been known for our unflagging courtesy, consideration and camaraderie... qualities to keep in mind when signing up for your next trip.

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.

Larry Huff, Chairperson Climbs Committee

I HAVE BEEN a member of the club since late summer of 2004. I had been a member in the past and participated in activities with the club since 1995. I am a native of Eugene and Springfield. I was introduced to the outdoors through an adventure program in the opportunity center of a local high school. As an Obsidian, I have had the fortune of quality mentors and leadership by many fine individuals within the club. I became active in climbs when I committed to taking the basic mountaineering class. Since then, I have been an annual climb school assistant and an Obsidians trip leader. I gratefully accepted the chair position as a way to give back to the club and the community. I would not be able to run such a fine committee if it was not for these dedicated individuals: Doug Nelson, Sue Sullivan, Wayne Deeter, George Baitinger, Virgil Lamb and Peter Green.



Deb Carver, Chairperson Conservation Committee

I HAVE BEEN an Obsidian for 12 years. I joined the club because of my interest in climbing (and some of the cute climbing guys). I have led several climbs, including one all-women's climb of Mt. Washington, and I am an Obsidian Princess and a 10-peaker.



I am very interested in environmental issues. Although our committee is still in the formative stages, we have several ideas related to learning more about pressing environmental concerns and steps we can take to make a difference.

In addition to climbing, I love to ski, bike and swim. I also run a lot, but mostly for the exercise.

Climate Change Causes Concern

(Continued from page 5)

Ruth taught at Eugene High School. She earned an M.A. in geography at the UofO in 1935. Her Ph.D. thesis at Cornell University was completed in 1946. It was titled: "The Study of a Valley--The McKenzie River Region of Oregon, with Special Reference to the Educational Significance of its Natural History." She later taught extension classes through PSU.

RUTH WAS SUPPOSED to lead an Obsidian hike to see 17 species of ferns. When she visited the area, they were logging. That was the impetus for her to work with Ruth Onthank to start an organization to protect the Three Sisters Primitive Area. The booklet, "Saving Wilderness in the Oregon Cascades: The Story of the Friends of the Three Sisters," by Lawrence Merriam, includes a 1997 interview.

Obsidian Deb Carver (wife of current club president John Pegg), who is the Philip H. Knight Dean of Libraries at the UofO, said Ruth had donated materials to the university. Faye A. Chadwell, head of collection development and acquisitions, said Keen's papers, slides and photos had, indeed, been donated, but were not yet processed. Chadwell noted, "She was a very important figure in Oregon in terms of women in science and in terms of her contribution to the knowledge about Oregon's natural history....Women of her era really weren't all that encouraged to pursue science in the way that she did."

Chadwell did some searching and found that Dr. Keen had authored a 23-page pamphlet, *Central Oregon's Volcanic Wonderland*, that was published by the Geological Society of the Oregon Country. She was the first lady ranger naturalist at Crater Lake in 1950 and wrote a few articles about birds and flowers. Ruth's work on Collier Glacier is referenced in several Mazama magazine articles published in the early 60s.

OUR INQUIRIES to Dr. Fountain about Ruth were referred to Jim O'Connor, a geologist for the U.S. Geological Service in Portland who had interviewed her right before she died. She told him that her Ph.D. was from the education department, since women were discouraged from geology degrees. "She was quite the character," says O'Connor. "Her house was a museum, as well as the local bird haven." O'Connor is documenting glacier change in the Three Sisters and Mt. Jefferson areas. He says Ruth's photos taken between 1936 and 1962 are "the best documented sequence."

As we ponder the causes and potential impact of receding glaciers, we are also left with a number of question concerning the past. For example, where are Ray's glass slides? What's in the boxes of material yet to be examined by the university library's special collections department?

And one question we may never be able to answer: Did Ray and Ruth ever compare their photographs and ponder, as we do, why the glaciers were shrinking?

“Unladylike” Girl in Yellowstone’s Backcountry

BOOK REVIEW: Letters from Yellowstone, Diane Smith, 1999 Penguin (Fiction)

IN THE SPRING of 1898, A. E. (Alexandria) Bartram, joined a field study in Yellowstone National Park so she could pursue her love of botany. The leader, Professor Howard Merriam is shocked when he discovers he must accommodate a girl in the backcountry near Mammoth Hot Springs. Throughout the summer, letters and telegrams flow back and forth between fictional characters as they share their views of science, nature and human foibles.

“President Ulysses Grant signed into existence the world’s first national park on March 1, 1872. The early development of the 2.2 million acre park provides the background for a summer of discovery. Although travel is a luxury, ten thousand visitors have already visited Yellowstone in just one year (1897, according to book).” There is talk of a railroad to provide a direct route through the park. An engineer offers plans for an elevator from the top of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone to the floor.

“Unladylike” Alexandria pushes asides social strictures to

fully participate in the beauty of the park, to develop relationships with all kinds of people and, above all, to observe and collect specimens. She writes, “I want to be the one who helps the world better understand it (the park). And understand it in context -- not in some book or museum. It will be a true test of my own mettle.”

FOR THOSE GOING to summer camp, this is a rewarding glimpse into what is possible when we hit the trail. In a letter, Professor Merriam writes, “Miss Bartram prefers to travel by foot, afraid she will miss something if, in her words, she travels so far from the ground.” Miss Bartram adds in another letter: “It is only on foot that you can see, hear, smell, and touch the wonders that are all around us here. Otherwise, you miss too much. In fact, I would argue that you miss it all.”

Perhaps, on our hikes in Yellowstone, we too will discover a few of those flowers that enchanted Alexandria: *mimulus lewisi*, *epilobium angustifolium*, *calypso bulbosa*, ringed gentian, variation of the *lewisia rediviva* and *rosa woodsii*. Miss Bartram did not like to use observer friendly names.

-- Janet Jacobsen

Energy Blowing in the Wind

By Joella Ewing, SciEd Chair

TWO REMARKABLE EVENTS occurred last summer according to renewable energy specialist Jim Maloney of EWEB, presenter of the May 1 SciEd program. “First, one day in July EWEB experienced its highest ever usage of electricity at 427 megawatts. Second, EWEB completely sold out its wind power option immediately after Al Gore’s movie ‘*An Inconvenient Truth*’ was shown here.” (Fortunately, EWEB is building another wind power facility.)

Wind power is the least expensive new energy source, following conservation, and could provide six percent of the nation’s energy by 2020 if we can come up with adequate transmission development.

WILDLIFE CONCERNS -- Collisions with buildings, feral cats, high tension wires, cars and pesticides, in that order, are far more devastating to birds than wind turbines, which cause only two percent of bird deaths, according to a National Wind Coordinating Committee report Jim quoted. Designers are now avoiding migration routes and flyways along creek beds and through gullies. In addition, wind farms are being placed away from antelope, elk and other large mammal habitat.

GOVERNOR’S INITIATIVE – One of the most aggressive renewable energy mandates in the country was passed by the Oregon State Senate in April and by a surprising 41/19 margin in the House at the end of May. It will require Oregon’s largest utilities, including EWEB, to provide 25% of their energy through new energy resources by 2025.

Jim Maloney, who was involved in drafting the legislation, is gratified at its passage. He had feared energy industry lobbyists would succeed in defeating it. Score one for us little people and for our home, Planet Earth.

Obsidian Memories

*How I long to walk beside you
Down the trails we used to know
To explore the worlds of wonder
Where the alpine forests grow.*

*Oh we’d speak on many topics;
Of the books we’d like to share
Or the stories we are writing
And our photographs so rare.*

*We would marvel at the structure
Of the spider’s silver web.
And we’d name the ferns around us
Where the waters flow and ebb.*

*Through the trails of mountain meadows
We will climb the Sisters Three
Praising nature and the sunshine
For the summit views we see.*

*Then we’d camp beside a lakeshore
’Neath a grove of fragrant pine
while the night-frogs serenade us
till the morning sunrays shine.*

*With compassion for all peoples
We would strive to help them see
The joy of trust and friendship
And the peace that is to be.*

-- Don Hunter c. 2007

BOARD NOTES

June 6, 2007

By Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary

Board members present: President John Pegg, VP Brian Hamilton, Treasurer Sheila Ward, Secretary Laurie Funkhouser, Marianne Camp, Stewart Hoeg and Anne McLucas. Other Obsidians present were Jim Pierce, Liz Reanier, Sue Carey, Julie Dorland, Marshall Kandell, John Jacobsen, Wayne Deeter, Doug Nelson and Kathy Hoeg.

Minutes of the May board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Board approved payment of bills.

Old Business

Lodge Rental Policies: Brian Hamilton proposed a revised lodge rental/use agreement. Primary changes were: limiting rental to other non-profits or members' personal use; no rental for parties; no smoking; increasing the cleaning and security deposit; and limiting kitchen use. The board unanimously approved the changes.

