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Dates to Remember

Nov 16	Potluck, Iceland
Nov 20	SciEd Tuesday
Nov 24	Trail Maintenance
Nov 29	Youth Comm. Meeting
Dec 5	Board Meeting
Dec 6	Winter Leader Training
Dec 14	Potluck,
Dec 18	SciEd Tuesday

**Membership Dues
Are WAY Overdue.
Delinquents
To Be Dropped
December 1!**





Photo by John Jacobsen

Bill Sullivan, left, presented honorary membership by President Pegg.

**Mood at Annual Meeting
Unreservedly Upbeat!**

FROM PRESIDENT John Pegg's positive "State of the Club" opening statement through the final "for the good of the order" type member comments, the 2007 Obsidian Annual Meeting was unreservedly upbeat!

An honorary membership was presented to Bill Sullivan, whose hiking guide books are almost one of an Obsidian trip leader's "10 essentials." Awards were presented to members who have completed milestone numbers of trips and climbs. And some actual club business was conducted, with a constitutional change accepted regarding life memberships.

All the details can be found in the Annual Meeting Notes on Page 4 and the smiling faces in the photos above, and on Page 5.



167 Members Remain UNPAID

Nearly 30% of the current Obsidian membership have not renewed their membership dues which were due October 1! That is an incredibly large number - more than in previous years. If you need to renew, please save the Membership Committee the time of contacting each of the delinquents personally, by sending your dues in immediately. Note: Members unpaid as of December 1 are dropped from the Obsidian roles. After that additional reinstatement fees apply if you wish to rejoin.

Annual dues - \$30 - Checks payable to: Obsidians, Inc.

Send along with Renewal Form to:

Obsidians Membership Chair, P.O. Box 51424, Eugene, OR 97405

A membership renewal form was delivered along with your September Bulletin. A renewal form can also be downloaded from the member's only area of our website: www.obsidians.org/Members.

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Obsidian Membership Report November 2007

Active Members	519
Associate Members	39
Honorary Members	2
Junior Members	22
Life Members	21
Total Members	604

President's Message:

Gratitude

By John Pegg, President

WITH THANKSGIVING just around the corner, it is a good time to acknowledge our gratitude for the good times we have shared together as Obsidians. Gratitude is an intense appreciation and without it we would truly be impoverished. It has ties to how we see beauty in the world and how we connect to other people. One of the important things Obsidians do as a club is provide those opportunities. We often only see them in retrospect as special moments for which we will always be grateful.

For me, personally, there were many. But one that stands out this year was the opportunity to sit on the top of Mt. Jefferson. This was not my first visit to that small and lonely spot, about the size of a small desk, but it filled me with gratitude. This was gratitude not only for being alive at that moment in time -- surrounded by long vistas of wilderness, glaciers, and other Cascade peaks -- but for the connection I felt with the whole tradition of Obsidian climbing and the opportunities for moments like these it had given me.

For you, it might not have been sitting on the top of a mountain. It could have been sharing lunch at the end of a long hike, staring out across a frozen lake, feeling the wind on your face as your bicycle carries you rushing down a hill or looking at fall leaves from the window of a bus. But you know what they are. It is one of the reasons you are an Obsidian. I invite you to feel grateful.

OBITUARIES

Eunice Mickel

EUNICE MICKEL, died Oct. 9 of age -related causes at age 88. Burial was in Creswell Pioneer Cemetery.

Eunice was born Oct. 9, 1919, in Corvallis. She was a librarian at Sweet Home High School from 1957 to 1981. She came to 12 summer camps (the last one in 1985) and went on one bus trip (to the Applegate House in 1988). Her last trip was in 1996 on a McKenzie River raft trip, but has continued to maintain her membership and pay her annual dues every year.

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LATE NEWS BULLETIN

FOLLOWING AN ELEVENTH HOUR backroom deal at which the Bulletin was not present, Brian Hamilton was elected by the board of directors on November 7th to the office of board president for the 2008 term. The only detail we're sure about is that the room wasn't smoke-filled.

The election hit a snag right off the bat when Jim Duncan, whom Las Vegas oddsmakers had made the favorite for the top spot, said he couldn't second the motion to elect Hamilton for vice president because he intended to nominate him for president. This was apparently a gentlemen's agreement, made because next year would be Brian's final one on the board.

That left Jim to be elected VP in a somewhat anti-climactic turn of events. Stewart Hoeg was elected to his first full term as treasurer and Laurie Funkhouser was reelected as secretary. All were elected unanimously.

President Pegg passing the gavel to President-elect Brian Hamilton.

