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Jul 28-Aug 11	Summer Camp
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Sept 28	Summer Camp Reunion



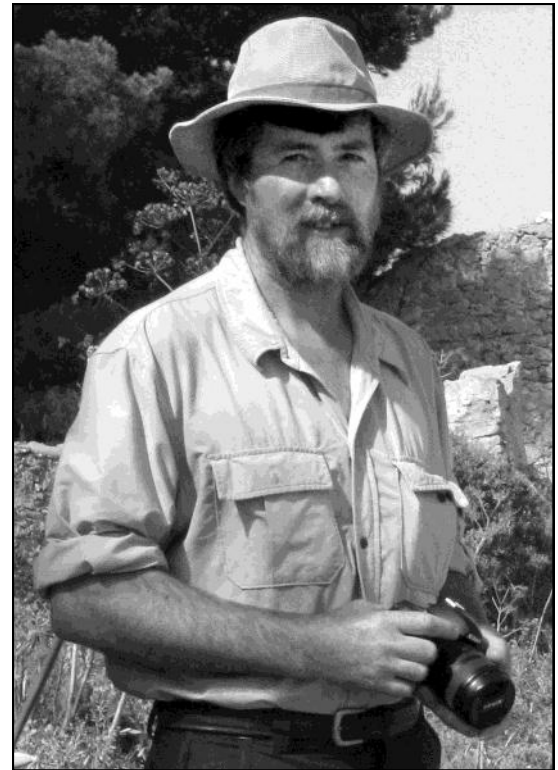
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**Fri August 17**  
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### Summer Camp Openings

We need more campers!!  
 Call Sharon Ritchie  
 342-8435 See Page 22

## Honorary Membership Proposed For Hiking Guru Bill Sullivan

**CLUB MEMBER** William L. Sullivan, whose series of hiking books and personal appearances have introduced and guided untold numbers of people to Oregon's natural wonderlands, has been nominated for an Obsidian honorary membership. The nomination, made by Janet Jacobsen at the July board meeting, was signed by 16 members, including six summer trips chairs. The nomination will be voted on at the October 12 annual meeting.



Eligibility for honorary membership, according to the club constitution, is reserved for "Persons who have rendered distinguished services to the club or are eminent for achievements in exploration, science or art."

**THE NOMINATION** statement cites Bill Sullivan's promotion of the objects of our club "by sharing his enthusiasm for the mountains, lakes, streams and trails of the northwest." Also, "The information in his books on scenery, geology, fauna and flora help hikers to appreciate Oregon's natural beauty. For our members, his books have made it easier for leaders and hikers to plan hikes and add new ones to our schedule. He leads a backpack trip each summer, has presented programs at Obsidian potlucks and has assisted at summer trips leaders meetings. Bill encourages us to share and preserve the natural beauty of the wilderness."

A former summer trips chair said, "His books have been a Bible for the club leaders. I couldn't have led hikes without him. His books and spirit are with us on our trips...."

Bill's comment on hearing of his nomination:

*"This is TRULY an honor!!! My first reaction was -- but I'm already a member of the Obsidians. Why do you need to make it honorary? Certainly there are people who have led more trips than I! Perhaps I've gone along on more trips in the form of a guidebook in a backpack? ...."*

**Welcome!**

**New Members**

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## Obsidians in "Oregon Quarterly"

**O**BSIDIANS were featured in recent editions of the University of Oregon's "Oregon Quarterly."

Pete Peterson wrote a piece, entitled: "Danger? Academic Freedom in the Age of Terrorism, Talk Shows, and Blogs." It appeared in the Spring issue and spurred several letters to the editor in the ensuing summer edition.

In a feature in the summer issue titled "Play Hard," Deb Carver, who holds the post of Philip H. Knight Dean of Libraries, was singled out for "extreme" recreational pleasures of rock climbing and mountaineering.

Not only are both Pete and Deb Obsidians, but they are also married to Obsidians (with differing last names, just to keep everyone confused). Pete's spouse is Chris Cunningham, whose potluck previews and reviews appear regularly in the Bulletin; and Deb's husband is John Pegg, our current club president.

## Robin Romm Gets First Book Published

**R**OBIN ROMM, daughter of Obsidian Rich Romm, just had her first book published (*The Mother Garden, Stories*, Scribner).

The book, a collection of fictional stories that have a lot to do with her mother's death from cancer a year or so ago, received a favorable review in the New York Times recently. The book has also been praised in Vanity Fair and the San Francisco Chronicle and was the lead review in the Miami Herald. Back in Eugene (now residing in Berkeley) on a book tour, Robin had a reading and signing event at Barnes & Noble on July 14th.

Robin is a product of Willagillespie Elementary School's Talented and Gifted program. She went on to Brown University, where she studied English literature and creative writing. She also graduated from San Francisco State's creative writing program.

## OBITUARIES

### Dorothy Yokel Blumm

**F**UNERAL SERVICES were held on June 19 at Temple Beth Israel for former Obsidian Dorothy Blumm, who died in her sleep on June 17 after a brief illness. She was 88. A celebration of her life was also held in the Owen Rose Garden on July 8th.

Dorothy was born May 15, 1919, in New York City to Robert and Emma Neichin Yokel. She held a bachelor of arts degree from Syracuse University and earned a master's degree in psychology from Antioch University (at age 63).

Following her marriage to Stanley W. Blumm, Jr., Dorothy resided in Binghamton, NY, for 35 years. She also lived in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Kobe (Japan) and Eugene. During her time in Japan she became a devotee of Vipassana Meditation and mastered Hatha Yoga. She taught yoga in Japan, California and Oregon.

Survivors include two sons, Obsidian Robert "Buzz" Blumm of Eugene and Richard Blumm of Portland, ME; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dorothy joined the club in November 1999 and went on five bus trips, the last one to Big K Ranch in July 2005.

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## ***Getting into Hot Water With Repairmen ...and Coonies***

*Photo and Article  
by Ann-Marie Askew*

**S**ATURDAY MORNING. My shower is lukewarm, so I check the water heater. The stubby appliance is nestled in a tiny closet under a three-foot-high Formica counter top, providing little access. There's a pool of water in front of the plywood door. Also, funny sounds periodically emanate from under the floor -- like a frog with a vibrato -- and the water pipes seem to tremble. I turn off the circuit breaker, lay newspapers on the floor to soak up the water and measure the height and width of the tight closet space.

I get to the home improvement center before 9 a.m. The saleswoman suggests I pay \$30 for a site visit, at which their contract installer will determine the most appropriate model for my small space. He arrives at my house mid-afternoon. After yanking up the Formica counter and turning off the water, he states that the leak is from the top of the appliance. When I tell him I don't want to spend more than what's absolutely necessary, he offers to replace the gaskets for his base fee of \$75; and says the store will return my \$30. He just happens to have a couple of gaskets with him. His offer is more appealing than spending \$600 for purchase, delivery and installation of a new water heater...and he can fix it immediately, so I go for it.

As he replaces the dilapidated gaskets, he explains in great detail how electricity works, but my knowledge of physics is minimal and I feel overwhelmed. Water has seeped under the protective cover of the thermostat. As he pulls off some of the soaked insulation, he gets a couple of small electrical shocks even though the circuit breaker is off and his testing devise indicates a lack of current. He doesn't remove all the wet insulation, but suggests I do so and replace it with dry before turning the water and electrical current back

on. Then he packs up his tools and I give him a check for \$80, which includes the cost of the gaskets. He calls the store to cancel my \$30 payment and promises to refund my check if I decide to buy a new appliance after all.

**AFTER HE LEAVES**, I try to wipe up the water and remove the remaining wet insulation. As I work, something keeps knocking against the pipes under the floor, accompanied by little vibrato chirps. I recall seeing a raccoon under my house a few weeks ago and wonder if

leave me with an appliance sitting in a pool of water that gives me shocks... and what are all those weird noises?

Wondering if my daughter and her husband know any electricians, I drive to their house. My son-in-law thinks he could install 30-amp voltage himself, so I suggest he do so while the installer is present Monday afternoon. That way everything will be coordinated and they can check each other's work.

I get home about an hour later and there's a phone message from the in-



that's what I'm hearing. Then I get several small electrical shocks and notice there's an inch or more of water pooled at the bottom of the thermostat box.

Panicking, I call the installer and tell him I want that piece of junk out of my house because I'm afraid of it. He says he can probably do the job on Monday if his wife agrees to drive their teenagers to the airport without him. He's making a family sacrifice, but I'm eager to get rid of the wet electrical monstrosity in my house. Besides, I want to take a hot shower. He also says he's not licensed to do electrical work, and suggests I get an electrician to install a 30-amp circuit. I tell him I'll be home after 2 p.m. on Monday, and he says he'll call the store to reinstate my purchase.

**I'M FEELING ANXIOUS.** Why did he

staller. When I return his call, he says, *"Thank god, you're alive! I was just going to drive back to your house! When you didn't answer, I pictured you dead on the floor!"* He's not kidding. He really thought I'd gotten the shock of my life.

He calms down once it sinks in that I'm not dead. Then he says I probably don't need 30-amp voltage after all and needn't bother with an electrician. When I relay this information to my son-in-law he says he'll come help on Monday anyhow. I'm glad, because I'm concerned about the installer's competency.

I put newspapers on the laundry room floor to soak up the water and write, **"DO NOT TOUCH,"** on paper I tape to the closet door. The weird noises under the floor continue.

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## ...and Coonies

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**WHEN I GET HOME** Monday afternoon, my daughter calls to say her husband is housebound because the pollen count is incredibly high. She offers to come herself so I don't have to be alone with the installer. I assure her I'm not afraid of him, just concerned about his competency. I realize I was rather hysterical when I saw her the other day and tell her I'll call the store if he doesn't do his job appropriately.

He arrives with my new water heater and returns my \$80 check. After removing the plywood closet door, he pumps water from the old appliance, removes pipes and attachments with his soldering iron and, eventually -- with great effort -- manages to pull it out of the snug space.

Once the old heater is out of the closet, I express concern about the soaked floor and wonder if it should be replaced. He tests the plywood for dry rot by poking it with a pocketknife, says there's only one small section of decay and assures me the floor will dry out and not be a problem. Although uneasy, I decide to trust him.

I help him guide the old heater on a dolly up the stairs, and the new one down. We squeeze it into the little damp closet. Installation goes smoother than removal of the old appliance. After he leaves, I continue to hear mysterious noises under the floor.

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**THURSDAY AFTERNOON** I spy a couple of baby raccoons peeking out from under my deck. Ah ha! That's what was making the noise!

By late afternoon on Friday, I realize there's a litter of four nesting in the crawl space under my water heater. They go outside periodically to explore my yard, although most of the time they sun themselves in a furry heap. I wonder if the installer's power tools scared away their mother. Are they orphans?

I walk a few blocks to the local wildlife rescue center and tell a rather disinterested woman that I think I have a litter of orphaned raccoons. She tells me the rescue center doesn't have

enough resources to help. I leave phone messages at several other rescue agencies. One of them refers me to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, but tells me they kill orphaned raccoons. That evening I spend several hours surfing the Internet and send a message to two promising e-mail addresses, stating that I might have orphaned raccoons under my house.

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**I SLEEP WITH DIFFICULTY**, awaking every time I hear a rustle emanating from under my house. When I check my computer just after 5 on Saturday morning, I find the following message from a licensed Wisconsin wildlife rehabber:

*"Thank you for contacting me!! Please don't feed or water such small coonies. They will inhale liquid through their nose and get pneumonia. Coonies nurse for up to six months... Stay away from the area so mother feels safe coming back to get them...She may have been coming back and forth and you didn't see her. She may also be in the process of moving them. She may have been scared, but her maternal instincts and the cries of her hungry babies will draw her attention, and if she's not dead, she should come get them. The important thing is keep everybody away from the area so she doesn't hear or see anything. AND so the babies don't get the idea humans are a good thing. Mother will get her nerve back to come get them. She may have just been looking for a good place to move them to...."*

The rehabber also gives me her phone number for emergencies and adds that the babies are most likely four to five weeks old.

I thank and assure her that I won't attempt to feed or move them.

She writes back: *"From what you're telling me, I would be willing to bet mom's under there and you just don't know it. She probably is very cautious coming and going now. The babies at the age you describe are out exploring this time of year while mom naps. They are like teens with a new car. Gotta go out and about. If they are not skinny or screaming all the time, mom has it under control. She will probably move them soon now that they are mobile. They don't become nocturnal until they are nearly a year old, but mom*

*pretty much stays in unless she's hungry during the day..."*

**MUCH RELIEVED**, I spend the day hiking up Tidbits Mountain. I don't see any wildlife in the wilderness. When I get home, I read the following message from [allexperts.com](http://allexperts.com):

*"You can try them on some grapes and apple pieces along with dry dog or cat food. Give them a pan of water to wash everything in and they should be happy. If they are too young to eat solid foods, you can try a 'newborn' human sized baby bottle; split the nipple a little larger with a knife. Try feeding them a formula of one can of Carnation evaporated milk, one can of water, one tablespoon of white Karo syrup, and one egg yolk. They usually love that mixture. You can put them in a large dog carrier or cage with a top on it. They are like monkeys and can climb out of everything. If they need a bottle they will probably eat about four to six ounces of milk every four to six hours. I have raised many of them and they are sweet, mischievous, a little rough at times. They like to play fight just like they would with their mother, and humans do not have loose fur, so you can get bit and scratched during play. Good luck."*

**GOOD GRIEF!** Such contradictory advice! I forward allexperts's message to the Wisconsin rehabber who responds: *"Well. Splitting the nipple would cause them to get formula in their lungs, and that Carnation concoction will cause MBD and toxic shock. Cat food is too high in protein for coonies....If we have to feed them formula, we'd use...Fox Valley (coonie replacer)."*

So glad I got rehabber's message before allexperts'!