Nominating Committee: Doug Nelson announced that the following have agreed to serve on the committee: Doug Nelson, Barb Revere, John Jacobsen, Sharon Ritchie and Joella Ewing. Nominees will be presented at the July meeting.

Summer Check Authorization: The Board added Carolyn Higgins as a signatory on the checking account for the Obsidian Summer Camp Fund.

New Business

Youth Committee Guidelines: The Board approved establishment of an Ad Hoc Youth Committee to develop guidelines for club youth programs. John Pegg will chair. Initial committee members are Scott Hovis, Larry Huff, Sue Carey, Doug Nelson and Laurie Funkhouser. Additional potential members will be contacted.

July Board Meeting: Since the first Wednesday of the month is July 4th it

was agreed to change the next board meeting to Wednesday, July 11th.

Committee Reports

Summer Trips (Barb Revere/Jan Jacobsen): 28 trip reports received with \$333 in fees collected from 153 non-members and 39 members. The First Aid meeting, conducted in cooperation with the Safety Committee, was a great success (see story, Page 19).

Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): One trip report, three member participants, \$3. A record number of trips (62) were completed this winter season!

Climbs (Larry Huff): Four climbs were scheduled in May with one canceled due to bad weather: 28 members participated with \$192 in fees collected.

Trail Maintenance (Peter Green): The last two months of trail maintenance at Spencer Butte have been canceled by the city. Our trail maintenance at Spencer Butte has been rescheduled for the last Wednesday of the month from 5 p.m. until dark. In addition, the Pacific Crest Trail is seeking involvement by the club for trail maintenance work and trail condition reporting.

Byways-By-Bus (Liz Reanier): Halfway through the bus trip schedule, we have had six trips with 154 riders (131 members, 23 nonmembers). Concerns regarding the new bus company are being addressed.

Membership (Julie Dorland): The board approved seven membership applications. Current membership total is 571.

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): Potluck attendance was 49 for dinner and 54 for the presentation by Lana Lindstrom and Richard Hughes, with fees received of \$58.02.

SciEd (Joella Ewing): Judy Newman loaned the committee her "Arctic Dance: The Mardy Murie Story" DVD for the Sept. 11th program.

Publicity (Anne Dhu McLucas): Pro-

gress is being made on a unified media list for committee use. A request for \$35 to print more copies of the summer trips schedule was granted.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): May sales = \$116.45. Have great colors in caps. New item: car decals!

Online (Wayne Deeter): Out of 490 email messages to obsidians.org in May, 255 were spam and were blocked. There has been an increase in the number of hits on the website this year. Over 100 trip reports have been filed online so far this year!

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Up-to-date with the reports.

Lodge Building (Brian Hamilton): EWEB is installing a new power pole. Birds have been discouraged from nesting on the outdoor, exposed beams. The need was reiterated to check that the double doors on the side of building are LOCKED when the last person leaves.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): A May 16 work party (Brenda Kameenui, Martha Welches, Pat Adams, John Pegg and John Jacobsen) cut grass, whacked and pulled weeds and performed routine cleanup.

Safety (Doug Nelson): In addition to talking about the first aid class, Doug reported on actions taken regarding recent incident report.

Ad Hoc Olympic Trials (Marshall Kandell): Several productive meetings have been held over the last few months. An introductory welcoming web page has been developed and is now online (can be accessed through the Obsidian home page or directly at www.obsidians.org/otrials).

The committee intends to have an online registration prototype completed and ready for testing by September and operational by January 2008. Still a lot of logistical matters to work out, but good progress is being made!

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

Mt. Pisgah East Side

April 14, 2007

Co-Leaders: Janice Marshall, Mark Hansen

5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A WONDERFUL hike with open vistas all the way to the summit from the east side and took the loop trail back down through the trees and woods. Thanks to co-leader Mark Hansen, we were able to choose the right paths at unmarked forks on the way down. The trail going up was well marked. With us was Obsidian Jane Allen.

Fern Ridge Wildlife Area

April 18, 2007

Leader: Rick Ahrens

2 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE MET AT THE END of Royal Ave., heard a brief talk on the history of the area and proceeded at a naturalist's pace out to the viewing platform. It was cool (43 degrees) and windy. We walked a ways out on one of the impoundments, but didn't have time to make a loop. Members Rick Ahrens, Jean Coberly, Margo Fetz, Laurie Funkhouser, Giselle Garrity, Ginny & Roger Reich; and nonmembers Keiko Bryan, Donald Burton, Peter Eberhardt, Carol Fairbanks, Michelle Formatin, Nancy & Ron Green.

Sweet & Beaver Creek Falls

April 21, 2007

Leader: Carol Petty

5 miles, 650 ft. (Easy)

THE PROSPECT of rain did not dampen our spirits to hike these spectacular waterfall trails located 10.2 miles up Sweet Creek Road outside of Mapleton in the coast range. The different trails offer different views of the falls. We enjoyed a variety of wildflowers, including trillium, bleeding hearts, fairy bells, pink fawn lilies, huge skunk cabbage, salmon berry, and cordyalis. We saw a lot of salamanders, particularly on the Beaver Creek trail. Participants were members Carol Petty, Joanne Ledet (sweep), Margaret Prentice, Jennifer Barnes and Myron Cook; and nonmembers Carol Fairbanks and Lee Young.

Old Baldy/Coburg Hills

April 21, 2007

Leader: Gary Kirk

6 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

Photo by Barb Revere

AN EARLIER HIKE this year, to show off the flowers, which seem to be gone by late May. Trouble is, rain is an operative word for today. We headed out Coburg Rd., turned off on McKenzie View to the pasture gate opened by assistant leader Ron Funke. We drove up to the parking area, where I gave the talk about the special permission we have to hike in the area. Then it was back down to McKenzie View Rd. to the trail gate. Over the gate and up to the East Caves via the Kirk Memorial Trail.

At the "Cave," we got the required group picture. Then upward and onward along the base of the climbing rocks, pointing out the many routes. Rick Ahrens, our official natural history guru, pointed out the many wildflowers along the way. Slowly, we worked our way up to the open bench to get views of the Springfield/Eugene area below. We got a breather after the steep trail and then were off in a gradual climb through the woods. When we came to the big open meadow, the rain decided to stop teasing us and make a statement. Nobody seemed to worry about it and good humored comments were made by all. We stopped now and then for flowers and got a chance to see the rare and endangered upland yellow violet.



Susan and Gary survey the valley.

We continued on using deer trails, cow trails, man trails and the old wagon road that used to go from Coburg to Marcola when the winter rains stopped travel along the river. Then we were on the "Steep," which is the section through the bald part of Baldy. It is steep, but has semi-steps in the trail for footing. On top for a short bit of time for views (hardly

any) and then into the woods to have lunch out of the rain. Then it was time to head on down a different route, working our way past the "Whale" (climbing school practice rock in the past) and eventually back to the cars. I really enjoyed leading the hike and sharing this area with such neat positive people. Members Rick Ahrens, Bob Foster, Ron Funke, George Jobanek, Gary Kirk, Mary Morrison and Barb Revere; and nonmembers Lorrie Hoffman, Susan Mombert, Bill Nelson and Carol Stern.

Upper Fall Creek/Lowell

April 22, 2007

Leader: Effie Neth

8 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

THREE OF US enjoyed this very pleasant meandering up and down trail along or above Fall Creek, accompanied by the soothing sounds of moving water. The trillium were in abundance and the many shades of green and multi-textures of forest flora a marvel. We escaped predicted showers, with only a few sprinkles and even had intermittent brilliant sunshine. After being closed for a few years, this section of trail was reopened in May 2006 upon completion of three or four new bridges. The trail follows the creek between Rds. 1828 and 1833. The trail bed was in great shape with only a few slightly muddy spots. There were several fallen trees, some challenging to cross or go around. The blowdown may be removed by the time you read this report, but check with the Oakridge ranger office since trail clearing crews are understaffed. This trail offers a welcome variation on the usual Fall Creek hikes and we were all glad to have checked out this section. Mellow, companionable hikers with me were members Daphne James and Barbara Morgan.

North Bank Deer Preserve

April 28, 2007

Leader: John Jacobsen

8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

THIS HIKE HAS BECOME an annual lead for me, but this year I led it a bit later than usual, since last year we were a little early for prime wildflower viewing. It seems like we hit it about right, time-wise, this year. There were lots and lots of wildflowers and the madrone trees were heavy with flowers. The meadows

were filled with waves of fresh spring color and the bounteous poison oak was as spectacular (and thick) as ever. The hike loops around and through the North Bank Habitat Management Area, a 10 square mile preserve for the Columbia white tail deer. We followed the trail over open rolling hills, oak savannas and meadows following ridgelines that provided 360 degree panoramic views of the North Fork of the Umpqua River and its surrounds. While a wonderful trail, providing a nice change of scenery, it can be muddy in places, so be prepared for that if you go.