Photo by John Jacobsen



From the Obsidian Archives

Obsidian Bulletin - November 1937

IT IS FUN to look back in our Bulletin Archives to see what has changed (and what has not). Here we look back 70 years to November 1937, ten years after the founding of the club. The club publication was called *The Obsidian* then.

The lead item, *The Obsidian Club - Why? How? And When?*, is the first of a series of articles by Ray Sims on the early history of the club. These articles would later be compiled into a comprehensive volume. *A Joint Winter Outing* promoted an extended trip to the Mazama Lodge at Mt. Hood the following February, a trip more recently revisited and led by Sharon Ritchie. Another front page article thanks the Forest Service for donating 16 axes to the Obsidians to be used for clearing trails and for building a shelter at Frog Camp, and for 25 steel cots, the usage of which is not clear.

WE ALSO FIND an article about McKenzie Pass in which the Obsidians take a trip to Portland to make a proposal to the State Highway Department to keep the road plowed of snow to Frog Camp. The proposal was accepted, thus opening up a wonderful area for winter recreation and eventually led to the Obsidians using their up river cabins during the winter.



There were lots of activities planned in addition to the Winter Outing. The barn dance on the November 24th sponsored by the Entertainment Committee looks like a good time. A schedule labeled local (local seems to cover a wide area) walks includes overnights at the cabin, Frog Camp area walk, Coburg

Caves walk, Fairview Mountain walk, plus five other walks during November and December.

TRIP REPORTS INCLUDED one for a moonlight wiener roast on top of Spencer Butte attended by twenty Obsidians. Fifteen members took an overnight trip to the coast, went crabbing and had the crab they caught for supper. Ninety members attended the Obsidian Halloween party and dance at the Knights of Pythias Hall. Entertainment included a juggler and singing. Food was reported good and plentiful at the midnight supper.

Forty members turned out for the club's first trail maintenance work party on November 7th at the Spring Lake Trail - anyone know where that is? Many more members were planning for more work on the trail the following three or four week-ends.

The 1937 annual Obsidian meeting was preceded by dinner, singing and several violin selections. Election of club directors was more extensive than we deal with now, since all nine board members were elected each year. It seems the big event of the evening was the annual picture contest.

- John Jacobsen

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

October 12, 2007

By Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary

INTRODUCTION of board members:

John Pegg (president), Jim Duncan (VP), Stewart Hoeg (treasurer), Laurie Funkhouser (secretary), Brian Hamilton, Barbara Revere, Anne Dhu McLucas, and Marianne Camp.

- Members present unanimously approved honorary membership for Bill Sullivan; who, in turn, presented club with a signed set of his latest books, to be updated as new ones are published.
- Members elected Wayne Deeter, Marshall Kandell and Jim Pierce to the board.
- A motion was made regarding removal of the specified fees associated with a life membership (Article III, Section 7) from the constitution. During discussion, a member expressed concern that removal of "...having paid Senior dues for a total of fifteen (15) years..." removes the character/spirit of the idea of a life membership. A motion to amend the change to only remove payment/fee language was seconded and the motion unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

To complete remodeling of the lodge, the club borrowed \$30,000 from the Endowment Fund. To pay back this loan, a plan was developed to make monthly payments at 5% interest over 10 years, which would mean annual payments in excess of \$3,800. In order to meet the obligation, as well as the increasing costs of the club's operations, annual dues were raised and new membership categories created to encourage members to help pay off the loan. As of 9/30/06, the club had total assets of \$90,400 and a loan balance of \$30,000. As of 9/30/07, the assets totaled \$115,500 and the loan balance was \$11,900. Treasurer Hoeg thanked Sharon Ritchie for providing data and doing the books for summer camp and Ben Jeffries for the same relating to the Bus Committee. Finance Committee members (Dan Christensen, John Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom and Liz Reanier) have worked to put together the annual budget, recommendations for investments, changes in annual dues and introduction of premium membership levels.

State of the Club Report

President Pegg was pleased to announce that the "state of the club" is good! The

year has shown continued success with the Bulletin, summer camp, SciEd programs and membership.

Committee Reports

Summer Trips (Barb Revere/Janet Jacobsen): Success has been due to cooperation and commitment of the 95 volunteer leaders and hard work of the committee (Janet, Barb and Margaret Prentice). In addition, thanks to the Online Committee for assistance with preparation and maintenance of the online schedule. To date, there have been 142 trips with 867 member and 219 nonmember participants, with total fees collected of \$1,910. The number of trips may be less than 2006 due to a shorter season, road closures and weather.

Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): There were 62 trips with 468 participants (395 members, 73 nonmembers) and fees collected of \$746. Thanks to Margaret Prentice for assisting in developing the documents used and to committee members Jim Pierce, John Pegg, Scott Hovis, Laurie Funkhouser and Chris Stockdale.

Climbs (Larry Huff): Thanks to committee members Doug Nelson, Wayne Deeter, Peter Green, Virgil Lamb, Sue Sullivan and Larry Huff – as well as to the climb leaders. The climb schedule included rock, alpine, ski and mountaineering instructional events. In all there were 21 events with 146 participants and total fees collected of \$1,565.

Trial Maintenance (Peter Green): Committee continues to work in coordination with the Eugene Parks and Open Spaces in maintaining Spencer Butte. Ten outings (two cancels) were scheduled with 11 members and 5 nonmembers participating. Projects included resurfacing trail, brush clearing, bridge demolition, water retention bar installation and switchback reconstruction.

Byways-By-Bus (Liz Reanier): Eleven trips completed to date with two remaining. Over 400 riders, including 41 nonmembers, have participated. The committee donated \$2,000 to Obsidian funds. Committee continues to meet the Obsidian objectives of exploring mountains, lakes, streams, trails, enjoy flora and fauna, geology. Thanks to the 23 committee members whose trip leadership and hospitality, make the trips successful.

Summer Camp (Jim Duncan): Another good year! A successful two-week Camp Pegg at Beaver Creek Campground in West Yellowstone, MT, was held in July and August. John Jacobsen, camp boss, and Carolyn Higgins, assistant camp boss, organized an outstanding camp – attended by 118 people despite the 900-mile drive. The committee is in good financial shape despite spending \$5,000 in capital improvements (replacing the kitchen and trailer) over the last 18 months. There will be some repairs to equipment to undertake over the winter season. Thanks to committee members Cork and Carolyn Higgins, John Jacobsen, Ken Kodama, Lana Lindstrom and Sharon Ritchie; and to new kitchen helpers Pat Adams, John Agnew, Stephen Brander and Wayne Deeter.

Youth (Scott Hovis): Looking forward to a more successful new year with the new focus upon family activities.

Publications (Barb Revere): Another great year! Eleven fine issues of the Obsidian Bulletin will have been produced and published by year's end. The success is based upon the team of committee members (Stewart Hoeg, Janet & John Jacobsen, Marshall Kandell, Barb Revere – plus Lou Maenz and the regulars and irregulars of the mailing crew.) Welcome new members of the editorial team Jean Coberly, Phyllis Fisher and Beth Roy.

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): Many excellent presentations, with attendance averaging 58 at the dinners, 67 at the presentations and monthly receipts of \$65. The accomplishments were due to the dedicated committee members: Sharon Duncan, Lana Lindstrom, Richard Hughes, LaRee Beckley, Stewart Hoeg, Chuck Wagar, Stephen Brander, Patrice McCaffrey, Yuan Hopkins, Sachiko Iwasaki, Ellen Sather, Gayle Berge, George Jeffcott, Sue Wolling, Anne Bonine, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Kathleen Floyd, and Mary Morrison. The committee members found and hosted speakers, set up for each event, coordinated the clean-up, set up audio-visual equipment and solved administrative problems as they arose. And thanks to Chris Cunningham, LaRee Beckley, Ann-Marie Askew and Lou Maenz - the talented writers who produced previews and reviews for the Bulletin.

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Annual Meeting Award Recipients

Compleat Obsidian

(participated in every type of club event offered during one year)

Marianne Camp



Janet Jacobsen
Trip Leader - 75 Trips
Presented by Sharon Ritchie

Trip Leader Awards

Janet Jacobsen – 75 Trips
Ed Lovegren – 50 Trips
Joella Ewing – 25 Trips
Dick Moffitt – 25 Trips

Trip Awards

Janet Jacobsen – 300 Trips
Yuan Hopkins – 200 Trips
Daniele Delaby – 100 Trips
Ann-Marie Askew – 100 Trips
Rosella Jones – 100 Trips (via Bus Trips)
Marshall Kandell – 100 Trips
Michelle Tambellini – 100 Trips
Barbara Schomaker – 100 Trips
Sam Miller – 100 Trips
Walt Dolliver – 100 Trips
Chris Stockdale – 100 Trips



Marianne Camp
Compleat Obsidian
Presented by President Pegg



Chris Stockdale
100 Trips
Presented by Janet Jacobsen

Climbing Awards

Kim Sawyer – 10 Peaks
Wayne Deeter – 10 Peaks
Brian Hamilton – 3 Peaks



Ed Lovegren
Trip Leader - 50 Trips
Presented by Sharon Ritchie



Marshall Kandell
100 Trips
Presented by President Pegg



Wayne Deeter
10 Peaks
Presented by Larry Huff



Kim Sawyer
10 Peaks
Presented by Larry Huff

Photos by John Jacobsen

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Science and Education (Joella Ewing): Since John Jacobsen began monthly SciEd programs last October there have been 20 enlightening programs. Rick Ahrens has led nature walks that also have a SciEd spillover. Joella led an Amazon Headwaters hike that ended with a program at the Raptor Center. To increase attendance, the SciEd programs have been moved to the third Tuesday of each month to take advantage of more timely Bulletin announcements.