I look out a window and see the babies exploring my yard. Noticing my elderly cat nearby, they quickly scurry back under the deck. It's six days since I first spotted them outside, and they've grown a lot, thanks to their devoted mother -- not to an evaporated milk cocktail. I (and my cat) will continue to let them be and, hopefully, they'll eventually leave home, at which time I'll seal the entry to the crawl space under my house.

In the meantime, I take a hot shower every morning.

# Celebrating Golden Anniversary in Club, Marriner Orum Approaches 90th Birthday

By Janet Jacobsen

Photo by Mari Baldwin

**M**ARRINER ORUM, who will be 90 years old on August 19, has led many trips for the club -- including annual Father's Day bike rides to the lodge and Christmas tree cutting expeditions. He was leading trips from Hendricks Park to Spencer Butte long before the Ridgeline Trail was built. He has been an active member of the Conservation Committee.

He and his wife, Carolyn, who died in 1993, joined the Obsidians in 1957. Carolyn Nusessele Orum was a well-known water colorist in Eugene. A poster of one her paintings, Pengra Bridge, is in the lodge's Scherer Room. She created original cartoons for the Bulletin in the 1980s and for the 1991 Summer Camp. Carolyn also led sketch/paint hikes on Mt. Pisgah. In one of her trip reports, she stated, "We will not be exhibiting our masterpieces."



Marriner is an avid Eugene bicyclist. He has bicycled to summer camps, in Europe and across the United States. Mike Helm, who interviewed Marriner for an article in the local Runoff newsletter published by Many Rivers Group of the Sierra Club, wrote:

"**YOU HAVE PROBABLY** seen him pedaling around Eugene with a stack of environmental newspapers strapped to his bicycle. For many years he distributed the Runoff, the Forest Voice, and

the Oregon Conifer to free outlets on his bicycle, but last month, Marriner Orum retired from the delivery business, just a couple of months short of his 90th birthday.

"I visited Marriner recently in his home above the Laurel Hill Valley, the same home he bought when he arrived in Eugene in the 1950s, newly married, to work for the U.S. Forest Service, first on the Umpqua National Forest and then on the Willamette National Forest. These days the view from Marriner's window includes houses sprouting among the trees, but when he bought it for \$8,000, including an acre of land, there were only trees.

"When asked for the secret to his life and good health, Marriner says, 'Do something for the good of the world beside yourself. Get out of your little world and do something for humanity. Work for something other than money.'"

## Conservation Corner:

# Coburg Preserve -- Valley's Largest Privately Owned Nature Sanctuary

*The following excerpts are from a personal opinion column by Obsidian Pat Bitner from the July/August issue of "The Quail," the Lane County Audubon Society's newsletter. Pat Bitner is the society's conservation chair.*

By Pat Bitner

**I**T WAS ONE OF THOSE RARE, perfect mornings in May. Sunshine, 70s, air so crystal clear the Coburg Hills veritably sparkled. We stood on the extensive grassy lawns of John and Robin Jacqua's home at McKenzie View Ranch, drinking in the view across a pasture up into the oak savanna and dark Douglas fir ridges. May 24, 2007, marked the formal dedication of the Coburg Ridge Preserve; 1,244 acres, the largest privately owned nature sanctuary in the Willamette Valley. The Jacquas and The Nature Conservancy, with financing from Bonneville Power and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have agreed to permanently protect 1,244 acres of rare native prairie and oak woodlands above the McKenzie River.

The new preserve will be managed by the Conservancy to protect and enhance native prairie and oak woodland habitats important to dozens of wildlife species, including the Fenders blue butterfly, a rare native listed as an endangered species.

A highlight of the dedication ceremony...was Robin Jacqua's endearingly informal sharing of the beginnings of

McKenzie View Ranch which John and Robin purchased from the Seavey family in the 50s. A young family, a newly practicing lawyer; not much money, but a big dream. Now a half-century later, a family with a history of generous support of the local community is making another dream come true. Permanent protection for some of the last remaining Willamette Valley property with significant habitat significance.

Major funding came from the BPA, \$4.9 million of the \$5.3 million purchase price for the Conservancy's permanent conservation easement on the Jacqua property. USFWS provided major support, granting \$400,000.... from funds dedicated to advancement of recovery of federally listed species. The Jacquas...donated \$1 million....in addition, they are giving more than \$3.8 million to endow long-term management and restoration of the new preserve by The Nature Conservancy.

...Although visits to the preserve will be limited to small groups organized through The Nature Conservancy, we are all richer because this beautiful and rare property is now protected in perpetuity, thanks to the hard work and generosity of private citizens, an environmental organization and tax supported entities of our government. A wonderful example of what can be accomplished by diligent and dedicated effort.



## Club Quintet Pedals To West Yellowstone

*By Lyndell Wilken*

**S**UE WOLLING, John Hegg, Sharon McCarrol, Jackie Murdock and I will be getting to camp under our own power this summer. The Trans America Bicycle Trail goes right past the Beaver Creek Campground, site of this year's summer camp. The bicycling opportunity was too good to pass up and it was easy to find enthusiastic participants, so the trip was meant to be.

Our starting point will be Baker City, making the trip a 742-mile journey to West Yellowstone. By starting in Baker everyone will have enough time off from work to make the bike trip and still have enough vacation time to hike during their week in camp.

**THE JOURNEY** will find us passing through Halfway (Oregon), crossing the Snake River at Brownlee Dam on the Oregon/Idaho border and climbing out of the Snake River canyon at Cambridge, Idaho. The trip will be along some of the northwest's most beautiful rivers -- the Salmon River to the town of Whitebird and the Clearwater River to the Lochsa River, which will take us to Lolo Pass and into Montana. This route travels along the Lolo Trail, which was followed by Native American hunters for centuries and the Lewis and Clark expedition in the early 1800s. As we wind our way

along the mountainous and rugged terrain, we will get a sense of what it must have been like in the days before the area was changed by settlement and the challenges Lewis and Clark must have endured.

After an early morning climb up Lolo Pass we will descend into the Bitterroot Valley and turn south towards Lost Trail and Chief Joseph Pass. The Big Hole Battlefield National Monument will greet us as we descend into the Big Hole Valley. The battlefield commemorates the last stand of the Nez Perce tribe, whose attempt to reach Canada was ended when the U.S. Cavalry surrounded them in a surprise dawn attack. Jackson and Wisdom, MT, in the Big Hole Valley, will offer a beautiful place to relax and spend the night.

**OUR ROUTE** passes through Beaverhead Valley, bordered on both sides by steep mountain ranges with the Beaverhead River meandering between. The Trans America Trail heads towards the mining area of Virginia and Nevada City and passes within four miles of Montana's first town of Bannock. At Ennis, we follow the Madison River to the entrance of Yellowstone National Park at West Yellowstone. The Madison Hotel Hostel will be our transition place as we ship bicycles back to Eugene and change into hiking mode. The owners of the hostel have offered to give us a ride to camp on July 28th, which will end the bike trip and start the hiking adventure.

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## Summer Solstice On Mount Pisgah

*By Janet Jacobsen*

**W**HEN I ARRIVED at the Mt. Pisgah parking lot at 7:50 p.m. on June 21st, it was jammed with the cars of summer solstice hikers and arboretum wedding guests. I started hiking up the trail for the 8:59 sunset, hoping that even with the clouds I would be able to see the sun set through the slot in the Kesey Memorial on the summit. I met Obsidians on their way down who said it was windy and cold on top and the clouds were going to obstruct the view.

On the summit were around 50 people visiting, picnicking, shivering and waiting patiently. I joined Obsidian Pat Soussan, who had hiked up with the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum group. John Fischer (weatherman of TV fame) was there with his camera to take pictures for the 11 p.m. news. The year before several of us met Fischer on the summit for the solstice sunrise. It was decided the slot wasn't in the right position for the sunrise. Sunset would be better.

Around 8:45, the inside of the slot began to glow. Gathering on the east side of the monument, people oohed and aahed as the glow seemed to emanate inside and outside

the slot. One photographer was braced on the ground trying to get the best shot and a few other enthusiastic photographers obstructed the view. Fischer waited patiently. Toddlers with puzzled faces went up and peered inside and touched the walls of the slot, as if expecting a light bulb. We did see the descending sun through the slot, but it was the glow that gave life to the dull bronze monument. As the sun disappeared into a low bank of clouds, Pat and I started back down the trail. We met two more Obsidians who were on their way up. They were shocked and disappointed when we said, "The grand show is over until next year."

At the June potluck, Brian and Mary Hamilton (the ones who left early) assured me they saw the sun go down. Colleen and Greg Milliman (the ones who came late) assured me they, too, had seen the glow.

The memorial consists of a sculpture with a relief map depicting the mountains, rivers, towns and other landmarks in the Eugene/Springfield area. Supporting the map are three pentagonal bronze columns, upon which the 200 million year geologic history of Oregon is portrayed, using images of more than 300 fossil specimens.

# Skiers Frozen in Time Thanks to Historic Photo

*By Janet Jacobsen*



**A** HAND COLORED historic photograph of 14 skiers on frozen Scott Lake hangs next to the fireplace in the Obsidian Lodge's main room. The photo was taken by the late Dot Dotson, a charter member of our club whose name is still familiar to modern Eugeneans thanks to his family owned camera and photo processing store on Wilamette Street.

Dotson was responsible for many photographs and rolled the camera for a number of films of Obsidian activities. His son, Jim, converted the films to a DVD that Rick Ahrens has employed at several of his presentations. As an Obsidian, Dot participated in 66 activities between 1927 and 1937.

Myrtie Hamlin, a photographer and artist, did the hand coloring on the photo. There are many of her hand colored prints in the Obsidian photo collection. She participated in 213 activities from 1929-1963. Her husband, J. Dorr Hamlin, was president of the club in 1935 and a plaque in his honor is on the fireplace in the main room.

**SCOTT AND HAND LAKES** were popular ski destinations, especially since there was a ski shelter at nearby Pole Bridge that served as a headquarters for the early years of the ski patrol.

Photography was a popular hobby in the early years of the Obsidians. Contests, a camera committee and picture nights provided opportunities for many club photographers to display their work. In a 1948 Bulletin, there is mention of a camera meeting for members who wanted to share photographs and receive constructive criticism. And, in 1951, a photography clinic was scheduled at the library. Dotson was

active in those discussions.

**DOTSON WROTE** an article titled "*Summer Pictures and Some're Not*" for the April/June 1938 Bulletin. Here are some of my favorite lines:

"Naturally, your possibilities for good pictures under different conditions are broadened with good equipment, and the extent to which a negative may be enlarged will depend upon the quality of the lens used, but after all the most important thing is how you use your camera. With this in mind, I hope the following suggestions may prove helpful.

"1. Know your camera. Learn its possibilities and its limitations. 2. Before you shoot, **THINK**. Try to visualize the result as it will appear on the paper. Study the subject to get the best lighting, and the best arrangement within the picture area.

"In short -- almost anything can be photographed and, if care is used, a real picture, not just a snapshot can be the result. So again, I suggest, think before you shoot."

Still great advice today!

By the way, the skiers in the photo are also of great interest. From left to right, they include Harold Trotter; V. Ed Johnson (first to climb all Three Sisters in one day and, later, the mayor of Eugene); Cyril Ball; Bryan Ryan (UofO artist whose valuable 1936 oil painting was discovered during lodge renovation); Roy Ford; Ruth Randall; Louie Waldorf (club president, 1939); Mary Ellen Foley; Ray Sims (president, 1958); Elmer Adams (who drowned at the coast on an Obsidian trip); Elsie Dotson; Edith Ball; Bud Randall; and Carl Knowles.

# BOARD NOTES

July 11, 2007

By Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary

President John Pegg called the meeting to order. The following members of the Board were present Marianne Camp, Barb Revere, Stewart Hoeg, Jim Duncan, Anne McLucas, and Laurie Funkhouser. Other members present were Wayne Deeter, Kathy Hoeg, Lenore McManigal, John Jacobsen, Janet Jacobsen, Doug Nelson, Larry Huff, Peter Green and Scott Hovis.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg received Board approval for payment of bills.

## OLD BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee Progress: Doug Nelson expressed his gratitude to the members of the committee for their able assistance and acknowledged the number of members from which to choose who are well qualified for a position on the Board. The nominees are: Wayne Deeter, Marshall Kandell and Jim Pierce.

B. Ad hoc Youth Advisory Committee: John Pegg had no report but will provide a report next Board meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

A. Health & Wellness Event: Anne McLucas sought approval for additional funds to allow participation in the October 1, 2007 Health & Wellness Event. This event recommends a donation/item to be raffled off. The request for funding was approved by the Board.

B. Treasurer Position: Sheila Ward has regrettably resigned her position as Treasurer. After discussion, the Board appointed Stewart Hoeg as Treasurer. The Board also appointed Jim Duncan to take over Stewart's position as Vice President. Stewart's old position as Finance Committee Chair remains vacant for the time being.

C. Art and the Lodge: John Jacobsen presented an offer from Dallas Cole to provide a mural for the wall by the handicapped parking. Donations would be sought to cover the material expense of \$4,000 as Dallas Cole will provide her artist work at no fee. The Board approved the project.