The weather was great for hiking – no rain, marine clouds that shaded us until they finally burned off toward the end of the hike and a comfortable temperature in the 60s. Oh, I almost forgot to mention that, once again, we did not see the rare Columbia white tail deer.

Members Marianne Camp, Laurie Funkhouser, Jane Hackett, Anne Hollander, Janet & John Jacobsen, Sue Meyers, Effie Neth and Chris Stockdale; and non-member Carol Anderson.

Skinner Butte

April 29, 2007

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

4 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

AT 9 ON A SUNNY Sunday morning, our group met in front of the Eugene Public Library. Marathon runners had started two hours earlier. We took our time gathering for a photograph around the bronze statue of Eugene Skinner looking up at his namesake butte. Jane Hackett walked over to her car in front of Bradfords to look for her keys while the rest of us strolled to Broadway Plaza to see the Ken Kesey statue, *The Storyteller*. A few minutes later, Jane appeared with the news that her car was being stolen as she walked up to it. She had left the keys in the car door and a young person was in the driver's seat ready to take off. Jane pounded on the car window and said a few words. The young man said it was his grandmother's car, but Jane told him differently. We missed the action, but we were glad Jane was safe. And I didn't think it was necessary to keep the group together downtown!

We stopped at the Hilton entrance to admire Dallas Cole's mural, *The Procession*, and then visited the Peace Park. In front of the Fifth Street Market, we read the Skinner survey marker and then made a short detour by some of the bungalows in the historic district. At Skinner Park

we watched some of the runners heading east on the bike path. Rick Ahrens showed us a picture of the old 1930s CCC camp that was located near Skinner Butte. The band at Lamp Cottage kept our spirits up as we started up the trail. Rick identified many flowers and helped us find the eagle's nest. On top of the butte, there was plenty to see: the osprey nest, cackling ducks flying overhead, the O for Oregon, the well hidden E for Eugene, the Skinner marker for 1st Street, and a legacy white oak tree. We headed down the trail past native grasses to the columns and the Skinner cabin monument. The new landscaping and park benches at the columns certainly enhance the area. Back at the park, we inspected the replica of the Skinner cabin and the playground. The band continued to entertain us as we walked by the native grasses and wildflower restoration project.

At last we made it back to Fifth Street Market for lunch. I suggested several related books to check out at the library, including: *Stubborn Twig* by Lauren Kessler (Peace Park/Japanese internment); *Barbara Hallway mysteries* by Kate Wilhelm (historic homes); and *Skookum* by Shannon Applegate (Applegate Trail). The trip took at least three hours! Participants: members Rick Ahrens, Jim & Sharon Duncan, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Norma Lockyear, Karla Rusow and Peggy Windle.

Mary's Peak

May 1, 2007

Leader: Dan Christensen

8 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

ONCE AGAIN this year the hike had to be postponed a week due to snow conditions. Five hikers set out on a cold, cloudy day facing a high probability of rain. Also, we set out without knowing how much of the snowpack had melted in the past 10 days...high adventure! The trail requires a steady, but not steep, ascent over four miles. The trail was in excellent condition, especially considering the recent snow covering in the upper portions combined with lack of use. Maintenance had already been done on the lower section, including removal of a couple of logs. In the upper sections we were required to scramble over, under and around several blowdown trees. The first three and one-half miles were up the north ridge through a beautiful hemlock/cedar forest with little undergrowth except in the lower section, where we also

saw the same flowers as last year: trillium, yellow violets and flowering currant. The ground was covered with oxalis, much of which was also blooming. The trail reaches a parking lot 6/10 of a mile from the peak. Surprisingly, the snow was nearly totally gone. We continued the climb rather steeply to the peak. To our dismay, we were greeted by no view and a stiff wind, which created a major chill factor. I'm not certain we spent more than a minute on top. We descended back to the parking lot to eat lunch as much out of the wind as we could get before hiking back down to the trailhead. At least it never rained. The hardy hikers, all Obsidians, were Bob Freed, Janet Jacobsen, Sue Meyers, Barb Revere and Dan Christensen.

EMX River Hike

May 3, 2007

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

ANTICIPATING a downpour, we were pleasantly surprised our walk from the Campbell Center to Springfield was relatively dry. We checked out the solar system pedestals, three of the Kalapuya Talking Stones and the heron rookery. In Springfield, we admired a few of the murals and then ate the best tamales (\$1 each) at Erika's Meat Market across from the Springfield Art Museum. They were so good we purchased more tamales and bakery items to take with us. The EMX ride back to Eugene was fast and efficient. With all of our stops and starts, the trip took around 3 hours. Members Joella Ewing and Janet Jacobsen and nonmember Joy Gall.

CASA Walk

May 5, 2007

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

JIM DUNCAN, who had just completed the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) training, organized an Obsidian group to participate in the 8K fundraising walk. Because of a death in the family, Jim asked me to take over as leader. The river path loop started at Marist High School, where we met up with Buzz Blumm and his daughter Maddie. Buzz, a volunteer advocate, just completed a 4 1/2 year case with a child. He explained how CASA works. Each of us wore a number with the first name on it of a child who receives CASA support. It took us an hour and 24 minutes to complete the

course. Maddie completed two miles by walking around the track. We appreciated the Full City coffee, fruit and homemade cookies. It was fun and rewarding to take part in a fundraiser that supports at-risk children. Members Madeline Blumm, Julie Dorland, Janet & John Jacobsen, Ed Lichtenstein and Margaret Prentice

Tahkenitch Dunes

May 5, 2007

Leader: Marianne Camp
7 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

ON A PLEASANT spring day nine adventurous hikers set off for a trip to the coast. Wildflowers were in bloom as well as rhododendrons. We enjoyed our lunch on the beach with sunshine and no wind. The trip back over the dunes took us to Three Mile Lake. There we had time to absorb the serenity of this remote area. As we entered the forest we soon broke off a sword fern to fan ourselves from either from the heat or the mosquitoes (I'll let you guess which). No one complained, as it was too nice a day to let anything bother our good moods. Members Max Brown, Barbara Bruns, Marianne Camp, Daniele Delaby, Joella Ewing, Sachiko Iwasaki and Doris & Robert Jones; and nonmember Pat Hutchins.

Mt. Hardesty

May 6, 2007

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser
10 miles, 3,300 ft. (Difficult)
Photo by Rich Peevers



GREAT DAY FOR A HIKE with temperatures in the high 60s! The crew met Chris Stockdale at the trailhead, loaded backpacks and headed up the initially muddy trail. The path was the expected continuous climb with a couple of unexpected downed trees to maneuver over. The steady, industrious crew arrived at the 4,270-foot, snow-covered top (okay, small patches of snow) ready for a break. I believe George mentioned our arrival time was a personal best! Warmed by the sun, we shared stories, adventures and refueled; then made the quicker return

trip to the waiting vehicles. Ah! Thanks for a great hike: Obsidians Kaushik Vaidyanathan, Daphne James, Rich Peevers, Rich Romm, Chris Stockdale, George Baitinger and Laurie Funkhouser.

Alton Baker Bike Trail

May 7, 2007

Leader: Ruth Romoser
6 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

FIVE CHEERFUL Obsidians -- Julie Dorland, Mary Hamilton, Carol Fairbanks, Walt Dolliver and I -- first walked up Skinner Butte and then hiked the bike path to the Owosso Bridge, across the river and back to our cars. We vertically, horizontally and unexpectedly trucked through branches and fallen wood on the trail down from Skinner Butte. A tree, unbeknownst to us, had recently fallen. It was a perfect, warm night to view the river, ducks, geese, nutria and, for a while, a blue heron. River walks are so much fun!

Cape Perpetua

May 9, 2007

Leaders: David & Shelly Call
5 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

FOUR FRIENDS spent a lovely spring day walking beside the ocean, telling lies. Members Max Brown, Marshall Kandell and David & Shelly Call.

Heceta Head/Hobbit Trail

May 13, 2007

Leader: Anne Dhu McLucas
6 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

ANOTHER WONDERFUL Mother's Day at the coast. Our group set out from Washburne day parking area across Hwy. 101 to do the Washburne Loop, then crossed back for the trail to the Heceta Head lighthouse. The day was mildly cloudy, but perfect hiking weather, and our five hikers and one biker enjoyed a lunch in front of the lighthouse. We then proceeded down the Hobbit Trail to the beach, where we finished up the hike in sunshine and a stiff breeze. Members Carol Fairbanks, Jim Gillette (the mountain biker), Anne Dhu McLucas, Gail Wahl and Mel Zavodsky; and nonmember Lee Young.