Membership (Julie Dorland): There has been a steady increase in membership, which recently reached the 600 mark...an increase of 62 for the year! Possible future directions: trip sign-up sheets at the Eugene Celebration, implement policies that support and reinforce members who volunteer time and effort, brainstorm for methods of prompt membership payment...and actually meeting as a committee to discuss such ideas.

Publicity (Anne Dhu McLucas): Successful participation at Winter Fest, Eugene Celebration and Shades of Pink. Recommend looking into a new booth and updating the Obsidian brochure.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): Total sales for 2007 were \$1,355.95, an increase from last year due to the new long and short sleeved t-shirts, decals and caps. Special thanks to Sharon Duncan for the leap in sales at summer camp!

Online (Wayne Deeter): The committee maintains the Obsidian website and email system. The website provides up-to-date information about the club and our activi-

ties, and provides an email list, scheduling and trip reporting services to other committees. It averages 400 visits a day, up from 26 a day five years ago. Expenses for the year were \$299.40.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): When a new member joins an activity record is created. Before the annual meeting, a tally of each member's activities is completed to determine if members have reached "patch" goals! This year, seven members passed away -- Gene Thaxton, Daisy Niccolie, Dale Moon, Dorothy Blumm, Sheila Ward, Kathryn Golly, Eunice Mickel, Bob Devine, Kay Ullman and John Boschardt.

Lodge Building (Brian Hamilton): The committee had two work parties, rented out for a Boy Scouts eagle scout ceremony and the Andreski/Huntley wedding celebration, prepared maintenance manuals (stored in the kitchen cupboard) and prepared new signage for lodge closing procedures (prepared and installed by John Jacobsen). Thanks to volunteers, especially John and Jan Jacobsen.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Nine monthly work parties took place for routine maintenance and upkeep. Two major work parties -- one in spring and the other this fall -- took place with Lodge Building Committee. Several large trees came down last winter, requiring considerable clean-up effort. Thanks to committee members Pat Adams, Rick Ahrens, Max Brown, Brenda Kameenui, Doug Nelson, John Pegg, Dave Predeek, Martha Welches.

Safety (Doug Nelson): Committee mem-

bers Ben Jeffries (Bus), Margaret Prentice (Summer Trips), Jim Pierce (Winter Trips), Sue Sullivan (Climbs), Laurie Funkhouser (Board) and Doug Nelson (member-at-large, chair). The Safety Manual was reviewed and a first aid class was presented in May. Four incident reports were received with one pending. No serious injuries or accidents were reported. Thanks to committees and leaders for all the work to assure activities are safe!

Ad Hoc Olympic Trials 2008 (Marshall Kandell): Progress is being made in establishing an online trip registration system, scheduling hikes, selecting leaders and co-leaders, determining operation procedures for handling all of the logistics and protocols involved in dealing with out-of-town visitors, publicizing the program and putting the finishing touches on the web pages. Committee members: Dan Christensen (co-chair), Wayne Deeter, Carolyn and Cork Higgins, Dick Hildreth, Janet and John Jacobsen, Anne Dhu McLucas, Sam Miller and Ruth Romoser.

Memories and Thanks

Gary Kirk noted the impressive increase in membership, the lodge improvements and increase in winter activities. Eugene Mountain Rescue was started by Obsidians and it is good to see the ties continue. Julie Dorland expressed gratitude for timely dues payments! Janet Jacobsen reflected upon the improvements in the lodge and the science and education program. Several members complimented the publications crew on the professional quality of the Bulletin.

BOARD NOTES

October 17, 2007

By Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary

The following board members were present: President John Pegg, VP Jim Duncan, Treasurer Stewart Hoeg, Secretary Laurie Funkhouser, Barb Revere, Brian Hamilton, and Anne McLucas. Other members present: Wayne Deeter, John & Janet Jacobsen, Joella Ewing, Julie Dorland, Marshall Kandell, Jim Pierce, Doug Nelson and Liz Reanier.

The minutes of the September Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Board approved payment of outstanding bills.