D. City Task Group for South Hills: John Pegg sought a volunteer to serve on the planning commission of the City Task Group that will be addressing development of the South Hills for recreation. This would involve 4-5 meetings about once every two weeks. Names were provided to John and he will contact members to see if there is interest.

E. Federation of Outdoor Clubs: John Pegg sought volunteers to participate in the annual Federation of Outdoor Clubs conference to be held at Snoqualmie Lodge from August 10-12, 2007. Names were provided to John and he will contact members to see if there is interest. Shirley Cameron has attended in the past and it is hoped she will represent the Club.

F. Honorary Membership: Jan Jacobsen provided the Board with a nomination of William Sullivan to honorary membership to the Club. A vote will be held at the annual meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Barb Revere/Jan Jacobsen): Janet reported 31 trips for June with 174 members and 39 non-members participating for a total of \$370.00 fees.

Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): Jim provided a final report of 62 outings with 468 participants and \$746 in fees.

Climbs (Larry Huff): Seven events were scheduled for June and at this time: one canceled, one report outstanding and 5 reports with fees received. 24 members and 5 non-members participated, receipts of \$147.00.

Trail Maintenance (Peter Green): On Wednesday – 6/27 – the crew met at the Fox Hollow trailhead to work on the Amazon headwaters trail. Participants: members Peter Green and Matt Bell and non-members: Poncho Tarmen and Max Green. The next three work parties will be on the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the upper Willamette Street parking lot.

Summer Camp (Jim Duncan): The work to prepare for packing for summer camp has started. A new kitchen platform has been built by John Jacobsen and

Stephen Brander. Items to upgrade the kitchen have been purchased. The truck is scheduled to be loaded on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): No report. However, note was made of Marianne Camp's enjoyable trip to French Glenn/Malheur with 21 participants. See Page 19.

Membership (Julie Dorland): The Board approved one membership application.

Publications (Barb Revere): Barb reported the search for a new editor is on.

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): Approximately 65 attended dinner and 70 attended the presentation by Rick Ahrens on the wetlands. Total fees received of \$68.00. The next potluck will be the Summer Camp Reunion on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Kathy provided the schedule for future potlucks which also is available at the Website.

Science & Education (Joella Ewing): No report. Currently working to provide e-mail notification to remind interested members of up-coming Science & Education events.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): Laurie reported sales of \$45.45 for June. In addition two books were sold with proceeds going to the Endowment Fund. Long-sleeve t-shirts have been ordered and will be available at Camp Pegg.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Wayne reminded e-mail senders to include the Board if they are e-mailing to Committee members. May want to consider altering the addressees to be included in the Board and Committee e-mails.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): She will be up-to-date shortly.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): A work party took place on 6/28/07. John has noticed some activity on the grounds such as ladders moved as well as the remains of a fire. He has spoken with some of the neighbors and will keep an eye out for additional concerns.

Safety (Doug Nelson): Doug reported receipt of two incident reports. One involved a bicyclist who "bonked" but ultimately was okay. The second involved a hiker with balance difficulties. An ad-hoc committee has been formulated to address further concerns.



# TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



## Hikes

### Silver Falls State Park

May 5, 2007

Leader: Scott Hovis

7 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

**W**E ENCOUNTERED more people on the trail than Obsidians are used to, but far fewer than will be the norm during the busy summer months. May is also good because the waterfalls are at their peak. Don't forget, there is a \$3 parking fee in the main lot by the lodge. Members: Jennifer Barnes, Paul Brown, Sheila Carter, Scott Hovis, Joanne Ledet, John Lee, Sue Meyers, Colleen Milliman and Greg Milliman. Nonmembers: Linda Music, Monya Neal and Nathan Thompson.

### UO Campus Walk

May 19, 2007

Leader: Richard Heinzkill

3 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

**W**E BEGAN at the music school and ended there about noon. We spent the morning walking around buildings and through some of them. It was not an aimless ramble, but a route I plotted and along the way I spoke briefly about the history and present use of many of the buildings; and also showed aerial photos of the way the campus looked "back when." Several hikers commented on the extensive and interesting plantings on the campus. A congenial group of members Walt Dolliver, Joanne Ledet, Richard Heinzkill; and nonmember Donna Sampson.

### Brice Creek

May 20, 2007

Leader: Joanne Ledet

8 miles, 450 ft. (Moderate)

**AFTER A WEEK** of pleasant weather our luck ran out. Apparently, the rain discouraged some of the people who signed up, so we were left with four hikers determined to hike in spite of the weather. The original car shuttle plan was changed, as it did not make sense to drive two cars when one would do the job. So, we chose to start our hike at the lower

trailhead and hiked into Lund Park, where we stopped for a quick lunch. On the way back to our car the rain let up for a short time, so we stopped at a scenic point and enjoyed the beautiful water as it cascaded down into a clear pool. Most of the wildflowers were gone, but there were still numerous patches of pale yellow wild iris; and the white dogwood were at their peak. Enjoying a good workout on a soggy day were Daniele Delaby, Paul Flashenberg, Sally Quigley and Joanne Ledet.

### Eula Ridge

May 20, 2007

Leader: Richard Romm

10 miles, 3,300 ft. (Difficult)

**IT WAS A RAINY SUNDAY** and, to my surprise, a total of 10 set out to reach the top of Hardesty Mountain. Downed trees, slippery footing and a very steep trail made for a challenging hike. After a conference at the Wendy the Lost Dog sign, two hikers made an early descent. They were escorted by Laurie Funkhouser and Ellen Sather. The rest of us were appreciative of their sacrifice. Cold and rain made for a quick turnaround at the top. The descent was via the Hardesty trail, with a car shuttle at the bottom. Members: Mari Baldwin, Denise Butler, Bob Freed, Laurie Funkhouser, Daphne James, Valentyna Radchenko-Freed, Rich Romm, Ellen Sather, Lauren Sharp and Lenka Staffl.

### Mt. Pisgah

May 28, 2007

Leader: Rick Ahrens

7 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

**IT WAS A VERY** pleasant day, temperature in the low 60s, clear skies with a slight breeze. We began in the main parking lot, hiked along the road to the north trailhead and then all the way around Mt. Pisgah at a very un-Obsidianlike, naturalist's pace. From time to time we actually stopped to look at and listen to the natural world around us. We heard coyotes and many different species of birds. We identified numerous kinds of plants and saw turtles and a young muskrat at the water garden. It took about seven hours to complete the loop. The group was curious and congenial. Members: Rick

Ahrens, Bob Foster, Joanne Ledet, Wendy Mitchell and Barb Revere.

Nonmembers: Kerstin Britz, Erla King, Rob King and Carol Stern.

### Raptor Center / Fox Hollow

June 2, 2007

Leader: Joella Ewing

2 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

**EIGHTY DEGREES** did not feel too warm on this shady, breezy trail. The huge, lush sword fern underforest revels in the cool shade provided by dense conifers. The real stars of this trip, however, were the raptors and the volunteer trainer who introduced us to the center and its many inhabitants. The goal is to rehabilitate and return injured raptors to the wild as soon as possible, but those whose injuries prevent them from surviving in the wild become permanent residents. Members: Joella Ewing and Marjorie Jackson. Nonmember: Ron Bauer.

### Clear Lake

June 2, 2007

Leader: Daniele Delaby

8 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

**AFTER THREE** cancellations and a no-show, a small group of four headed for the eastern end of the McKenzie River Trail. From the parking area we followed the dry bed of the Fish Lake Creek to Clear Lake. On our right we admired the trees of the Fish Lake Old Growth Grove. We started the loop around Clear Lake clockwise in order to walk through the lava flows before the weather became too hot.

From the start, we had been wondering whether the lodge would be open (we had ice cream bars on our minds). It was open and doing good business. We stopped for lunch close by in a shady spot, as it was getting very warm. As usual, the lake was spectacular and lots of people were enjoying it. Along the trail we noticed blooming bunchberries, bear grass, Oregon grape, wild irises and other flowers we could not identify. We enjoyed each other's company and conversation, but were happy to get back to an air-conditioned car! Members: Daniele Delaby, Barbara Schomaker, Michelle Tambellini and Mel Zavodsky.

## Columbia Gorge Car Camping Exploratory June 7-10, 2007 Leader & Photo: Sam Miller

**THE LULLABY** of freight trains hauling loads just 20 yards from our campsite didn't prevent our sleeping like logs... probably because of the great exercise experienced on our variety of hikes in the Columbia Gorge. The idea of a car camping trip to the gorge was conceived so we could explore several hikes on just one long drive from Eugene. Although the weather could have been better, the wonderful scenery and fantastic wild-flower displays made up for any damp discomfort.

After arriving at Ainsworth State Park Campground on the Old Columbia Gorge Highway and staking out our sites, we headed off to hike Larch Mountain, touted as a great "view" hike. No doubt, the view is usually wonderful, but we encountered low clouds at the summit. The loop trail offers pleasant forest hiking. On Friday, we arranged a car shuttle so we could hike one way down the Eagle Creek trail. Although the drive to Wahtum Lake trailhead took over an hour, we all agreed the experience was worthwhile. Sue, Chris and I set off in cloudy weather from the lake, hiking a fairly long stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail before heading downhill to the Eagle Creek Gorge. In many parts of the forest, the trail was bordered by brilliant pink rhododendrons. Once we got to Eagle Creek we started meeting other hikers. The sun came out and we were treated to incredible waterfalls and rapids for the rest of the hike down to the trailhead. Nola had decided not to do the long hike

and met us with her car at the trailhead.

That evening, Laurie joined us for our scheduled Saturday hike on Dog Mountain – which, although strenuous (just under 3,000' in 3 miles), was worth every painful footstep once we broke out of the forest into the alpine meadows. The golden balsamroot was at its peak, along with purple lupines, red and orange Indian paintbrush and other gloriously colored flowers. The wind was picking up by this time and when we finally arrived at the summit we were beginning to feel really cold. A quick lunch stop and we headed back down just as the really bad weather began to roll in. The group decided a second lunch was in order and we found a diner in Stevenson, WA, where small orders of fries covered the whole plate! Luckily, none of us had ordered a large portion. We also found to our surprise that potato salad has a season (according to the menu it was "available in season"). To Sue's disappointment, apparently June is not potato salad season.

Nola and Sue then left us to head home. Laurie and I braved the continuing rain and spent the remainder of the afternoon visiting five spectacular waterfalls (Horsetail, Multnomah, Wahkeena, Bridal Veil and Latourell) along the Columbia River Gorge Trail. Chris decided a nap was more to her liking. The rain continued all night and into Sunday morning, when the remaining hikers decided to make a fairly early start for home, hiking the 2-mile round trip Oneonta Gorge trail before heading south. That, of course, is when the weather cleared and the sun came out. Participants were members Laurie Funkhouser, Sam Miller, Nola Nelson, Chris Stockdale and Sue Wolling.



*Chris, Nola, Sue and Laurie on Dog Mountain.*

## Mt. Pisgah Watercolor/Sketch Hike June 9, 2007 Leader & Drawing (see Page 11): Beki Ries-Montgomery 4 miles, 450 ft. (Easy)

**A DAMP**, drizzling morning did not deter members Shirley Froyd and Carol Fairbanks from joining me to wander the trails of Mt. Pisgah Arboretum in search of inspiration to draw in our sketchbooks. We hiked more than we drew as we waited for a break in the weather. If it hadn't been for the rain, I doubt we would have walked very far. All in all, it was a successful outing and plans were made to do this again in better weather.

## Gwynn Creek June 13, 2007 Leader: Cork Higgins 7 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

**LEFT EUGENE** with a weather forecast of "occasional drizzle" for the central Oregon coast. By the time we saw the Pacific we could see blue sky peeking through the clouds. The first leg of the trip, parallel to the coastline, yielded a whale sighting. The second leg, up and up and up Cook's Ridge, revealed giant Sitka spruce that must have been watching when Captain Cook sailed along the coast. Also on this leg, we walked through gardens of sword fern resting beneath the silent canopy. After lunch and conversation, we descended the third leg down into the Gwynn Creek drainage, with its giant firs, lupine, foxglove, starflower and salmonberry. Judging by the bubbling conversation and laughter, all 11 hikers enjoyed their outing. A great group! Members Bill Buskirk, Myron Cook, Bob Freed, Carolyn & Cork Higgins, Marshall Kandell and Pat Soussan; nonmembers Andrea Callahan, Jim & Lois Lobben and Elle Weaver.

## Hell Hole June 16, 2007 Leader: Bob Huntley Photo: Zella Andreski 3 miles, 200 ft. (Difficult)

**ON A GORGEOUS** Oregon spring day five Obsidians braved the hike into the Hell Hole. After a stop at the McKenzie Ranger Station (open all summer seven days a week) we headed up Aufderheide Drive to the trailhead. There we came across a Sheriff's Auxilliary search and



rescue group consisting of two adults and half a dozen teenagers. They were there to practice rappelling and to see the Hell Hole. For the record, some rocks had shifted, making it very difficult to climb down to the very bottom. In fact, Marianne was the only one of us who was small enough and adventurous enough to make it down there. The group, all Obsidians, consisted of Zella Andre-ski, Ken Auguston, Marianne Camp, Bob Huntley and Martha Welches.



Bob, Ken, Martha and Marianne in Hell Hole

## McKenzie Waterfalls

### Clear Lake

June 16, 2007

Leader: Ed Lichtenstein

8 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

I POSTED THE TRIP late and only three signed up, two of whom canceled the night before. Ergo, Jim Fritz and I took a fine walk on a sunny, pleasant day. From Sahalie Falls parking area we went east and circled Clear Lake clockwise, lunching at the lodge. This route had us walking over the exposed, lava section of the

trail during the cool of the morning and doing the shaded portions during the warmer afternoon.