Silver Falls Waterfall Loop

May 20, 2007

Leader: Jim Pierce
6 miles (+/-), 500 ft. (Moderate)

A DAUNTLESS DOZEN met on an Oregon (read *rainy*) Sunday morning. Two hours later we were on the lush trails of Silver Falls State Park. The extra rainwater

added showiness to the many awesome falls. Our original plan was The Trail of Ten Falls, about 8.7 miles...plus side trips. Although formed from the same volcanic geology, the dozen waterfalls we saw each had a character of its own. Walking *behind* four plunging waterfalls was a special treat. Ferns, mosses and spring blooms added their accents. Vine maples, yews and even thorny devil's club added their greenery below towering firs and hemlocks.

Our loop was shortened due to time (my picture taking?) and maybe due to the persistent precipitation. We took the "short-cut" and some "sprinted" back to the cars. Then most of us drove to North Falls and hiked down to both north falls. In all, we covered 6.3 miles in our five hours on the trail... speedy, huh... I only took 212 pictures. Hikers included nonmembers Annette Gilmer, Charlene Pierce, Lee Young and German exchange student Maria Behndt. Members enjoying the outing were Les Brod, Carol Fairbanks, Pat Hutchens, Marshall Kandell, Sachiko Iwasaki, Barb Schomaker, Mel Zavodsky and Jim Pierce.

Clear Lake

May 20, 2007

Leader: Janet Jacobsen
5.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

ROB SCHERER planned to lead this trip so his wife (Terry) and their twins (Sam and Emily) could complete their membership requirements. Sam was ill, so Rob stayed home and I led the trip for Terry, Emily and my husband, John. There was a consistent light rain for the entire hike. Emily's late grandparents, Clarence and Dorothy Scherer, led this hike many times. It seemed fitting for their grandchild and daughter-in-law to complete their qualifying trip at Clear Lake. When Emily said she would really like to eat lunch at the Vida Café, the adults were in complete agreement. Emily celebrated with a chocolate milk shake with sprinkles.

Little North Santiam

May 22, 2007

Leader: Dan Christensen
9 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

THE TRAILHEAD is reached by traveling north on I-5 to the Santiam Hwy. turnoff at Salem, then 23 miles to the Elkhorn Valley turnoff at Mehama and proceeding 14 additional miles on Elkhorn Valley Road to the trailhead on the North Santiam River. If one continued on this

road, it would dead end at the Opal Creek trailhead as Opal Creek flows into the N. Santiam within the Opal Creek Wilderness.

The hike began under cloudy skies, with a comfortable temperature and the promise of sun later in the day. The trail begins above and away from the river; but one quickly hikes through a forest plantation and drops down to the river level. The remainder of the hike is in old growth forest of Douglas fir and hemlock, with some cedar and madrone, plus a few yew trees along the way. The trail alternates between being alongside the river, high above the river and then out of sight of the river in some sections. A ridge bisects the trail prior to the midpoint, requiring a 500' climb up one side and 400' rather steeply down the far side. The trail is well maintained with solidly constructed bridges overall, but one side stream. Hiking time roundtrip was about 5 1/2 hours. The beautiful North Santiam River is the reason for making this trip. Since the river is running high this time of year, the numerous waterfalls are in full force. The double falls off of Henline Mountain were especially beautiful. In addition, the river offers rapids, small canyons, a prominent pillar and beautiful green water pools found only in this drainage in the western Cascades.

The sun did break out just as we reached the lunch break midpoint of the hike. The weather was beautiful for the hike back, with the sun's rays enhancing the beauty of the emerald green water. Nonmembers outnumbered members 6-3. However, some of those six have indicated an interest in joining the club. Members: Dan Christensen, Barb Revere and Leslie Wright. Nonmembers: Margaret & Richard Essenberg, Vickie Foster, Susan Mombert, Kathy Woolley and Charlie Wright.

Mt. Tom Loop

May 24, 2007

Leader: Cork Higgins

5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

SPRING WAS BUSTING OUT all over as eight Obsidians -- Lana Lindstrom, Richard Hughes, Paul Flashenberg, Anne Montgomery, Jean Coberly, Anne Bonine and Cork & Carolyn Higgins -- hiked the forests and meadows of Mt. Tom in the Coburg Hills. Wildflowers abounded, some of which were: Stinky Joe, Polish miner salad, lily, cow parsnip, oxeye daisy, wild iris, wild rose, buttercup and, of course, stinging nettles (lots

of those). Shortly after lunch, which came with plastic chairs set in an open pine meadow, we were treated with the view of a red-tailed hawk landing in a nearby tree. Good eyes, Richard! A turkey hen with about eight baby chicks and several resident deer resting up for their next meal rounded out our wildlife viewing. Thanks to all the hikers and special thanks to Lana for being our "town buddy" and to Anne Montgomery for her skill in plant and flower identification.

Upper McKenzie River Trail

May 26, 2007

Leader: Barb Revere

10 miles, -600 ft. (Moderate)

WHEN WE ARRIVED at Ellen Sather's Blue River home to add her to our group of eager hikers, what caught our eyes were not the warm muffins and hot coffee she had for us, but the beautiful view of the McKenzie River tumbling along just outside her porch rails. Thanks, Ellen, for sharing your kitchen, porch and bathrooms with us! We gobbled the muffins and coffee and enjoyed the river view for about 20 minutes before heading up to Clear Lake Lodge to begin our hike down to Trailbridge. We had to hunt for parking at the Clear Lake shelter as many boaters were out and they must have been in a huge hurry that morning by the way they parked their rigs! Boats were everywhere at Carmen Reservoir, too: dads fishing, moms and kids sitting on shore taking up all the shade. All along our walk, we shared the trail with many mountain bikers (mostly fit-looking young men, only a few with equally fit-looking young women). It looks like a brutal sport to me -- very tough! For the number of bikes that travel this trail, it is in remarkably good condition. The trail surface is covered in fir needles, inches deep, so even where wet, it is not muddy...more like potting soil that brushes off when dry. We were surprised to see only five people when we arrived at Tamolitch pool. Usually, this is the most populated spot of the trip. Perhaps the recent reopening of the trail from Trailbridge was not widely known. Last winter this section suffered a huge blow-down that we marvelled at as we walked along. Many, many big trees went down in a half-mile swath that spanned both sides of the McKenzie. Crews had cleared the trail well, but that storm must have been awesome! Thanks go to all my companions for a lovely trip, to Cork and

Jim for driving and Ellen, again, for sharing her home, being sweep and the delicious coffee and muffins! Members: Anne Bonine, Jim & Sharon Duncan, Carol Fairbanks, Carolyn & Cork Higgins, Sachiko Iwasaki, Diane Jeffcott, Nola Nelson, Sally Quigley, Barb Revere, Ellen Sather and Lee Young. Non-member: Barbara Aten.

Baldy/Amazon Headwaters

May 25, 2007

Leader: Richard Sundt

4 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

A SEMI-CLOUDED but mild morning greeted our hiking trio of Diane Kurz (nonmember), Kevin Clark and me. We started at the Martin St. trailhead and walked up to Fox Hollow through a wooded section of the Amazon headwaters region, admiring not only the scenery, but also the beautiful new log bridges crossing the ravines. From Fox Hollow, we hiked through the woods and down new Dillard Road to catch the Mt. Baldy area trail, slowly walking up to the top. The higher Cascade peaks were hidden by clouds, but Eugene was in full view; and so, too, Mary's Peak in the Coast Range. We then descended to the base of Baldy, veered a little to the left to see what I call "Hidden Pond." Typically in spring the pond is well filled, but come August it is but a puddle and by September it is totally dry. This pond is a nice feature since, otherwise, there is little water to see on this hike, except at the start of the trail. As we were heading back to the trailhead on Martin St., via the power lines (yes, it is an urban or rather semi-urban hike), a few drops were felt on our foreheads, but this all that fell this day.



Bike Trips

Wetlands Birding

April 24, 2007

Leader: Anne Montgomery

13 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WHAT A WONDERFUL excursion! On this leisurely bicycle exploration of the birds and wildflowers of the wetlands, three most congenial women joined me: Pat Esch, Marian West and Karen Williams (nonmember). The high quality of my companions made the trip a

delight. Among the birds we saw were long-billed dowitchers, common yellow-throat, greater yellow-legs, kestrel, northern harrier, great blue heron, meadow-lark, barn swallow, song swallow, green-winged teal, cinnamon teal, shoveler, red-winged blackbird and the ever popular mallard. Next to the Humane Society, we were fortunate to see an extraordinary display of blue camas in glorious bloom. A stop at Euphoria for chocolate added to our fun before we all had lunch.