## Rosary Lakes

June 16, 2007

Leader: Karla Rusow

7 miles, 850 ft. (Moderate)

TWELVE OF US gathered at LCC under misty skies. However, by the time we hit the trailhead on the Willamette Pass, we were above the clouds and had a bright, cool day for our hike. We made our way three miles up the trail in about an hour and a half and decided to proceed about another half-mile to the second lake for lunch. Since it was still early and everyone was agreeable, we decided to go on up the trail past the third lake to a saddle, from where we could look back across the lakes and out over the forest to Crescent Lake in the distance. We then back-tracked down to the trailhead reaching it about 2:30. All agreed that it was a great hike. Members Carol Anderson, Jen Barnes, Bill Buskirk, Myron Cook, Lynda Goddell, Karla Rusow, Guy Strahon and Judy Terry; and nonmembers Richie Haslag, David Pappel, Caryl Smart and Nathan Thompson.

## Cone Peak/Iron Mountain

June 17, 2007

Leader: John Jacobsen

8 miles, 2,740 ft. (Difficult)

ANOTHER GREAT TRIP with a great group! Mostly sunny skies, mild tem-

peratures and the usual grand wildflower display. This trail once again lived up to its reputation as a premier wildflower hike. Departing the lower trailhead off of FS Road 15 about 10 a.m., we hiked counterclockwise, climbing east to the Tombstone parking area first (so we could avoid that uphill at the end of our trip), on through Tombstone Prairie and up the Cone Peak Trail, enjoying forest flowers all the way.

We soon entered the first of the many clearings and open ridges, where we were treated to our first spectacular wildflower displays. A side trip to the top of Cone Peak offers a change of pace from the normal loop. The strenuous climb up Cone Peak (almost 200 feet higher than Iron Mountain) was rewarded with panoramic views, more wildflowers (who'd have thought) and the serenity of enjoying a place where few come, even though it is within a half-mile of one of the most popular hikes in the area.

After a leisurely lunch and enjoying the view, too soon we were off again, down Cone Peak and on around the north side of Iron Mountain (no snow on the north side trail this year) and up to its lookout, where we enjoyed even more wildflower shows and great views. Can there ever be too many wildflowers or great views? Another break on top and then downward we go, back to the cars at about 4 p.m. It was a treat not to have to hike up the last half-mile to the Tombstone parking lot. Members Max Brown, Marianne Camp, Heather Croson, Brian & Mary Hamilton, John Jacobsen, Barb Revere, Rich Romm and Glen Svendsen; nonmember, Jane Brolsma.

## Kentucky Falls

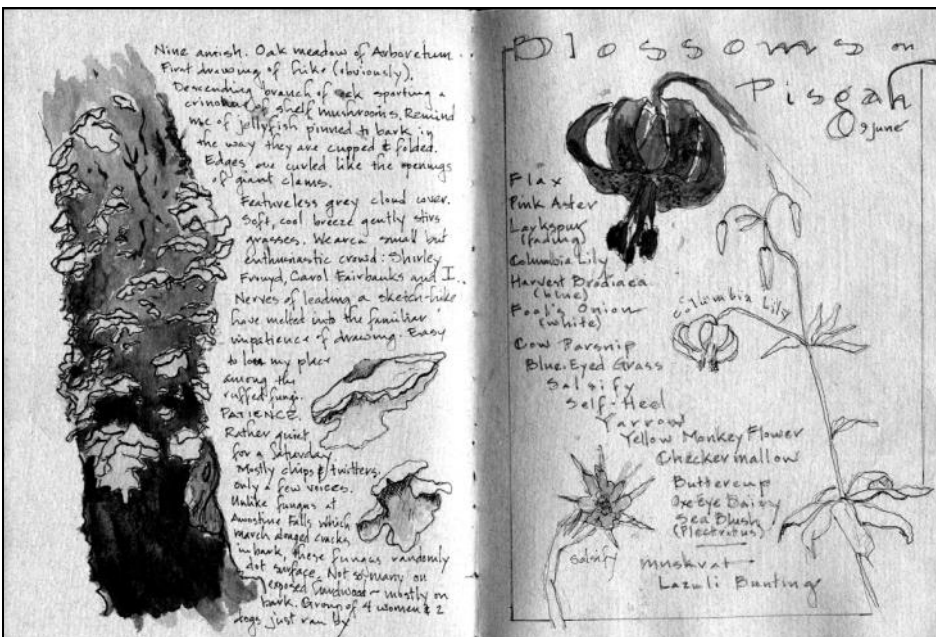
### North Fork Smith River

June 17, 2007

Leader & Photo: Julie Dorland

9 miles, 1,100-1,200 ft. (Moderate)

BE PREPARED, I'm going to gush! This was an incredible hike. Eleven very nice people joined the co-leaders. We started at Kentucky Falls and continued down along the North Fork Smith River trail. The trail has been lovingly maintained by volunteers and despite the Forest Service description ("very dangerous trail"), the trail was in good condition, with a few overgrown areas and some "slide off the narrow trail and down the hill" areas (but easily traversed with a little caution). The bridge is in! Highlights: unexpectedly, tons of wildflowers, including rhodies,



Journal excerpt from Mt. Pisgah Watercolor Hike: "Shelf fungus on a tree trunk and Columbia lily." See June 9 report.



columbine, tiger lily, white and purple iris, foxglove, lupine, daisies, monkey face and a magical "forest" of delphinium; huge trees, including an 11-foot diameter Doug fir; the multiple bridges spanning the river; three mile bridge (an architectural wonder); three lovely little grottos; and, of course, waterfalls. We did a shuttle, adding about an hour and a half to the overall trip. A few mosquitoes, but only bothersome when we stopped. Elevation loss of 1,400 feet, but with ups and downs, probably gained 1,000 to 1,200 feet along the way. Many thanks to drivers Beth Roy, Carol Fairbanks, and Nola Nelson, who kindly and uncomplainingly drove and shuttled us!



Members LaRee Beckley, Walt Dolliver, Julie Dorland, Chuck Eyers, Carol Fairbanks, Phyllis Fisher, Linda Hovey, Nola Nelson, Beth Roy and Pat Soussan; non-members Wayne Cleall, Bill Rodgers and Aaron Smith.

## Opal Creek

June 20, 2007

Leader: Julie Dorland

7 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

**LOVELY DAY** with a lovely, low maintenance and easygoing group! We enjoyed driving the back roads to Opal Creek. The hike was easy, along the meandering Little North Santiam River, to the beautiful green pools of Opal Creek. Stopped at Sawmill Falls and the remains of Merten Mill. Then across the bridge and lunch alongside Opal Creek (just before Opal Pool). Then to Opal Pool, where we admired the water color and the dancing shadows of the water on the steep rock. To the bridge leading to Jawbone Flats and the gorge, stunning as ever. Lots of butterflies in a small meadow just before Jawbone Flats, one of which landed on the leader's hand, where it seemed to enjoy the salty sweat that had accumulated! The gravel road to Opal Creek was in much better condition than last year,

with no potholes. Members Marianne Camp, Daniele Delaby, Julie Dorland, Joella Ewing and Dick Hildreth.

## Tidbits Mountain

June 23, 2007

Leader: Glen Svendsen

4 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

**ANN-MARIE**, Nancy, Dick, Sam and I left in one car and met Ellen in Blue River. After a pleasant stop with coffee and pastries at the *Sather Rest Area and Meditation Center*, the group took two cars to the Tidbits Mountain trailhead on a mostly gravel road. The last 200 yards of this route is very rutted and a high clearance 4x4 is recommended (or park on the main road and walk up the last pitch). The trail passes through several different types of forest and rocky environments, with a variety of wild flowers and shrubs in bloom. A few of us scrambled up the rocky summit to the old lookout site at about 5,200 ft. elevation and enjoyed views of Mt. Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack, Mt. Washington, the Sisters and Bachelor. Sam and I tried to pick out Iron Mountain and Cone Peak from the many similar "lumps" on the horizon. After some gray clouds blew in cool air with the threat of rain, the group returned to the parking area, ending the trip in warm sunshine. Members Ann-Marie Askew, Dick Hildreth, Ellen Sather, Glen Svendsen, Sam Tracer and Nancy Whitfield.

## Cone Peak Meadows

June 23, 2007

Leader: Barbara Bruns

5 miles, 1,050 ft. (Moderate)

**THE TRAILHEAD** was filled with people from Eugene, with about 20 from the Downtown Athletic Club there to hike the Cone Peak area also. We started on the east side of Tombstone Pass for the moderate hike to Cone Peak Meadows and the loop around Iron Mt. It was not long before we were rewarded with a beautiful plate of colors. The blue larkspur was everywhere, as well as Indian paintbrush, cat's ear, bleeding heart and numerous other wildflowers. Maggie was equipped with a wildflower book for this area and therefore became our "expert." We meandered through the meadows taking pictures and soaking up the "eye candy." Lunch was high on a ridge with nice views. We lost the spectacular views of the wildflowers as we continued north and west around Iron Mt. Members Barb

Brun, Maggie Gontrum, Patricia Macafee, Virginia Rice, Karla Rusow, Pat Soussan and Judy Terry; nonmember Ken Rosemanen.

## Marion Lake

June 24, 2007

Leader & Photo: Jim Pierce

7 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)



*Seldom seen, Marion Falls*

**WHAT A LOVELY TRAIL** through old regrowth and mixed old growth over six feet in diameter. We noted a dozen kinds of trees, five ferns and a score of wildflowers among five different kinds of weather. We passed by Lake Ann and its lily pads with nesting geese and blackbirds. There was a side trip to marvelous Marion Falls...a phenomenal cascade. Marion Lake is a jewel surrounded by forests and lava flows. The south side is recovering from the B&B fire four years ago. During lunch on the rocky peninsula, Three Fingered Jack peeked in and out from behind the clouds. I took 183 (kept 127) pictures, so we had a leisurely and observant journey. Enjoying the outing with me were the "*Pretty Pack of Pikas*" -- members Daniele Delaby, Julie Dorland, Joanne Ledet (also drove), Carol Petty and Barbara Schomaker; and nonmembers Charlene Pierce and Susanne Twight-Alexander.

## King Castle/Castle Rock

June 24, 2007

Leader: Ellen Sather

11 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)

**AN EXCEPTIONAL GROUP** of hikers met at my home. After pit stops and coffee, the group proceeded the two miles to the

trailhead. It was a typical Oregon day with a mix of rain, wind and sun breaks. The trail for the first four miles led us past stunning sections of old growth, several streams, wildflowers and open views of the McKenzie Valley. Margaret Beilharz, a hydrologist with the Forest Service, joined us for the second section of the trail, which wound through a steeper section with more old growth, manzanita, chinkapin, wildflowers and balds. The top of Castle Rock has a nearly 360-degree view, including the Sisters (they were almost out), Mt. Washington, Sawtooth, the McKenzie River, Cougar Reservoir and Tokatee Golf Course. Margaret answered questions regarding local flora, fauna and river conditions while we enjoyed a leisurely lunch. Brad Bennett took a dramatic picture of Bob Davis as he nearly leapt off the edge of the cliff. Thanks to Dick Hildreth for meeting the group at SEHS and setting them on the way upriver. Thanks also to Marianne Camp who made a wise decision before the trip started. And kudos to Bob Davis who uttered the best one-liner I've ever heard, bar none. Ask him for details!

Members Marianne Camp, Laurie Funkhouser, Daphne James and Ellen Sather; nonmembers Norma Bengiat, Brad Bennett and Bob Davis.

### **Mt. June-Hardesty Mt.**

**June 24, 2007**

**Leader & Photo: Rich Peevers**

**10 miles, 2,100 ft. (Moderate)**



*Rich & son, Bradach*

**NO ONE SIGNED UP** for this trip, so I took my 5-year-old son, Bradach, to the top of Mt. June. We arrived at the trailhead at 10:30 a.m. and, after 45 minutes of walking in the 50 degree forest with cloud cover, we reached the summit. We had a PB&J and some gummys and admired the view. Several self-timer pictures were taken, then we started the trip down, which was actually a little slower than

the trip up. We admired the rhododendrons, a slimy green slug and all the fallen trees that had been cut to allow passage on the trail. We managed to avoid the rain and had a wonderful time.

### **Frissell Trail To Lookout Mt.**

**June 27, 2007**

**Leader: John Pegg**

**10 miles, 3,100 ft. (Difficult)**

**THIS WAS A VERY** strenuous hike to the site of an old lookout on Lookout Mountain, but our group took the challenge and made the 3,100' elevation over five miles in excellent time. The last mile was touch and go, since it is clear this part of the trail is not well used. But the rewards were many. Wildflowers were everywhere, there were views of mountains from Mt. Hood to Diamond Peak, with exceptional views of the Sisters, and the weather was wonderful. Hikers were Marianne Camp, Dick Hildreth, John Pegg and nonmember Sam Riddle.

### **Clear Lake**

**June 30, 2007**

**Leader: Carol Petty**

**5.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)**

**THE WEATHER** for our hike was close to perfect. Parking our cars by the log shelter built by the Civilian Conservation Corps we hiked the trail clockwise, enjoying a shady path of Douglas fir and mountain hemlock. We had several views of the Three Sisters. We relaxed by the great spring, watching kayakers on the aqua blue lake. Hiking through the lava beds we watched three osprey circling their nest and relaxed for a second lunch break at Coldwater Cove boat landing. Completing our hike around the lake through cool forest we saw the headwaters of the McKenzie River and views of Mount Washington. Members Richard Heinzkill, Dick & Rose Marie Moffitt, Carol Petty and Barb Revere; nonmember Carol Stout.

### **Brice Creek**

**July 1, 2007**

**Leader: Lynda Christiansen**

**10 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)**

**A LOVELY SUNNY DAY** and an easy 40-mile drive to the trailhead, with a short detour around a bridge repair. The trail, while a bit rough underfoot, is in good condition, and the optional short side trail to the base of Trestle Creek Falls is in the

best condition I have seen. Brice Creek is running low, but the water is clear and affords wonderful views of the rocks. This pleasant trail offers the beauty of the creek, with a forest of old growth, ferns, salal and a touch of poison oak at the start. Members: Anne Bonine, Lynda Christiansen, Jim Fritz, Janet Jacobsen and Barb Revere; nonmember Carol Stout.

### **Cape Mountain**

**July 3, 2007**

**Leader: Paul Flashenberg**

**7.6 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)**

**ON ANOTHER** glorious day, eight of us set forth to enjoy a beautiful hike just a few miles from the ocean. Wildflowers were abundant, salmonberries plentiful and juicy and, unlike last September when I last led the hike, there were no clouds to obstruct many panoramic views of the ocean. The trails again were in excellent condition, thus allowing us to complete the 7.6-mile loop with a lunch break in about 3 1/2 hours. Next time I lead this hike, I plan to explore some other trails, including a trip to an old Indian shelter. Members Marianne Camp, Jean Coberly, Julie Dorland, Carol Fairbanks, Paul Flashenberg, Marshall Kandell, Pat Soussan and Lee Young.



**Bike**  
**Trips**

### **Willamette Meander**

**May 26, 2007**

**Leader: Chuck Wagar**

**7 miles (Easy)**

**THE DAY WAS PLEASANT** enough for a seven-mile ride on the Willamette bike paths. Two aspiring prospective members, George Koris and Pam Love, read about the ride in the Register-Guard and filled out membership forms. The mileage was quite satisfactory for them even as I offered more miles.

### **Brigg's Hill Wineries**

**June 10, 2007**

**Leader: Larry Dunlap**

**36 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)**

**WITH RAIN JACKETS** ready and an ominous spring sky, we headed up Lorane Hwy. At the summit, however, the sun



came out and blessed our green and fresh-washed county with its warming rays. On Brigg's Hill we encountered several heats of the preliminaries for the Oregon road biking championships. They were an inspiration, though at least five times faster that we were going in our alternate direction. The final climb up to Sweet Cheeks Winery was a killer, but the reward was lunch on a beautiful patio overlooking the whole valley. Rumor has it they make a passable pinot noir and dry Riesling as well...The trip home saw close encounters with deer and turkey buzzards, plus all those spring flowers I still don't know the names of. All in all, a fine outing! Members Larry Dunlap and Bill Stewart.

### **Brownsville-Sweet Home**

**June 16, 2007**

**Leader: Joyce Sanders**

**45 miles (Difficult)**

**WE MET IN BROWNSVILLE** City Park amidst their Pioneer Days event. The countryside east of Brownsville is quite beautiful, although we encountered "heavy mist." After lunch in the city park in Sweet Home, the weather calmed down and we removed layers of clothing approaching Sodaville. This is a hilly trip and all participants were willing and able. The last hill is a doozy!

Members Barbara Bruns, Walt Davis, Stewart Hoeg, Darrell McBee, Dick Moffitt and Joyce Sanders; nonmember Pam Morris.

### **Cottage Restaurant**

**June 23, 2007**

**Leader: Sharon Ritchie**

**36 miles (Moderate)**

**AFTER POSTPONING** this ride twice because of rain, we were finally able to go. The weather was beautiful -- blue skies, lots of white fluffies and a gentle breeze. Great biking weather. From Pleasant Hill High School we rode by rolling backcountry roads to Cottage Grove. Everything was still green with wildflowers alongside the roads. My thanks to Lyn Gilman-Garrick for getting us from the intersection of Sears and Row River Roads onto a lovely little bike path that winds through a wetlands with lots of water, foliage and birds. We came out very close to the restaurant. The food was great and embarrassingly plentiful.

We all cleaned our plates! The ride back was equally enjoyable. My thanks to nonmembers Lewis Luchs and Paul Garrick and members Stewart & Kathy Hoeg, Dick Moffitt, Darrell McBee, George Jobanek, Lyn Gilman-Garrick and Sam Houston for making this such a wonderful day.

### **Orchard Point Park**

**June 23, 2007**

**Leader: Joan Bradley**

**(Easy)**

**WE BEGAN** at the Terry St. entrance to the Fern Ridge bike path. It was a beautiful day. After four miles the ride ended when one participant became dizzy and could not continue. Another participant rode back to get her car and then transported us back to the parking area. Everything ended well. Cris and I then had lunch at the parking/picnic area on Green Hill Rd. and took a tour of the Green Hill Humane Society animal shelter. Member Joan Bradley; nonmembers Cris Marlette and Linda Music.

### **Bellfountain**

**June 30, 2007**

**Leader: Lyn Gilman-Garrick**

**26 miles (Moderate)**

**IT WAS A GORGEOUS** day for a bike ride -- sunny skies, temperatures in the 70s and light wind. We started at the intersection of Bellfountain and Greenberry Roads and biked north through the mid-Willamette Valley past Christmas tree farms and grass fields. After just a few miles we stopped for lunch at Gathering Together Farm, an organic produce farm just south of Philomath. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch. Some had Chinook salmon on fresh greens, a few had omelets with homemade sausages, others had soups and salads. After lunch we continued our ride, looping back along the bottom land close to the river. We passed fields of clover and dozens of bee hives. Luckily, none flew into our helmets. The only mishap was a flat tire caused by a shard of glass. All in all, a lovely day with lots of great people: members Barbara Bruns, Laurie Funkhouser, Kitson & Peter Graham, Stewart Hoeg, Darrell McBee, Pam Morris, Virginia Rice, Sharon Ritchie, Joyce Sanders, Guy Strahon and Judith Terry; and nonmember Paul Garrick.



**Climbs**

### **Smith Rock State Park**

**May 12-13, 2007**

**Leader: Larry Huff**

**6 miles (Rating: 5.6 to 5.8)**

**WE HAD A BIG TURNOUT** by the students who completed climb school -- a total of 12 climbers eager to test their abilities on rock. Six climbers formed an advance scouting party, going out Friday ahead of the rest of us. The strategy worked out well for us late arrivals as the advance group had already set up three routes on the Rope De Dope Block, a small rock formation in the park. As we geared up for the opportunity to climb the Rope De Dope, the advance group was already across the river setting up routes on the Cinnamon Slab, a rock feature on the Morning Glory Wall. The later group -- which included me, Doug Nelson (technical assistant) and Peter Green (assistant leader) -- broke down the fundamentals for three anxious beginners -- Kaushik Vaidyanathan, Dave Morris and Marianne Camp. We later lost Doug to the allure of the great climbing to be had at Cinnamon Slab. The advance group (Chance Fitzpatrick, Sue Carey, Juli McGlinsky, Dennis Gardineer, Michelle Tuma and Lori Tierney) were putting up and taking down routes like mountain goats. I guess they had been climbing since the crack of dawn.

Peter and I enjoyed coaching and climbing with our small group as the others across the river could be heard hootin' and hollerin' in some cacophony of pleasure.

As the day progressed there was a crack of thunder and a flash of lightening with about 10 minutes of rain and, lo and behold, the park began to clear out. Peter and I had our pick of routes and proceeded to set new ones for our little group to conquer. Later in the day, we packed up at the Rope De Dope Block and proceeded across the river to join the rest of our ambitious group. We put in a few more reps on the rock and proceeded to follow the sunshine right out of the park.

Twelve starving, but satisfied, climbers went into Redmond to crash a Mexi-



can restaurant. We said goodbye to Dave and Kaushik, who headed back to Eugene and the rest of us drove off into the night to our camp in the rim rock country alongside the Deschutes River. The stars were brilliant as we lay down to slumber. We awoke to a beautiful desert morning, broke camp and drove back to the park for a short day of climbing. Doug dazzled a group of us at the Peanut formation with his climbing abilities as he demonstrated proper anchor setting and cleaning. Peter, Chance and I went down to the route named Five Gallon Buckets and took turns leading this vertical route. It was a great adventure with great people and lots of rocks to climb.

## **Diamond Peak Graduation Climb May 19, 2007 Leader: Brian Hamilton Co-Leader: Rich Peevers 6 miles, 4,000 ft.**

**WE BEGAN OUR CLIMB** at 8:15 under cloudy skies at the Pioneer Gulch trailhead. Our backpacks were heavier than most of us would have preferred because everyone carried crampons and snowshoes and we were prepared for wet, cold weather. The forecast called for a 30% chance of showers with freezing level at 6,000 feet. The first quarter-mile of the trail is steep and, within 20 minutes, we needed to remove layers of clothing. We soon left the trail to ascend toward the southwest ridge, breaking out of the heavier timber into more open terrain. We took GPS bearings at this point (5,400') to help us find our way back on the descent. At about 5,550' we were in the snow and it was firm enough so we didn't need our snowshoes. As we continued heading almost due west and slightly below the southwest ridge, the clouds would occasionally break enough for us to have glimpses of the upper ridge. The slope gradually increased. As we neared the tree line, it became very steep and trekking poles were replaced with ice axes.

At about 11 a.m., we reached the tree line and turned toward the north to get onto the ridge top. Once on the open slopes, our spirits seemed to lift because it now felt more like we were actually climbing a mountain, rather than hiking through the woods. After another half hour -- at 7,766' -- we stopped at some

rocks on the ridge to eat lunch. The final push for the summit began 20 minutes later. At the false summit, we ran into some backcountry skiers and rested for a few minutes. After hiking the final half-mile along the summit ridge, the lead members of the group reached the summit at 1 p.m. We stayed at the summit for about 45 minutes, taking photos and signing the summit register before beginning our descent. We ended up not using snowshoes or crampons, although a few of us post-holed down to our hips near buried rocks more than once. We returned to the trailhead at 4:15. Non-Obsidians Lubos Hubata-Vacek and Jonathon Deininger completed their qualifying climb and were able to fill out membership applications. Obsidian climbers were Matt Bell, Lori Tierney, Andrew Jensen, Barry Smith, Rich Peevers and Brian Hamilton.

## **Mt. Shasta/Avy Gulch June 8-10, 2007 Leader: Larry Huff 9 miles, 7,050 ft. (Class 2 Snow Climb)**

**I ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED** the climb in early June to climb the mountain with a healthy snowpack; however, the snow conditions this year were similar to mid to late July and deteriorating. The initial weather forecast appeared stable for the climb so we agreed to meet Thursday afternoon and drive down to Mt. Shasta. The logistics for the climb were to hike into high camp on Friday and spend the day and evening acclimatizing. We then would go for the summit early Saturday morning, return to high camp for a leisurely nap and then return to the vehicles late Saturday. It sounded like a nice idea.

A low pressure system entered the Pacific northwest and northern California on June 4 and wreaked havoc across the region through midweek. Our small group was not intimidated, as we were looking for an excuse to go to N. Calif. for an adventure. The weather models showed significant improvement through June 9th. Traveling in two vehicles were Lori Tierney and Julie McGlinsky in one and Peter Green, nonmember Lee Shaffner and I in the other. We set up camp at the Bunny Flat trailhead and spent the night under an amazing carpet of stars. We awoke leisurely Friday morning and put our packs together for the day's trek to high camp. On the walk-in young guns

Peter and Lee headed out first, agreeing to wait for the 40-something gang at designated points along the way.

The first stage is a hike through the forest to the Sierra horse camp. It's a rock-strewn dusty trail with some good views of the Trinity Alps. The horse camp (a cabin, spring and some composting toilets) sits at the edge of the forest as it gives way to alpine meadows and the mountain. From here, one can either head up to the overly popular Avalanche Gulch, where most people camp at Lake Helen; or go to Hidden Valley high camp with its access to west face routes and Shastina crater. We headed up to the tent village at Camp Helen. The next segment goes across the alpine meadows on a causeway of boulders painstakingly placed by volunteers to keep traffic off the vegetation. The trail now begins to become the true grunt. We have to negotiate a cliff band with full packs, then walk up boulder strewn moraine deposits all the way to a plateau called the 50/50 Camp. It is still another 1,000 vertical feet to Camp Helen, and some people prefer to haul their full packs no further than here. We prepare for the snow slog into high camp, which is also the steepest section of the lower mountain and we hump it into camp at 10,460 ft.

We spent the rest of the day in camp... napping, eating, hydrating and melting snow for water. We also took in the magnificent view. With an early start the next morning, we turn in about 8:30 p.m. and, fortunately, the other 50-60 people in camp are silent by 9. We awoke for a star-filled alpine start about 3:15 a.m. and began our climb -- which, when already above 10,000 ft., is not easy. We learn as we go how to pace ourselves and properly hydrate and ingest food. The first section up to and around the rock pile called The Heart is really just a long slog. We are rewarded with the moon setting and the shadow of Shasta beginning to form on the mountains to our south. It is a beautiful full-blown morning as we arrive and climb through the rock band known as the Red Banks. This is the crux of the climb. We breached the Red Banks and arrived on the wind-swept plateau at the base of Misery Hill. It is definitely windy here. We broke for some rocks to get out of the wind and put on extra layers.