McKenzie View/Marcola Store

May 12, 2007

Leader: Sharon Ritchie

35 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

AN OVERCAST, chilly day, but everyone showed up, warmly dressed and ready to go. The ride along the McKenzie River was beautiful, even with overcast skies. The ride up the little valley to the Marcola Store was delightful, as usual. We ate lunch at the elementary school near the store and then continued on past the Springfield Country Club and home through Springfield on the bike path. My most sincere thanks to a great group of people for sharing what turned out to be a very nice day. Nonmembers were John O'Conner and Don Piper and members were Stewart & Kathy Hoeg, Darrell McBee, Evelyn Nagy, Sam Houston and Sharon Ritchie.

Aufderheide

May 13, 2007

Leader: Sue Wolling

60 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

MOTHER EARTH came through on Mother's Day, with a sunny, pleasantly cool day for the beautiful bike ride on Aufderheide Road (Forest Service Road 19). We drove up to Blue River and parked at the base of Aufderheide. From there we pedaled up to Cougar Reservoir, rolled through the forested hills alongside the South Fork McKenzie and then made the final climb up to Box Canyon. After lying down in the middle of the road to celebrate the lack of traffic, we had a quick lunch and then glided back down to the car. We agreed that this side of Aufderheide is a little prettier and slightly easier than the Oakridge side -- although both sides offer great cycling. Members Sam Miller and Sue Wolling.

McKenzie View/Camp Creek

May 19, 2007

Leader: Stewart Hoeg

41 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, after five straight days of sunny skies and highs around 70, we gathered at 10 a.m. at the Campbell Senior Center under a threatening overcast and cool temperatures. The forecast, however, promised only a slight chance of rain, so we headed out the bike path towards Delta Highway and Beltline Road in good spirits. We continued under cloudy skies through north Eugene and up Coburg Road to McKenzie View. Despite the clouds and cool temperatures, the way was dry and scenic. We soon completed McKenzie View and turned on Hall Road to hook up with the beginning of Camp Creek Road. At the Bellinger Boat Launch, we stopped briefly to call ahead to the McKenzie Stage Stop Café to alert them that eight hungry riders would be arriving in about a half an hour. At about 12:25, after 26 miles of riding, we arrived at the café to find a table all set up awaiting our arrival. We had a delicious lunch and enjoyable conversation before riding the final 15 miles back through Springfield under still cloudy skies. Riders included members Laurie Funkhouser, Lynn Gilman-Garrick, Stewart Hoeg, George Jobanek, Darrell McBee and Sharon Ritchie; and nonmembers Paul Garrick and Laurel Peterson.

Short Mountain

May 21, 2007

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

25 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

THIS RIDE originated at either Campbell Center or Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD) for either a 24 or 12-mile ride to the dump. Except for a few whiffs of garbage, generally Short Mountain (*aka*, the dump), smells OK. That's because EPUD has a methane recovery facility which generates enough electricity to service approximately 1,000 households in Creswell. Our tour included a description of how the pipes are laid and the methane captured, as well as the four giant engines. The other nearby facility we visited was the police firing range run by Eugene, Springfield and Lane County and used by other jurisdictions for training purposes. It has separate ranges for pistols and rifles, as well as a building where paintballs are used to simulate chase scenes. In spite of the intermittent raindrops, folks said they had a good time and appreciated the staffs taking time from their busy schedules to show us around. Participants were: Members Sam Houston, Richard Hughes, Lana

Lindstrom, Darrell McBee, Sam Miller and Lois Morse; and nonmember Bill Aspegren.

Coast Range Loop

May 26, 2007

Leader: Doug Nelson

35 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

EVERYONE KNOWS you should count on rain for the Memorial Day weekend in western Oregon, but in our case we were lucky. Eight hardy Obsidian bicyclists met at the Alvadore Public Library on a cool, sunny Saturday morning for a ride through the farms and woodlands of the Coast Range foothills. Our 35 mile loop ride was as described in the Lane County Bicycle Map from Lane Co. Parks. I highly recommend this as a very pretty and enjoyable ride. It starts on Clear Lake Road, passing the Fern Ridge dam then does most of its elevation gain early in the ride on fairly moderate grades. A couple of steeper, but short pulls are rewarded with some great swooping glides downhill. The back half of the ride is level. Traffic was light and the riding very relaxed and pleasant. We completed our ride in about 3½ hours, including a nice break for snacks and conversation. This would be a good ride at any time, but if you are rewarded with a fine spring day and the great company that we had on this trip you should consider yourself lucky. I know I did. Thanks to my friends, new and old, who joined me on this most enjoyable outing! Members: Deb Carver, Laurie Funkhouser, Kitson & Peter Graham, George Jobanek, Darrell McBee, Doug Nelson and John Pegg.



Climbs

Diamond Peak

Climb School Graduation Climb

May 5, 2007

Leader: Susan Sullivan

8 miles, 3,700 ft.

Photo by Terry Kneen

ALL WEEK, I wondered if we would get to go on this trip. I was coming off a bout with a cold and sore throat, and there was new snow in the mountains. But the weather report for the weekend was favorable and an obliging assistant leader (Larry Huff) assured me that even

if I wasn't up for it, he would lead the climb. On Friday my throat was better and we decided to go for it. We met at 6 a.m. at SEHS and drove up through cloudy skies. By the time we turned onto the dirt road heading to Corrigan Lake trailhead, we had left the fog behind and the new snow on Diamond Peak was glowing white in the sunshine. We drove until snow stopped us about a half-mile from the trailhead.



Basking in the sun

As we made final adjustments to our packs at the trailhead, I made the decision that crampons could be left in the car. As things turned out, this probably cost us the summit. The conditions on the hike in were good for snowshoeing. There were maybe four or five inches of fresh snow over a corn snow base. We made steady progress to the ridge above Corrigan Lake and made it out of the trees a little after 11. Once we were out of the trees, the ridgeline became wind-blown and frozen. In much of it the crampons on the snowshoes worked fine, but as the ridge became steeper, the crampons didn't get much bite and we couldn't kick steps with the snowshoes on. We tried kicking and cutting steps with no snowshoes, but this wasn't going well either.

WE FINALLY OPTED for the south-facing side of the ridge and cut through the bowl to the saddle between the first false summit and the summit ridge. It was slow going; we had to kick steps into the firm snow beneath the new soft snow and move carefully across the slope. We finally made it to the saddle a little before 3. The easiest and fastest route to the top from here would be up the windblown ridge, but without crampons this wouldn't be possible. The western-facing slope would be another slow process of step kicking. We reluctantly made the decision that the summit would have to wait for another day. We lingered a bit to have a bite to eat and take in the snowy scenery before heading down.

The trip down went well. We glissaded from the saddle to the base of the bowl and traversed back to our tracks on the ridge. We made it back to Corrigan Lake in good time and were back to the cars in less than three hours from our turnaround time.

It may not have been a summit day, but it was a good experience building trip for the strong group of climb school graduates who participated: members Larry Huff, John Mowat and Susan Sullivan; and nonmembers Sean Allensworth, Andrew Jensen, Dan Koziol, Lee Schaffner and Michelle Tuma.



By Ways By Bus

**A Day in Portland as Tourist
May 1, 2007**

Leaders: Barbara and Paul Beard

TWENTY-NINE riders left Eugene under overcast skies for a day in Portland. Our first touring stop was the new OHSU tram for an eight minute ride -- literally having a bird's eye view of the downtown waterfront area. The overcast persisted all day, eliminating a view of Mt. Hood, but Mt. St. Helens was visible as an outline in the cloudy skies. Atop the Portland Hills at the Pittock Mansion, we enjoyed coffee and goodies on the spectacular front lawn and veranda overlooking downtown Portland, the Willamette River and a portion of the Columbia River. We felt as though we had been taken back almost 100 years and were enjoying one of the social afternoons of tea and goodies sponsored by Georgiana Pittock -- a common event at the mansion to raise money for needy children in the Portland area at that time. Wild dogwood, rhodies, azaleas and flowering trees of many species were dotting our trail all through the Portland streets and throughout Washington park, as we made our way to the Japanese Gardens for another breathtaking view of gardens so perfectly manicured and waterfalls with ponds full of very colorful koi. The walkways of flowers and shrubs and the solitude and peace of the area made it hard to believe we were really in the heart of a large city with freeways, high-rise buildings and about a million people all around us.