As we ascend Misery Hill I began to notice a thin but growing lenticular cloud to the east. We have had some altitude issues along the way. Now I sensed po-

tential for a summit whiteout, or worse. I began to start pushing for an early turn-around, but first needed to convince my group. We are close, so for now we push on, ever wary. The wind is absolutely howling towards the top of Misery Hill and I start reeling everyone in again. We keep moving forward though, because young gun Lee has gotten way out in front and I will have to catch him to turn around successfully. Lee has also grown suspicious of the ominous cloud. I now have everyone on the same page. We take pictures of the summit pinnacle, ourselves and this awesome cloud formation...then turn around and head back to and down Misery Hill. Once we drop off the upper mountain we all feel stronger, and happy to be out of the wind. Peter, Lori and Juli proceed down the mountain; I stay behind to work on Lee's crampons, which have begun to give him fits. We remedied the problem and caught up with the rest of our group as they were about to glissade down along the Heart back to camp. We arrived back in camp gleeful about the adventure and happy with ourselves for saving our legs with the glissade.

Gazing back upon the upper mountain, we witness the whole thing vaporize in a white sheet of precipitation. Before long, we were pelted by raindrops. We hastily packed up camp and beat it down the mountain. We enjoyed each other's company and were completely satisfied with our Mt. Shasta adventure.

## **Mt. Thielsen**

**June 16, 2007**

**Leader: Wayne Deeter**

**10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Rating I-2)**

**THIS IS A PLEASANT** time of year for this climb in spite of encountering a few mosquitoes. The length of daylight allows for a leisurely climb even with a daylight start, and a bit of snow on Thielsen and surrounding mounts enhances already great views. We started up the trail at 6 a.m. under partly cloudy skies. Patches of snow on the trail, starting at about 6400', did not slow our progress much. We enjoyed an extended break at the halfway point (elevation wise) at the PCT junction, and arrived at the gathering spot below the summit pinnacle at about 11. Note that this spot is not recommended, due to a climber-caused rock fall, as we learned later in the day.

After I set a fixed line up the pinnacle,

all ascended, one by one, and enjoyed their time on the summit, then descended. A group of eight Chemeketans patiently waited at chicken point for their turn; our relatively early start had gotten us there first. This mountain proved to be too small for this group. Our return to the PCT was marred by an extended, brutal snowball war. Lubos showed off his incredible, stinging fastball. Skirmishes continued until peace was finally made due to lack of ammunition. Thanks to Sue Carey for driving, to Scot for his official assistance, and to April for checking my rope-work. Members Sue Carey, Wayne Deeter, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Scot Hunt, Andrew Jensen and Juli McGlinsky; nonmembers April Anderson, David Morris and Sue Zeni.

## **South Sister**

**June 23, 2007**

**Leader: Brian Hamilton**

**11 miles, 4,900 ft.**

**OUR CLIMB BEGAN** from Devils Lake trailhead at 7:38 a.m. under clear, sunny skies with a temperature of about 40 degrees. We hit hard snow at about 6,200' on the trail between Kaleetan Butte and Devils Hill. The snow was too frozen to kick in steps, so we put on crampons, making the hiking much more manageable. We ran into several other climbers who did not use crampons, a couple of whom even wore running shoes! Hiking across the flats above Moraine Lake, we could not enjoy the views as much as we would have liked because we were busy threading our way through 12-inch-deep sun cups. Trekking poles helped us keep our balance across the mile-long snowfield. Crampons came off and back on a couple of times and we removed them for good at about 8,000' since the route was free of snow from below Lewis Glacier to the summit rim. We reached the summit at 1 p.m., sharing it with a young man from Bend, soloing on his first climb. Winds picked up and we spent a cold half-hour on top before descending. Clouds were moving in and as we looked up at the sky, we saw a solar halo, indicating that rain could be imminent. Our newfound friend, unsure of the route, descended with us and we returned to the trailhead at 4:40 p.m. Enjoying an early summer Saturday climb without hordes of mosquitoes or crowds of hikers were Obsidians Barry Smith, Rich Romm, and Brian Hamilton.

## **North Sister**

**June 30-July 1, 2007**

**Leader: Wayne Deeter**

**Photo: Juli McGlinsky**

**17 miles, 5,500 ft. (Rating: I-3)**



*Wayne anchoring "The Dinner Plate"*

**"THERE ARE NO EASY** ascents of North Sister." So says our president. And, as I looked out on the steep snowfield covering part of the gully before the Dinner Plate, I was wishing he was with us instead of 4½ miles away on South Sister. The idea for this climb began two years earlier, when Mark Slipp led Middle Sister via the Hayden Glacier. This route has two big advantages over a west side approach: early season access; and an easy, snow-covered route up to the saddle between Middle and North. The one downside for a North climb is losing about 400' to get down to the top of the Collier Glacier.

We started the climb under the full moon at 4 a.m., about half an hour after a large Chemeketan party passed our campsite on their way up Middle. (An earlier start would have been better -- this climb always takes longer than you think it will.) We roped up just below the Hayden and, after a slight detour to the right, climbed through the notch in the terminal moraine. We then looped right and up, onto the prominent snow ridge, from where we could look down on several crevasses below. From the top of the Hayden we climbed further up the snow to the right and dulled the points of our crampons crossing several hundred feet of rock, to reach the snowfield which feeds the Collier.

Getting onto the south ridge of North is always a problem. You need to stick to the loose scree and angle up to the left. We followed the easier rock to the right, which meant we had to find our way around the gendarmes that guard the low end of the ridge. The patch of snow blocking the path below the Camel's

Hump had mostly melted in the two weeks since Chance Fitzpatrick and I had scouted this climb. Much had melted also from the gully before the Dinner Plate, making it harder to get onto the snow. We used all nine of our pickets and could have used a couple more if we had had them. The 60m rope just barely reached across the Dinner Plate and our third rope was used to protect the scramble to the staging area below the Bowling Alley. We climbed to the right just inside the Alley (known as the "Nelson Variation" to some, though certainly much older than that) rather than following the more obvious route further up, thus minimizing exposure to rockfall. After a short stay on the summit the whole process was reversed.

A whiteout added to the excitement when a cloud blew over us. Back on the other side of the Dinner Plate we discovered that a raven had stolen the food out of Juli's and Larry's packs. These smart birds have learned to pull on zip tabs and forage around inside packs. Take Chance's advice: turn your pack over and pile some stones on it! We took a shortcut back to camp, going through the notch to the east that's at the top of the Collier, and making a beeline over rock and snow to the toe of the Hayden. This cut about an hour off our descent. Many thanks to my fellow climbers for their aid and patience on this difficult climb. Members: Wayne Deeter, Larry Dunlap, Brian Hamilton, Scot Hunt, Juli McGlinsky and Rich Peevers.

## South Sister

July 1, 2007

Leader: John Pegg

11 miles, 4,900 ft. (Rating I-1)

AT THE SUMMIT of South Sister, we used a walkie-talkie to call the Obsidian group attempting North Sister. The leader, Wayne Deeter, answered, exchanged a quick greeting, and said: "I'm on the Dinner Plate right now and really can't talk!" The Dinner Plate is the steep snowfield below the summit and the crux of that technical climb. Our group, on the other hand, needed only ski poles. We retreated out of the wind to a sheltered spot on the crater for lunch. The clouds blew on and off the summit all day, but below it was warm and we had some great glissading on the descent. Climbers were members April Anderson, Marianne Camp, Deb Carver, Bob Harrison and John Pegg; and nonmember Audrey Staton.



## By Ways By Bus

### Canada and Washington

June 24-29, 2007

Leaders: Ben Jeffries, Don Payne

**T**HE BUS COMMITTEE staged its most extensive 2007 trip with 42 riders visiting Canada's City of Vancouver, Sunshine Coast and Sea to Sky Region; and Everett, WA. The six days of activities blended natural and manmade sites. Among the riders we were fortunate to have three family groups: five Baldwins, four Beards and four Hack relationships.

Vancouver's attractions were:

- Buddhist Kuan Yin Temple, second - largest Buddhist temple in North America, an exquisite example of Chinese architecture, classical gardens, large murals and impressive statuary.

- A visit to Steveston, an attractive, historic fishing village.

- 1894 Gulf of Georgia Cannery, a national historic site and an AAA "Gem, must-see point of interest," depicting the fishing industry, 1870 to present, through tour and film.

- VanDusen Botanical Gardens, another AAA "Gem"...55 acres, 7,500 plants.

**DAYS THREE AND FOUR**, spent on the Sunshine Coast, included an enchanting mixture of rural settings, waterways, land projections, islands, unique small towns and four scenic ferry rides. We proceeded north to the tiny, isolated community of Lund and the head of Hwy.101. Our overnight was at the 1905 Lund Hotel. We enjoyed a delightful four-hour dinner cruise into Desolation Sound, "British Columbia's most beautiful cruising ground." One highlight was the large number of eagles close at hand.

Retracing our path, now south on Hwy. 101, we stopped at Powell River, a national historic district with its company town of 400 craftsmen houses. Our step-on- guide, the former coordinator of their historic society and owner of the oldest movie theater in Canada, led us on a fine two-hour tour. At her theater, we were treated to outstanding performances from three professional entertainers of our own

group. Kathy Madden, a veteran of many stage productions, sang "He Has the Whole World in His Hands;" and husband Ron, an opera performer, sang "The Impossible Dream." Both were ably accompanied by pianist Paul Beard. Nice to have these folks drop in from New York City and Newport and share their impressive talents.

**FURTHER SOUTH**, we visited the Shishalh Museum of Hewhiwus, or House of Chiefs. The curator shared many accounts of tribal history and today's efforts to maintain their culture. A stop at the Landing in Gibsons provided the charm of a beautiful, small, waterfront setting.

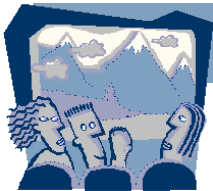
Day five, we were in the Sea to Sky Region, where we saw: Stawamus Chief, second largest granite monolith in the world (2,139 feet high, with 200 climbing routes); Shannon Falls, six times as high as Niagara; and the B.C. Museum of Mining, a national historic site that was once the commonwealth's largest copper mine. Most of us enjoyed the mine's underground train ride and tour. We were fortunate to have the supervisor of the museum as our guide, a very knowledgeable presenter.

Day six, we toured Boeing's Future of Flight Aviation Center with its many interactive displays. We also visited their assembly plant, the largest building in the world. From our perch of five stories up, we had a great view of several planes in various stages of assembly. It turned out that our two-hour Boeing schedule was not quite enough for many of our riders.

The hospitality group, as usual, prepared outstanding fare for our coffee and treat breaks.

Riders were: Guests Pene Ballini, Ron Baur, Sharon Clark, Mary Reynoldson, and Lucille West; and Obsidians Don Baldwin, Ewart Baldwin, Niel Baldwin, Rosemary Baldwin, Barbara & Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Pat Bitner, Kent Christoferson, Mary Ann Cougill. Sharon Cutsforth, Rose Mary Etter, Rachele Fiszman, Barbara & Dennis Flanders, Jeannette Forsman, Virginia Gilbreath, Bette Hack, Dora Harris, Mary Ann Holsler, Marjory Jackson, Ben & Pat Jeffries, Rosella Jones, Verna Kocken, Dorothy Leland, Kathy & Ron Madden, Barbara & Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Liz Reanier, Dorothy Sstrom, Julia Snell, Bonnie Ward, Christy White and Vera Woolley.





### **Rick Ahrens' Slide Tour Of Eugene's Wetlands**

*By LaRee Beckley*

**L**ISTENING TO RICK AHRENS discuss the Eugene area wetlands is like going to school - but in a good way. He knows a lot about this subject, has illustrative pictures and, if that is not enough to hold our attention, mixes it up with his own special brand of humor.

Among the positives wetlands provide, flood control is often a priority, as they are capable of absorbing huge amounts of water. Another is their ability to re-charge the ground water; plus, they help to make the water cleaner by breaking up the bad things our society puts into it. Indeed, there are cities that use their wetlands to help clean municipal water supplies.

Wetlands provide wildlife habitat and attract rare birds, butterflies, dragonflies and aquatic animals, such as those on the endangered species list. Many birds that use wetlands are travelers that stop for rest or food as they fly to far off areas where some will hatch and raise their young; or spend a season feeding where the food is more abundant. Wetlands provide access to popular activities such as bird watching and boating, as well as providing open spaces, where plants and animals are allowed to thrive.

There are some famous wetlands throughout the world, including the Amazon, the Everglades and the Okefenokee Swamp. Some lesser known wetlands are the Prairie Potholes in North Dakota and the vast lake area of northern Saskatchewan. Alaska has half the wetlands in the United States. **THE WETLANDS IN OREGON** include the Malheur south of Burns and the magnificent Klamath Basin near Klamath Falls. Near Eugene, there are three wetland areas now being managed by various groups and agencies; and where a variety of pro-

jects are being undertaken to improve their habitats.

Delta Ponds is located near the Valley River shopping mall and can be observed while walking or biking the path on the north side of the Willamette River. In the past, the river meandered more than it does today, with many side channels. The area of Delta Ponds, one of these side channels, was later used as a gravel source. Presently, the City of Eugene is actively working to restore the natural vegetation and provide bird and animal habitation, including that required by the western pond turtle. This summer, a portion of the bike trail will be closed off so culverts can be installed to facilitate this restoration effort.

Other projects at Delta Ponds are the removal of invasive plants and planting of native species. A fish-trapping project discovered that salmon still migrate to the ponds. Monitoring turtles revealed that many are eaten by raccoons.

**WHILE ADMIRING** a slide of some very soggy beaver scat (which, amazingly, someone from the audience correctly identified when quizzed by Rick), the screen went dark and projector bulbs had to be found and replaced. I was still pondering scat when the screen was re-lit and we were shown a slide showing that a beaver's front teeth are orange. Apparently, this is iron and it replaces the enamel in beaver teeth, and accounts for their strong teeth.

Besides catching glimpses of a beaver, heron or osprey, a visitor during the early winter months may be charmed by the sight of baby owls that regularly make their nests in the Delta Ponds.

The second area, the West Eugene

Wetlands, covers 3,000 acres and is known as a model program for the nation. These wetlands include Meadowlark Prairie, Dragonfly Bend, Willamette Daisy Meadow, Tsal Luk-wah, Luk-wah Prairie, Bertelsen Nature Park, Willow Creek Natural Area (owned by the Nature Conservancy) and Wild Iris Ridge.

Besides The Nature Conservancy, these areas are being administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Eugene, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Eugene Parks and Open Space, McKenzie River Trust, Oregon Youth Conservation Corp, and WREN -- plus 125 landowners and non-government agencies. Some anticipated projects in the West Eugene Wetlands include an education center, restoration of the old Eugene Speedway and experimenting with burning ash woodlands.

Fern Ridge Wildlife Area is the third area and was the first flood control project in the valley. It has 30 miles of shoreline and covers 12,700 acres, which include 5,000 acres specifically for wildlife habitat. It is administered by the U.S. Corp of Engineers. Much of the money used for its projects comes from hunting fees. Some of these projects include levees for impounding water and control of invasive plants.

Although 25% of Eugene's land base is wetlands, only 1% of the original wetlands remain. Obviously, it is important we retain what we have left and volunteers are needed for some of the projects Rick spoke about. We can thank people such as Rick who have educated themselves about the benefits of retaining our nation's wetlands and who willingly spend the time and effort to educate the rest of us.

# Extended Trip Was for the Birds ...and That Was Just Ducky!

Extended Trip: Malheur National Refuge, June 8-June 10, 2007

By Marianne Camp, Trip Leader; Photo by Richard Hughes

**T**HIS WAS MY FIRST extended trip to organize and what a great group to break me in as a leader. The trip was advertised as a bird watching experience with some exploration into this remote region. Many in the group had been to the area; for some, it was a first time experience. What a treat it was for all. With 21 participants we filled the old and new sections of the Frenchglen Hotel and outnumbered the town's population. Maybe that is an exaggeration, but the town *is* very small.

We left on Friday in separate cars at various times, planning to meet by 5 p.m. at the hotel. Many stopped along the way to take in a variety of sites. Once you reach Burns it is an easy drive down to the town of Frenchglen. The first stop is at the Narrows. A recent addition to the area, it's a turnout at one of the better viewing areas along the route; several felt they saw the best bird species assortment there.

**THE NEXT PLACE** to gather information is at Malheur headquarters. They share the best places to view and have lots of brochures. It, too, has a pond where a few birds were seen. The museum had stuffed birds for up close viewing of detail and size. The volunteer staff person encouraged us to take in a tour of Round Barn and Diamond Craters. She also said the lower section of the P road would have the best assortment of birds.

As cars began arriving and rooms were assigned we gathered to do introductions. I knew from the beginning this group would be a delight. As any leader knows, the makeup of the group determines the enjoyment of the trip. When you spend a weekend together it matters a great deal how congenial the group is...and they were exceptional. With Rick Ahrens as our resident birder we were in good hands. I might add that many on this trip had a good knowledge of birds and contributed to our various sightings; which, by the way, totaled 83 species.

Dinner was family style, which allowed us to share stories and get to know one another. The food was very good and plentiful. When one eats so much it is nice to wander off for an evening stroll. Right out the front door was a gravel road, which took us on a pleasant walk. Again, we were able to

spend time enjoying the birds, each other's company, Steens Mountain and a beautiful big sky. The little critters and birds were around and a skeleton of a deer made for lots to look at. When the sun set, Rick pulled out his scope and identified three planets and several constellations. The night sky in eastern Oregon is amazing. It almost makes one want to stay up past 10 p.m.

**WE STARTED OUT** on Saturday at 6 a.m. Yes, that is a requirement of mine. Not really. It was offered as a choice and I was amazed how many showed up. We headed over to Page Springs and wandered around until breakfast. Once finished

eating we selected our sack lunches and were on the road by 8:30. Packed into five cars, with Rick at the lead and a walkie talkie in each vehicle, we began our day's adventure. We loaded and unloaded at least a half dozen times, with various stops for bird sightings.

Lunch was at Benson Pond, with a short walk to a grove of trees for shade. It was here my personal favorite sighting happened. Two baby horned owls were resting in a tree. At first, they huddled together, acting a little shy, but soon moved around the tree to various branches. A parent

was close-by and did not seem to be bothered by our large group. Other sightings are too numerous to mention, but it is amazing how many birds call this place home for a few days of the year. It makes a person want to know more about migration and where they are going and what other stops they make along the way.

Sunday was a shared breakfast and a farewell to all as each car set out on its separate return trip home. Many thanks to all in the group who contributed to a wonderful weekend. Several of us are already making plans for more extended trips. We are so fortunate to have a large variety of places to explore together. If you have not experienced a trip like this one do not hesitate to sign up the next time. The spaces go fast.

Participants included Obsidians Rick Ahrens, David & Shelly Call, Marianne Camp, Daniele Delaby, Jim & Sharon Duncan, Pat Esch, Phyllis Fisher, Kitson & Peter Graham, Richard Hughes, Janet & John Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Lana Lindstrom, Bill McWhorter, Barb Revere, Bonnie Richman and Barbara Schomaker; and nonmember Maxine McWhorter.



*Rick and Bill spotting with lots of supervision.*

## UPCOMING

# Barb's Sampler: Great Trips and BBQ, Too!

By Barb Revere

**Thurs., July 19 – Lowder Mt. –Hike, moderate.** Climb through several wildflower meadows to reach spectacular views of the Three Sisters and other high Cascades. Spring flowers can be marvelous on this hike; but even in fall, this is a gem of a trip. The last time I hiked this route, the trail was overgrown with flowers and grasses and I was glad I had on long trousers. Led by Jim and Sharon Duncan, this trip is 5.6 miles and climbs 900 ft.

**Sat., July 21—Battle Ax/Mt. Beachie –Hike, difficult.** This hike follows a ridge in the Opal Creek Wilderness and the views are of pristine canyons, rock “castles” and peaks from the Three Sisters to Mt. Jefferson. You’ll be climbing to the summits of both Battle Ax (5,500’) and Mt. Beachie (5,200’). Led by Brian Hoyland, this 8.5-mile hike is rated *difficult* for the elevation gain of 2,700 ft. and the condition of the trail.

**Sat., July 21 – Yoran Lake -- Hike, moderate.** In the northern shadow of Diamond Peak, this circular string of small mountain lakes will delight even the most jaded hiker. At Yoran Lake, Diamond Peak looms to the southwest for pure viewing pleasure. Leader Walt Dolliver lists the hike as 8 miles with 1,300 ft. elevation change

**Sun., July 22 – Rooster Rock –Hike, moderate.** The Menagerie Wilderness, off the Santiam Hwy., was named for the many outcroppings that resemble animals perched atop the ridges in the area. Rooster Rock, one of the oddly shaped pillars, is the destination for leader Steve Gunn’s hike of 6.6 miles with 2,300 ft. of climbing. Bring plenty of water as well as energizing snacks and expect exposure at the summit on this *harder moderate* trip.

**Same Day (July 22) –Wildwood Falls –Bike, moderate.** On Brice Creek about 15 miles east of Cottage Grove, Wildwood Falls is one of the more beautiful falls in the area and visible from a roadside pull-out. The falling water is squeezed

through black lava in several parallel fans into a deep black pool. In late summer the pool is a tempting swim for local kids, but unseen currents pose a danger. Included on your route are Dorena Lake, Brice Creek and other southern Willamette Valley sights. Guy Strahon leads this moderate 32-mile ride with about 350 ft. of climbing.

**Sat., Aug. 4 –Erma Bell Lakes Loop –Hike, moderate.** Eight beautiful alpine lakes, darkly wooded areas and open grassy meadows are a few of the reasons this trip remains on my list of favorites. Midway between Oakridge and Blue River, off the Aufderheide Scenic Highway, this trail offers quick rewards for little effort on its 8-mile loop climbing 800 ft. Led by Joanne Ledet, you’ll discover a hidden waterfall that carries the outflow of one lake into another.

**Sun., Aug. 5 –Cape Perpetua and Giant Spruce –Hike, easy.** If August is too hot for you in the valley, this is the hike for you. You’ll start from the famed Cape Perpetua area and ascend steeply into the adjacent rainforest in deep shade all the way. The spruce here are indeed giant and beautiful -- just what you need to sooth your fevered brow. The hike is 5 miles with 200 ft. of up, led by Sandra Larsen.

**Same Day (Aug. 5) – Chucksney Mountain – Hike, difficult.** Hike with leader Alan Coons on a deeply forested trail into beautiful expansive meadows and to the ridge top and the summit of Chucksney Mt. Lovely volcano views spring up along this moderately difficult trip and there will still be some wildflowers. A 10-mile trail with about 2,000 ft. of elevation change.

**Fri., Aug. 17 –Eugene Emeralds Game – Evening outing, easy.** Peanuts and Cracker Jacks may not be on the menu, but barbeque is. Join leaders Stewart Hoeg and Jim Duncan on their second annual trip to Civic Stadium to watch the Ems play the Everett AquaSox. Everyone who

went last year really enjoyed themselves and urged Stewart and Jim on to a yearly replay. On this fun and *easy* outing, everyone wins. As to elevation gain, you can climb as high and as often as you want into the bleachers and distance depends on your number of refills.

**Sun., Aug. 19 –Fuji Mountain – Hike, easy.** With a hike like this, only three miles and 900 ft. of elevation gain, you can really relax and enjoy the fabulous views! No long walk in, nor need to rush back, for a fine day out! Lay back, digest lunch and feast your eyes on the surrounding country. Fuji rises south of Waldo Lake and has unparalleled views of the nearby volcanic peaks. Rob Wood leads.

**Same Day (Aug. 19) – South Waldo-Black Meadows – Hike, moderate.** Peter Asai leads this 9.8-mile loop hike (elevation gain of 1,000 ft.) from Shadow Bay boat access to the meadows that sit in the afternoon shadows of Mt. Fuji and Bunchgrass Ridge. Waldo Lake is one of Oregon’s purest lakes and 75% of its shore is wilderness area.

**Wed., Aug. 22 – Evening Mt. Pisgah Potluck – Hike/Potluck, moderate.** This creative idea, from leader Chris Stockdale, is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Evening is a wonderful time to hike at Buford Park; crowds are gone, day’s heat is dissipating and soft colors sooth the eye. For details of the route and the supper, see the signup sheet... and bon appetite. Six miles, 1,000ft.

**Sat., Aug. 25 – Bensen and Hand Lakes – Hike, Difficult.** There are a variety of trail options in this stunning area at the top of Route 242: rugged lava fields, alpine meadows, glacier-carved clear blue lakes and Cascade mountain peaks wherever you turn. Join co-leaders Judy Terry and Guy Strahon on this hike (or you can hike in the same area with Mary Ellen West on **Sunday, Sept. 9**, for an easier route)

**Wed., Aug. 29 – Canyon Creek Meadows – Hike, moderate.** Hiking this beautiful canyon on the north side



of Three Fingered Jack is an unforgettable experience. The mountaintop looms in your path as the trail gets steeper. You may stop at the moraine lake or continue on to the ridge top at 6,855 ft. for a 1,400 ft. elevation gain on this 7.5-mile modified loop trail. The return portion connects to two other trails where a regenerating forest struggles beneath blackened trees from a fire that raged for half the summer in 2003. Led by Pat Adams.

**Tue., Sep. 4 – McKenzie River/Belknap via LTD – Hike, moderate.** After riding a bus out Hwy. 126 to the McKenzie Bridge Ranger Station, we will walk 4 miles along the McKenzie River Trail to Belknap Springs Resort for lunch. You can spend the next two hours wandering the gardens, reading (bring a book) or a taking a dip in the hot pool (bring suit and towel). I'll lead this 8-mile hike with about 300 ft. elevation gain.

**Thurs., Sep. 6 – South Cinder Peak via Carl Lake – Hike, difficult.** As far as leader Dan Christensen can determine, this has never been offered on the Obsidian schedule. South of Mt. Jefferson, flanked by North and South Cinder

Peaks, sits Carl Lake. Your trail is via Cabot Lake, then on to North Cinder Peak. You'll need to be in very good condition, wear good boots and bring lots of extra water and energy boosting snacks for this unique hike to a "new" place with really fabulous views

**Sun., Sept. 9 – Black Crater – Hike, difficult.** Bill Sullivan says the best views of the Three Sisters are had after an arduous climb to the top of this cinder cone. Vigilant hikers will also catch views of the northern Oregon Cascades as they climb the northeast shoulder of this volcano. At the summit catch unobstructed 360-degree views of many other large peaks on the horizon. Leader Jennifer Baer heads up this *more difficult* trip. Boots and plenty of water and snacks are recommended.