Lunch was at Sweet Tomato -- a vegetarian buffet in the Beaverton area. Accommodations were grand and no one left feeling hungry. Another freeway ride through Portland brought us to OMSI at 2:45 for an exciting Omnimax movie -- "The Alps," the climb of your lifetime. It was a very fitting film for Obsidians to end our day in Portland. A great day was the comment of all who toured. We invite any of you not experiencing a bus trip yet, to come to join us. Leave the driving to Oregon Coachways, relax and have a great time. Members: Ewart Baldwin, Pat Baylis, Barbara & Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Louise Behnke, Mary Lee Cheadle, Kent Christoferson, Robert Eaton, Rosemary Etter, Rachele Fiszman, Virginia Gilbreath, Bette Hack, Donna Halker, Dora Harris, Ben & Pat Jeffries, Terri Mason, Barbara & Don Payne, Margaret Prentice, Liz Reanier, Edith Rode, Nola Shurtleff, Paula Sievers and Julie Snell. Nonmembers: Rosalie Bowman, Sharon Clarke and Susan Rienhal.



Ski Trips

Diamond Peak

April 29, 2007

Leader: Bill McWhorter

6 miles 4,000 ft. (Difficult)

THREE OBSIDIANS drove past Hills Creek Reservoir on FS 21 to 2149 to 2160 (Diamond Rockpile Road) to the Pioneer Gulch trailhead. A mile of carrying skis led to the first snow, where we put on skins. We followed the ridge between Pioneer Gulch and Emigrant Gulch to the south summit. The ridge from there to the main summit was good skiing. After waiting out some summit clouds, we telemarked down most of Pioneer Gulch, then crossed over to Emigrant Gulch for lunch and the rest of the descent. We missed the trail out and ended a quarter mile up Diamond Rockpile Road. The snow was solid and fun, but the top layer was wet, with a few surface sloughs. It was a popular destination; we met three other groups of Obsidians on non-club trips. Time up was 1.5 hours driving and 4.5 hours climbing. This was a perfect time of year for this trip; the road was barely clear to the trailhead. Members Brian Hamilton, Bill McWhorter and Rich Peevers.



Backpacks



May Potluck Review:

Visual Tour of Thailand, Cambodia

Blacklock Point

March 25- 27, 2007

Leader: Scott Hovis

10 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

OUR SMALL YOUTH GROUP ventured to Blacklock Point during spring break. This area is one of the farthest points west in the lower 48 states, so it is exposed to a lot of wind and rain, which we experienced. However, all of us were able to get our hiking in and start a campfire. When going to the coast the best website I've found for tides is www.saltwatertides.com. The trails are nicely maintained and marked. It can be confusing, so be sure to get a good map. If you know of any elementary aged kids or teens who enjoy the outdoors encourage them to look for youth outings on our Obsidian web page. I plan on continuing to try and offer youth trips. Since no one signed up for the three trips I've tried to send off, this one went with people I recruited. Member Scott Hovis and non-members Jesse Hollowell, Sarah Jacklich and Juanita Ramirez.

WITH LANA LINDSTROM and Richard Hughes as our tour guides at the May 18 Potluck, we wandered inside jewel-like temples in Thailand and 12th-century ruins in Cambodia. On the streets, we inhaled savory spices sizzling in tiny food stalls; wrapped ourselves in the tropical warmth of soft, white beaches; transported ourselves in motorized tri-cycles and pick-up trucks; and rode on elephants and in covered boats.

“(Thailand is) easy to get around, and cheap,” said Lana, who narrated the program, while Richard ably assisted with the projector. We entered numerous wat (temple) compounds, noticing the dome-shaped chedis or stupas that contain relics of Buddha and (later) holy men. Practicing Buddhists still consider these structures spiritually significant. Inside, we saw golden Buddhas sitting, reclining and standing; always with offerings of fragrant flowers and food at their feet.

Other highlights in Thailand included attending -- with thousands of others -- the king's birthday celebration; enrolling in a cooking school to learn about Thai food preparation; visiting a remote hill tribe; and hiking in a dense, humid jungle.

WE ALSO SET FOOT in Cambodia, where we explored several ancient temples, including Angkor Wat, rediscovered by the French in the 1860s. The complex is now considered the largest religious monument in the world. Lana explained that few tourists entered Cambodia until the 1990s. Today, infrastructures remain underdeveloped, and the poverty and disease can overwhelm tourists unaccustomed to begging and poor sanitation.

We are thankful to Lana and Richard for sharing slides that provided us with stunning scenery, tantalized our senses and filled us with a sense of adventure.

-- Chris Cunningham

Doug Nelson Survives Practical First Aid Class

By Barb Revere

OBSIDIANS WHO attended the practical first aid class on the evening of May 17th were treated to a delightful talk by Jeremy Adolf -- climber, emergency room nurse, paramedic and volunteer for Corvallis Mountain Rescue. Throughout his enlightening and entertaining talk, Jeremy stressed the importance of *preparation, equipment and knowledge* as the main essentials for dealing effectively with medical emergencies in remote locations.

With Safety Committee Chair Doug Nelson serving as the evening's "victim," many different bandaging scenarios were demonstrated. Over the two-hour talk, Doug sustained a head wound, an eye injury, a broken leg, a suspected neck injury, a gaping flesh wound and a shoulder/arm injury that required a sling. Due to Jeremy's ministrations, Doug appeared well recovered at the end of the evening.

In his search and rescue work Jeremy takes several large heavy packs into the field; but, like the rest of us, on his recreational trips he doesn't like to carry any more than he has to. He likes, instead, to bring along things that have multiple

uses. Take the simple bandana: Besides making a dashing cravat or wiping a drippy nose, it can secure a pressure bandage, cover an injured eye, secure a splint or be folded into an arm sling. In addition, a wet bandana draped around the neck or over the head can cool someone suffering heat exhaustion.

ANOTHER HANDY ITEM is a sit-pad. According to Jeremy, the closed cell foam pad is a very important part of your first aid kit -- as are all the extra layers that well prepared hikers bring along in their packs. One of the critical concerns with backcountry victims, who are often hours away from rescue, is preventing hypothermia. Slipping pieces of closed-cell foam under a downed hiker and layering on fleece and rain gear can retain vital body heat. And doubled up, your foam pad is quite rigid and can serve as a splint.

Jeremy also takes duct tape that can repair gear (as well as people) and has salvaged the pack of one injured climber to use the aluminum parts as a splint.

To close his talk, Jeremy stressed the most important multi-use item to take along is our common sense. Come to think of it, this just might prevent the injuries to start with. Jeremy also recommended certified first aid classes as something no leader should hit the trail without. For information on local classes with the American Red Cross go to: http://oregonpacific.redcross.org/index.php?pr=Health_and_Safety.

UPCOMING

Barb's Sampler: Wildflowers, Vistas...& Skeeters

Wed., June 20 -- Historic Cottage Grove – *Walk, easy*. Join professional walking coach and walking tour guide Tyler Burgess on her tour of historic Cottage Grove and learn some of the lesser-known history of Lane County. Timber and gold mining were part of the scene when the town was founded and its character has remained true into the 21st century. Named an All-American City in both 1968 and 2004 by the National Civic League, Cottage Grove's downtown area is vibrant with cafes, antique shops and original architecture. Wear comfortable shoes for this 3.5-mile urban walk.

Same Day (June 20) -- Opal Creek – *Hike, moderate*. Clear cool water falling into deep swimming holes, a derelict sawmill, an abandoned mine shaft and an old settlement turned nature center: All this and more await you on Julie Dorland's seven-mile loop hike to Opal Creek and Jawbone Flats.

Sat., June 23 -- Cone Peak Meadows – *Hike, moderate*. So beautiful are the wildflowers of Cone Peak and Iron Mountain that it is easy to see why so many make the pilgrimage each year. These two peaks in the Old Cascades host a huge variety of plants -- all trying to flower in the short summer months. Though views from the trail and summits are well worth the climb, it is the abundant flowering plants that attract most visitors. Led by Barb Bruns and Judy Terry, this hike climbs to the meadows of the saddle between the two peaks. If you want more views -- and they are unsurpassed in the area, join John Jacobsen on his trip to the **Cone Peak and Iron Mt. (summits)** on **Sun., June 17**. John's hike is rated *difficult* for steepness, exposure and the "scramble" at the top of Cone Peak.

Sun., June 24 -- Marion Lake – *Hike, moderate*. A popular destination and deservedly so, Marion Lake is in a "permit only" area these days and that has cut down on the crowds. This lake is one mile long and almost bisected by a rocky peninsula. Climb to the peninsula's top and you are rewarded with views of

Mt. Jefferson and Three Fingered Jack. The trail climbs gradually and is beautifully lined with rhodies, ferns and mossy logs. Jim Pierce leads this *moderate* hike of six miles and 800 ft. of elevation gain.