**Wed., Sep. 12 – Eddeeleo Lakes – Hike, moderate.** Your trail winds down Winchester Ridge north of Waldo Mountain to a string of delightful little alpine lakes that drain into the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette. Open views are limited but spectacular on this heavily wooded trail and include the Three Sisters. Paul Flashenberg leads this *moderate* hike

of 9.2 miles. Please note the trail climbs 700 ft. to return to the trailhead.

**Sat., Sep. 15 – Middle Pyramid – Hike, moderate.** The Three Pyramids tower over hikers for the entire route up to knobby Middle Pyramid. Jane Hackett leads this strenuous, but rewarding hike to a cozy rocky summit with fine views of many of our Oregon Cascade peaks.

## Aufderheide Delays!

**R**PAIRS TO FR 19 (Aufderheide Drive) began July 15 and will continue for about six weeks. Construction will occur during weekdays, and travelers can anticipate delays of up to an hour. The construction zone begins just north of Westfir and continues for about 21.5 miles to the intersection of Aufderheide Drive with Forest Road 1940. Crews will be replacing culverts and then filling the repair area with gravel. Asphalt will be reapplied later in the summer. Exercise caution. Contact Middle Fork Ranger District at 541-782-5306 with questions.



## Upcoming Bus Trips

### Champoeg – Where Oregon History Began

**Date:** Tuesday August 7 **Cost:** \$49 (\$51 nonmembers)

**Leaders:** Mary Ellen West, Ray Jensen

**Reservations and checks to:** Verna Kocken, 2263 37th St., Springfield, 97477 (735-5180)

See June Bulletin for description of this trip.

### End of Trail for Lewis & Clark

**Date:** Tuesday/Wednesday, Sept. 4-5

**Leaders:** Barbara & Paul Beard, Liz Reanier

**Cost:** \$160 (\$164 nonmembers)

**Reservations and checks to:** Janet Speelman, 1496 west 28th Ave, Eugene 97405 (344-3019)

We will leave at 8 a.m., traveling to the coast and experiencing the sights of Lewis and Clark in reverse of their trip. A very special meal will be prepared by Chef Barbara at the Whiskey Creek Hatchery (near Tillamook). A Tillamook angler will lead a tour of the hatchery grounds and its workings. The end of the first day will bring us to the Cannon Beach area for lodging. Dinner on your own. Tillamook Head, north of Cannon Beach, is the farthest point south that the

expedition traveled on the Oregon Coast.

Day 2 will begin with breakfast and a quick trip to the beach area (via bus) where there was a beached whale. This was of great interest because of the oil and blubber available for provisions during the winter, and preparing for the long journey home. We will make a short visit to the area of Salt Camp in Seaside. Then it is on to Fort Clatsop, where the expedition wintered for four harsh months. (*Need your Golden Age Pass here.*) On Astoria Column hill we'll observe the area first explored by Lewis and Clark and learn the history of this point. Lunch will be on your own in Astoria.

The trip home will pass Clatskanie, Forest Grove, and Rickreall.

### Fall Colors

**Date:** Wed., October 10 **Leaders:** B. Hack, Liz Reanier

**Cost:** \$48 (\$50 nonmembers), includes lunch

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

We will leave at 8 a.m. and travel through Marcola and up the Santiam Highway, with a stop at Cascadia Park for our morning coffee break. We will continue on the South Santiam Hwy. to Black Butte Ranch, arriving about 11:30 for a delicious glazed chicken breast lunch (included) and a wonderful view of the mountains at about 11:30. After lunch, we will return via McKenzie Hwy. to the Aufderheide cut-off, passing by Cougar Dam. We'll stop several times along this very scenic road and return home via Hwy. 58.

# FUN, FOOD & BASEBALL!

## 2nd Annual Obsidian Ems Game Night

**J**OIN FELLOW OBSIDIANS in an outing at historic Civic Stadium for a pregame barbecue followed by a baseball game between the Eugene Emeralds the Everett Aqua Sox.

**Date:** Friday, August 17.

**Time:** Barbecue begins at 6 p.m. (check in 5:45) and ends at 7. Game starts at 7:05.

**Location:** Civic Stadium First Base Picnic Area. Enter via the gate on Willamette Street, *not* the main gate.

**Included:** Game ticket, food and beverages. The barbecue includes hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, watermelon, soft drinks and beer. After the barbecue you can remain in the picnic area or move to the grandstands to watch the game.

**Price: \$18 per person** (includes \$1 trip fee for members or nonmembers). No charge for children under 5.

**Sign-Up:** Add your name to the sign-up sheet at the YMCA *and* send your payment (payable to James L. Duncan) Jim Duncan, 1878 W. 27th Pl., Eugene, 97405. Payment must be received by August 1st to attend.

**Questions:** Jim Duncan (343-8079), Stewart Hoeg (484-6196)



### Ems Quiz

By George Jobanek

1. Who is the only former Emeralds player elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame?
2. Who is the only former Emeralds manager elected to the Hall of Fame?
3. Name the major league teams for which the Ems have been a minor league affiliate.

4. Which former Ems pitcher has the most wins in the majors?

5. Under which New Deal agency was Civic Stadium built, and when?

**Answers:** 1. Mike Schmidt; 2. Jim Bunning; 3. San Diego Padres, Chicago Cubs, Atlanta Braves, Kansas City Royals, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago White Sox, San Francisco Giants; 4. Kevin Appier, with 169 wins; 5. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1938.

## Obsidians to Be Honored at FWOC 75th Anniversary

**T**HE FEDERATION of Western Outdoor Clubs will hold its 75th Anniversary Convention August 10-12 at Snoqualmie Pass, WA. This year's theme is: "Engaging Outdoor Recreation and Conservation."

Obsidians are one of the founding clubs to be honored at the Friday evening banquet when Brock Evans will present the keynote speech. Most of the convention program will be held at

Summit Lodge, with Saturday dinner and Sunday's session at the Washington Alpine Club's Guye Cabin.

Obsidians not going to the second week of summer camp are encouraged to help represent the club at the convention. For information and a registration form, contact Shirley Cameron (942-5470) or access the FWOC's website:

[www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org)

## Events at Mt. Pisgah

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

**YOGA ON THE MOUNTAIN**, Sun., July 22, 10 a.m.-noon. Hike to the top of Mt. Pisgah, enjoy beautiful views, practice yoga on the summit. All ages/abilities.

**BERRY WALK**, Sun., July 29, 10 a.m.-noon. Meet at visitor center, rain or shine.

**WET FEET N' COOL TREATS! A Guided Nature Walk for Kids**, Sun., July 29, 1-3 p.m.

**DISCOVERING NATURE: A Walk for Grandparents and Kids**. Learn about the arboretum's birds, plants, trees and bugs. Sat., August 4, 10 a.m.-noon. Meet at visitor center.

**WRITING ABOUT WATER: A Nature Writing Workshop with Carol Ann Bassett**, Sat., August 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sun., August 5, noon-3 p.m. A two-day writing workshop. Explore the relationship between humans and water.

**HERBAL TEAS WORKSHOP**, Sun., August 12, 10 a.m.-noon. Learn about the cooling herbs of summer with herbalist Sue Sierralupé.

## Last Minute Openings Available for Summer Camp

**A** FEW LAST minute openings are still available for Camp Pegg - Obsidian Summer Camp near West Yellowstone in Montana. Contact Sharon Ritchie (342-8435) or John Jacobsen (343-8030) for details.

Registration forms and more information are available at our website: [www.obsidians.org](http://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.





## SciEd Tuesday

# Mardy Murie Film

*"I FIRMLY BELIEVE that one of the very few hopes for man is the preservation of the wilderness we now have left, and the greatest reservoir of that medicine for mankind lies in Alaska."*

These strong words come from Mardy (Margaret) Murie, known as the mother of the American conservation movement and the subject of a film to be shown at the SciEd program on Tuesday, September 11, at 7 p.m. in the lodge.

Murie and her husband Olaus were instrumental in the preservation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, signed into law in 1960. After his death she continued working for its expansion to 19.3 million acres in 1983 and 1988, making it the largest national wildlife refuge in the country.

Grand Teton National Park is another aspect of the Murie's legacy we will learn about. *Joella Ewing, SciEd Chair*



## Trail Maintenance

**D**ON'T MISS THIS opportunity to give a little back. Help out this summer on the Spencer Butte and Ridgeline trail maintenance work parties the last Wednesdays of July (7/25), August (8/29) and September (9/26). We will meet at the 52nd and Willamette Street Spencer Butte parking lot at 5:30p.m. Each work party will last 3 hours.

*Peter Green, Trail Maintenance Chair*

## 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](mailto: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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# Obsidian Calendar

## July

- 21 Sat – **Battle Ax – Mt. Beachie, D**, Hoyland .....338-9881
- 21 Sat – **Mt. Washington/north ridge**, Climb, J.Pierce ..344-1775
- 21 Sat – **Yoran Lake**, 8m 1300' M, W.Dolliver .....345-2975
- 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.McLucas .....485-5608
- 28-Aug 11 Sat-Sat – **Camp Pegg**, Jacobsen .....343-8030
- 25 Wed – **Ridgeline Trail Maintenance**, P.Green.....510-1151
- 29 Sun – **Scott Mountain**, 10m 1300' D, G.Baitinger.....346-2927

## August

- 1 Wed – **Fall Creek**, 6m 200' M, M.Prentice ..... 687-5850
- 3-5 Fri-Sun – **McCully Basin**, Backpack, Sullivan683-6837
- 4 Sat – **Erma Bell Lakes**, 8m 800' M, J.Ledet..... 683-2603
- 4-5 Sat-Sun – **South Sister**, Climb, K.Sawyer ..... 344-6739
- 5 Sun – **Cape Perpetua & Giant Spruce**, Larsen 687-2589
- 5 Sun – **Chucksney Mountain**, 10.3m D, Coons. 687-9741
- 7 Tue – **Champog**, Bus, M.West ..... 343-5492
- 8 Wed – **Metolius River**, 5.4m 100' M, Thomas .. 747-1623
- 10 Fri – **Heceta Head/Hobbit Trail**, 5.5m, Larsen687-2589
- 11-12 Sat-Sun – **Jefferson Wild**, Climb, Hoyland 338-9881
- 17 Fri – **Eugene Emeralds**, baseball, J.Duncan... 343-8079
- 18 Sat – **Cottage Inn**, Bike, M,Ritchie..... 342-8435
- 18 Sat – **McKenzie Pass Geology**, 3m E,Rodda... 343-3887
- 18 Sat – **Three Fingered Jack**, Climb, W.Deeter. 942-0824
- 18 Sat – **Vivian Lake**, 8m 1200' M, C.Durham .... 687-0885
- 19 Sun – **Fuji Mountain**, 3m 900' E, R.Wood ..... 782-2710
- 19 Sun – **S Waldo Lake-Black Meadows**, Asai.. 933-3927
- 22 Wed – **Evening Pisgah potluck**, M, Stockdale 767-3668
- 25 Sat – **Benson and Hand Lakes**, D, Terry ..... 345-0720
- 25 Sat – **Callahans**, Sport Rock Climb, D.Nelson 746-6774
- 25 Sat – **Drift Creek**, M, B.Lipton..... 736-7498
- 25-26 Sat-Sun – **Mt. McLoughlin**, Climb, J.Pegg 343-0909
- 25 Sat – **TBA**, D, S.Schrivier ..... 345-9573
- 25 Sat – **The Twins**, 6.6m 1600' M, D.James ..... 683-7488
- 26 Sun – **Opie Dilldock**, 14m 2800' D, R.Romm.. 484-5214
- 28 Tue – **Clear Lake**, 5.5m E, M.Kandell..... 345-8095
- 29 Wed – **Canyon Creek Meadows**, M,Adams ... 746-2204
- 29 Wed – **Ridgeline Trail Maintenance**, P.Green.....510-1151
- 30 Thu – **Lowder Mountain**, M, Jeffcott..... 344-6447
- 31 Fri – **Little Brother**, 12m 3000' D, D.Quirk .... 686-3027
- 31 Fri – **Shasta Loops/Blackberries**, E, Kandell 345-80951

## September

- Sat – **Circle Mt. Pisgah**, 8m 600' M, Montgomery736-8955
- 1 Sat – **Divide Lake/Mt. Yoran**, D, Castleberry... 726-2412
- 2 Sun – **Duffy Lake & Red Butte**, D, Revere ..... 726-4989
- 4-5 Tue-Wed – **Lewis and Clark**, Bus,Beard..... 994-2337
- 4 Tue – **McKenzie River Trail-LTD** M, Revere. 726-4989
- 5 Wed – **Sweet Creek**, 5.2m 650' M, S.Thomas ... 747-1623
- 5 Wed – **Vivian Lake**, 8m 1600' M, D.Jeffcott..... 344-6447
- 6 Thu – **S Cinder Peak**, D, Christensen ..... 343-8941
- 8 Sat – **Alder Springs**, S.Hovis..... 345-7788
- 8 Sat – **Four-In-One Cone**, 8.6m 1500' M, Tucker344-8371
- 8 Sat – **Silver Creek Falls**, 7m M, M.Tambellini . 343-8051
- 9 Sun – **Black Crater**, 7.4m 2500' D, J.Baer ..... 431-0767
- 9 Sun – **Hand Lake-Scott Lake**, 4.8m E, West..... 343-5492
- 11 Tue – **Mardy Murie Film** .....SciEd Tues





*Old Barn near Frenchglen Hotel. See report Page 19 - Photo by Barb Revere*



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