Wed., June 27 -- Frissell Trail – *Hike, moderate*. Starting in second growth timber, this trail climbs into open country and then offers up spectacular views of the Three Sisters and the surrounding McKenzie drainage. Led by John Pegg, the trip is rated *moderate* but climbs 2,500 ft. over its 2.4-mile length. Note: the round trip is 4.7 miles.

Sun., July 1 -- Alpine Trail/Sourgrass Mountain – *Hike, moderate*. This ancient mountain trail used to connect the McKenzie River to the Willamette River running north-south through the forests of the Cascades. All that remains is a short section from the Middle Fork of the Willamette River to Sourgrass Mountain. Leader Rob Castleberry plans to hike a four-mile section to the summit of Sourgrass Mountain for a round trip of eight miles and a gain of 1,000 ft. More than 80 species of wildflowers are said to flower here each spring and summer.

Sat., July 7 -- Maiden Peak Saddle – *Hike, moderate*. Led by Daniel Delaby, this hike takes in Rosary Lakes enroute to the saddle on the southwest side of massive Maiden Peak. Look for Pulpit Rock and glimpses of Odell Lake and Diamond Peak through the forest as you hike in.

Sun., July 8 -- Jefferson Park – *Hike, difficult*. Co-leaders Laurie Funkhauser and Daphne James hope you'll join them for this beautiful trip onto the north slope of Mt. Jefferson. The hike is wooded until you reach the park itself; you then travel through meadows dotted with ponds and lakes as your trail loops around in the shadows of Park Butte and Mt. Jefferson. Rated *difficult* for distance and elevation gain, this trip covers 10.2 miles and climbs 1,800 feet.

Sat., July 14 --Scio Covered Bridges – *Bike, moderate*. Just east of I-5 near Albany, sleepy country roads

create a meshwork over rolling farmland. There are more than five covered bridges on your route, all crossing the beautiful little streams that drain the foothills. Leader Sharon Ritchie says: "Except for one short uphill for views of the valley, your route is flat to rolling hills." You'll lunch at Larwood Covered Bridge in Larwood Wayside Park after visiting the Hannah and Shimanek bridges. On the return to Scio, you'll view the Hoffman and Gilkey bridges.

Same Day (July 14) --The Twins – *Hike, moderate*. This double peaked mountain sits north of Diamond Peak and the views are spectacular. You can see the entirety of Waldo Lake from the top of North Twin. Led by Glen Svensen, this nearly seven-mile hike is rated moderate with 1,600 feet of elevation gain. You may want your walking sticks for the steeper trails at the summits.

Sun., July 15 -- Bunchgrass Ridge – *Hike, difficult*. This 12-mile hike climbs 1,500 ft. up the side of Mt. Fuji and along Bunchgrass Ridge for wonderful views of Diamond Peak, Mt. Thielson and even the higher remnants of Mt. Mazama at Crater Lake. The Eugene Weekly included this area, as part of Warner Burn in its "Seven Wonders of Lane County" (see article at: <http://www.eugeneweekly.com/2007/05/03/coverstory2.html>).

Same Day (July 15) -- Tidbits Mountain – *Hike, moderate*. Located in the McKenzie River drainage, this trip follows a lovely old growth forested trail up to a mountaintop of jutting rock towers. On a clear day, the summit view includes Mt. Hood, Diamond Peak, Black Butte, Mary's Peak and much in between. Stewart Hoeg leads this four-miler with a climb of 1,100 feet. Bring your wildflower guide to identify the many blooms along the forest floor and in the "rock garden" near the summit.

No matter the season, smart hikers pack raingear, sunscreen and plenty of water. In June and July the mosquito is Oregon's state "bird," so pack your bug spray.



Upcoming Bus Trips

Canada in June

Date: June 24-29

Leaders: Ben Jeffries, Don Payne

Cost: \$710 (\$722 nonmembers)

Trip is full, but contact Ben Jeffries (683-8403) or Janet Speelman (344-3019) on the chance there are cancellations.

Headwaters Metolious, Cove Palisades, Smith Rock

Date: Tuesday, July 10

Cost: \$30 (\$32 nonmembers)

Reservations and checks to: Barbara Payne, 39748 Walterville Ln., Springfield, 97478 (746-1964)

A day with Ewart Baldwin, geology professor emeritus, is always fantastic. The headwaters of the Metolious is a lovely spot near Camp Sherman. It will be our morning coffee stop. The second stop will be a sack lunch lakeside at Cove Palisades. After lunch, we will stop at High Bridge over the Crooked River (Peter Ogden State Park) and then on to Smith Rocks State Park. We will make a rest stop in Sisters before our leisurely return trip to Eugene.

Champoeg – Where Oregon History Began

Date: Wednesday, August 7

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Ray Jensen

Cost: \$49 (\$51 nonmembers)

Reservations and checks to: Verna Kocken, 2263 37th St., Springfield, 97477 (736-5180)

Government in Oregon began at Champoeg, beside the Willamette River. It is a wonderful tale of intrigue and good fortune. We will begin our journey at the Champoeg visitor center. Then we will move on down the road to the Robert Newell house complex for a tour of the 1850s house, schoolhouse and jail. Oregon governors' wives inaugural dresses are on display. Lunch will be provided here (cost included).

A short distance away is the Pioneer Mothers Memorial Cabin, which we will tour. Then it's on to the 140-year-old Butteville Store for ice cream. Finally, we will look at the St. Paul Catholic Church and make a stop at the St. Louis church to remember Marie Dorion, a special woman in northwest history.

Summer Closures on Old McKenzie Highway

HOW EARLY the Old McKenzie Highway (OR 242) opens each year is usually just a matter of snow-melt. This year, however, significant road construction work has been scheduled that could prevent auto passage on the popular scenic route all the way to mid-August.

Two different crews will do the roadwork. One, out of Bend, will do the east side and will be done early (they have a shorter stretch to do). Once the Bend crew is finished, the PCT will be accessible, but only via Sisters. The other crew is out of Salem and will do a 60-day work project on the west side -- the section from Alder Springs to Dee Wright Observatory.

It's not clear exactly when access to various trails will be available, so anyone thinking of taking a summer drive up the highway – *especially any leaders with schedule trips in the area* – should check first with the Department of Transportation or the appropriate Forest Service ranger station.

Other Organizations Upcoming

Nearby Nature

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

TALONS AND BEAKS -- Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m.-noon - Meet outside Park Host Residence in Alton Baker Park

BUSY AS A BEE -- Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m.-noon -- Meet outside the Park Host Residence in Alton Baker Park.

DRAGONS OF THE AIR -- Saturday, August 25, 10 a.m.-noon -- Enjoy a family-paced hike, a snack, and a craft .

Willamette River Enhancement Initiative

REI WILL BE JOINING with hundreds of volunteers and community organizations to clean the banks of the Willamette River at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 23rd. . Those interested in helping with this effort can sign up with REI Customer Service. For further information, contact project coordinator Amanda Macleod at amacleo@rei.com or leave a message for her at 465-1800

New Waterfall Trail

THE PINARD FALLS Trail, recently completed in the Cottage Grove Ranger District, was dedicated on May 30. This trail descends 350' in .6 miles through second growth forest to an overlook of 105' Pinard Falls, a previously hard to access gem.

While it's too short of a hike to get a good workout on, you can combine it with the two other, nearby falls trails: 1/3 mile Spirit Falls and 1/2 mile Moon Falls. To access the trailhead, drive 19 miles east of Cottage Grove on Row River Road, turn left onto Layng Creek Road for 9 miles, then turn right onto FS Road 1790. It is about 3.6 miles up Road 1790 on the right.

-- Wayne Deeter

AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

JUNE 29 PREVIEW:

Walking Through Wetlands with Rick

By Chris Cunningham

“WETLANDS DON'T REALLY LOOK like much in pictures,” admits Obsidian Rick Ahrens, a wetlands project educator since 1999. “They often have the visual appeal of a vacant lot.”

Anyone who has viewed a wetlands news photo or two probably will agree that these hidden habitat gems are, by all appearances, pretty nondescript. However, Obsidians familiar with Ahrens’ fascinating narratives during wildlife walks at Finley Refuge, “hawk walks” at Mount Pisgah, “Eagles and More” bus trips or Portland Zoo excursions don’t need to be told we will hear another enlightening presentation at the June 22 potluck. No doubt, he will leave us with a much better understanding of why these wet prairies, streams, vernal pools and forests must be restored and managed.

Ahrens, a local nature guide for more than 20 years, describes the West Eugene Wetlands as “a model project for balancing preservation with development, bringing together governmental agencies and private landowners.” He says with less than one percent of the original wet prairie remaining in the Willamette Valley, the current wetlands serve as essential habitat for several threatened and endangered species.

FURTHER NORTH, a second wetlands restoration project will reconnect the Delta Ponds to the Willamette River with a hydraulic structure that will imitate the original flow of the river while improving water quality. Wetlands restoration and invasive species management also will help recover fish and wildlife habitat.

In addition to his involvement with the wetlands projects, Ahrens has served as a volunteer for Cascades Raptor Center,



Rick, left, age 6, binoculars in hands, on an early birding trip with his grandmother and father.

Lane County Audubon Society, Mount Pisgah Arboretum, Nearby Nature and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

June Potluck

**Friday, June 29, 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.



**SciEd
Tuesday**

SciEd Program Features Former Yellowstone Ranger

THIS YEAR'S summer camp attendees may be particularly interested in the SciEd program slated for 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, at the lodge. And those who can't attend camp may enjoy a vicarious experience.

Holly McRae, former Yellowstone National Park ranger and current environmental education coordinator for Willamette Resources and Education Network (WREN), will give an introduction to Yellowstone, the world's first national

park. We will learn some of the stories behind erupting geysers, multicolored paint pots, dramatic waterfalls, acres of lush meadows and the spectacular display of plants and wildlife that make Yellowstone a true wonderland.

Please note the date change from our regular second Tuesday schedule (due to a conflict for the speaker).

--Joella Ewing, SciEd Chair

Summer Camp

SPACE AVAILABLE

A LARGE NUMBER of cancellations has opened up a lot of slots for both weeks of Camp Pegg. This may be a lucky break for you if you have not registered yet. This will be great opportunity to hike and explore a unique area of the West.

Registration forms are available for download at our website at www.obsidians.org. Instructions are included with the form. This will be a great camp in a great new location, so don't miss it.

Remember to pick up your Camp Pegg booklet at the Potluck on June 29th and do not forget the SciEd program about Yellowstone Park on June 19.

The following need rides to camp: Sharon McCarroll, Laura Mayo - Week 1; Norm Benton, Ellen Sather - Week 2.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

OBSIDIAN BULLETIN COPY EDITOR -- Process incoming articles, help members with their stories when appropriate, proofread and participate in monthly team production session. Must have computer, be able to work in MS Word and conduct all communications via email. If interested, let us know at bulletin@obsidians.org or contact Marshall Kandell at 345-8095. Pay is nil and non-negotiable; however, usual volunteering benefits of Obsidian membership apply.

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RECENTLY CUT AND SPLIT FIR, also some oak, not seasoned, at the Lodge, uhaul, uhaul. Fir \$75/cord, oak \$90/cord. Call John Jacobsen, Grounds Chair: 343-8030 or email: johnwjacobsen@comcast.net

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Obsidian Calendar

June

- 16 Sat – **Brownsville-Sweet Home**, Bike, D, Sanders.....485-2944
- 16 Sat – **Hell Hole**, 2m 200' D, B.Huntley.....687-1823
- 16 Sat – **Waterfalls/Clear Lake Loop**, M, Lichtenstein.....683-0688
- 16 Sat – **Mt. Thielsen grad climb**, Climb, Deeter.....942-0824
- 16 Sat – **Rosary Lakes**, 4.5m 610' E, K.Rusow.....744-7990
- 17 Sun – **Crevasse Rescue refresher**, class, S.Sullivan...342-6546
- 17 Sun – **Iron Mtn-Cone Peak**, 7.5m 1576' D, Jacobsen.343-8030
- 14 Thu – **Yellowstone—McRae**,..... **SciEd Tues**
- 20 Wed – **Historic Cottage Grove**, 3.5m E, T.Burgess...684-4951
- 20 Wed – **Opal Creek**, 7.1m 300' M, J.Dorland.....484-0280
- 23 Sat – **Cone Peak Meadows**, 4.8m 1050' M, B.Bruns...485-7285
- 23 Sat – **Orchard Point**, Bike E, J.Bradley.....689-2860
- 23 Sat – **South Sister**, Climb, B.Hamilton343-6550
- 23 Sat – **Tidbits Mountain**, 4m 1100' M, G.Svendsen....342-6497
- 24-29 Sun-Fri – **Canada**, Bus, B.Jeffries683-8403
- 24 Sun – **Castle Rock - King Castle**, 11.4m D, Sather...822-0311
- 24 Sun – **Marion Lake**, 6m 800' M, J.Pierce344-1775
- 24 Sun – **Mt. June-Hardesty Mtn**, 9.6m M, Peevers....688-0882
- 24 Sun – **Mt. Pisgah times two**, 8m 2000' M, J.Hall.....342-6779
- 27 Wed – **Frissell Trail**, M, J.Pegg343-0909
- 29 Fri – **Wetlands Around Eugene—Ahrens**,..... **Potluck**
- 30 Sat – **Bellfountain area**, Bike M, Gilman-Garrick.....345-5236
- 30 Sat – **Clear Lake**, 6m 200' M, C.Petty935-2088
- 30 Sat – **Goodman Creek**, 5m 300' M, C.Cunningham...344-0486
- 30 Sat – **Mt. Pisgah moonrise, sunset**, E, Murdock.....345-8305
- 30-Jul 1 Sat-Sun – **N Sister/Hayden Gler**, Climb, Deeter942-0824

July

- 1 Sun – **Alpine Trail/Sourgrass Mtn**, M, Castleberry....726-2412
- 1 Sun – **Brice Creek**, 11m 600' D, L.Christiansen.....687-8379
- 1-2 Sun-Mon – **M Sister/Hayden Gler**, Climb, Deeter...942-0824
- 3 Tue – **Cape Mountain**, 7.6m 1200' M, P.Flashenberg...461-1977
- 7 Sat – **Maiden Peak Saddle**, 9m 1000' M, D.Delaby.....688-4978
- 7-8 Sat-Sun – **Mt. Adams/Mazama Gler**, Climb, Huff...915-9071
- 7-8 Sat-Sun – **South Sister**, Climb, J.Pegg.....343-0909
- 7 Sat – **Veneta – Our Daily Bread**, Bike M, S.Hoeg484-6196
- 8 Sun – **Cowhorn Mountain**, 9.4m 1900' D, J.Jacobsen...343-8030
- 8 Sun – **Jefferson Park**, 10.2m 1800' D, Funkhouser206-2303
- 10 Tue – **Metolius / Smith Rock**, Bus, Baldwin.....681-3202
- 10 Tue – **TBA**,..... **SciEd Tues**
- 11 Wed – **Clear Lake**, 5m 100' E, S.Thomas747-1623
- 12 Thu – **Eagles Rest**, 5m 1400' M, M.Hansen343-5114
- 13-15 Fri-Sun – **Mt. Jefferson**, Climb, Deeter942-0824
- 13-15 Fri-Sun – **Mt. Shasta/Avalanche**, Climb, Sawyer...344-6739
- 14-15 Sat-Sun – **M Sister/Renfrew**, Climb, Hamilton....343-6550
- 14 Sat – **Santiam to McKenzie Pass**, 13m D, Blumm.....343-8830
- 14 Sat – **Scio Covered Bridges**, Bike 46m M, S.Ritchie...342-8435
- 14 Sat – **The Twins**, 6.6m 1600' M, G.Svendsen.....342-6497
- 14 Sat – **Middle Sister**, Climb, S.Sullivan342-6546
- 15 Sun – **Bunchgrass Ridge**, 12m 1500' D, C.Stockdale...767-3668
- 15 Sun – **Iron Mountain**, 8m 1800' M, J.Hall.....342-6779
- 15 Sun – **Tidbits Mountain**, 4m 1100' M, S.Hoeg.....484-6196
- 16 Mon – **Hike TBA for teens**, S.Hovis345-7788
- 17-18 Tue-Wed – **Aquarium overnigher**, Hovis345-7788
- 17 Tue – **Washburne & China Creek Loops**, Kandell...345-8095
- 19 Thu – **Lowder Mountain**, 5.6m 900' M, Duncan343-8079
- 21 Sat – **Battle Ax – Mt. Beachie**, D, Hoyland338-9881
- 21 Sat – **Mt. Washington/north ridge**, Climb, J.Pierce...344-1775
- 21 Sat – **Yoran Lake**, 8m 1300' M, W.Dolliver345-2975
- 22 Sun – **Rebel Rock**, 12.3m 3300' D, R.Peevers.....688-0882
- 22 Sun – **Rooster Rock**, 6.6m 2300' M, S.Gunn.....686-2031
- 22 Sun – **Wildwood Falls**, Bike 32m 350' M, Strahon....345-0720
- 24-25 Tue-Wed – **Golden Lake**, Backpack 22m D, Fritz 345-0347
- 26 Thu – **TBA**, A.McLucas485-5608



Missouri River (Montana) taken on Obsidian Lewis & Clark Bus Trip - Photo by Stewart Hoeg



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