Old Business

Ad Hoc Youth Advisory Committee: The committee met and recommended Youth Committee should exist with a focus upon "family" activities; develop 3-4 events for the 2008; promote those events; and write articles regarding the events for the Bulletin. The committee did not feel another meeting needed to be held.

New Business

Lodge Use by Eugene Mountain Rescue: EMR seeking to renew agreement for use of the lodge for monthly meetings September-May. Unanimously approved, with agreement to waive fees in return for first aid instruction.

Fees for Life Membership: Following changes in club constitution made at annual meeting (moving life member fee amounts to the by-laws), the board unanimously approved placement of appropriate language into the by-laws. The Budget Committee will review and recommend changes in life membership fees.

2008 Officers: John Pegg initiated discussion of potential officers for 2008

Committee Reports

Summer Trips (Barb Revere/Jan Jacobsen): 33 trips for October; 229 members, 58 nonmembers; \$521 fees.

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Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): Board approved committee members Laurie Funkhouser, Glen Svendsen, John Mowat, Chris Stockdale and Daphne James. The committee has already begun calling members to develop a schedule. Leader's Training scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 6 at the lodge.

Climbs (Larry Huff): 5 trips (2 sport climbs, 3 Alpine climbs) with 19 members and 5 nonmembers. Fees = \$129.

Trail Maintenance (Peter Green): On our last weekday trail maintenance of year, we worked on removing the coconut husk netting that was installed along the Amazon Headwaters trail to prevent erosion while the grasses took hold. Attending this outing were members Larry Huff, Wayne Deeter, Marianne Camp, Scott Youngblood, Matt Bell and Peter Green. Thanks to Christer and Jason from Parks and Open Spaces for their help. Until next summer we will be having our work outings one weekend day a month.

ByWays-By-Bus (Liz Reanier): Committee is working on 2007/08 schedule.

Summer Camp (Jim Duncan): Final financial report for Camp Pegg: \$28,735 (income) less \$22,709 (expenses). A reduction in campground fees and food expenses accounted for most of the differential. \$1,505 was transferred to the General Fund and \$944 to the committee's capital expenses fund. A total of \$5,583 was incurred (kitchen) in capital expenses over the last year and a half.

Membership (Julie Dorland): The board approved 13 membership applications, bringing the total members to 600.

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): The September potluck had 47 attendees for dinner and 62 for the presentation with a total of \$64 collected

Science & Education (Joella Ewing): The photography program was attended by 21 members with \$21 in fees collected. Next program – Tues., Nov. 20, Ewart Baldwin "How the Great Missoula/Spokane Flood Effected Our Area."

Publicity (Anne Dhu McLucas): Eugene Celebration booth had around 230 visitors and the "Shades of Pink" Health and Wellness Event for Women" booth had over 150 visitors. A new, more easily portable booth is needed

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): Sales for Sept. and to date in Oct. = \$214.90.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Umpqua CD renewed. Budget requests for 2008 will be issued to committee chairs.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): The records are "all caught up."

Lodge Building (Brian Hamilton): The lodge is booked for the wedding reception of Bob Huntley and Zella Andreski. Kevin McManigal donated a refrigerator to the lodge.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): The semi-annual work party held in conjunction with the Lodge Building Committee on Sept. 22 was poorly attended. Only routine maintenance and cleaning was completed by the five attendees. A regular monthly work party was held on October 12 prior to the annual meeting.

November 7, 2007

By Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary

Board members present: John Pegg (President), Jim Duncan (VP), Stewart Hoeg (Treasurer), Laurie Funkhouser (Secretary), Barb Revere, Brian Hamilton, Marianne Camp, and Anne McLucas. Other members present were John & Janet Jacobsen, Julie Dorland, Marshall Kandell, Jim Pierce, Doug Nelson, Kathy Hoeg and Liz Reanier.

The minutes of the September board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The board approval payment of bills. In addition, it was reported that last year at this time the General Fund was in the red and it is now in the positive!

Old Business

Ad Hoc Restricted List Committee (Doug Nelson): The committee members – Pat Adams, Laurie Funkhouser, Jan Jacobsen, Doug Nelson, John Pegg and Barb Revere – met in October and recommended placement of a nonmember on the restricted list. The board unanimously approved.

New Business

Election of 2008 Officers: Unanimously elected: Brian Hamilton, President; Jim Duncan, VP; Stewart Hoeg, Treasurer; and Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary.

Wilderness Conference 2008: Member Shirley Cameron sought club sponsorship for next April's Wilderness Conference at the University of Washington. The board approved sponsorship through pro-

motional awareness to our membership rather than financial support.

Committee Reports

Summer Trips (Barb Revere/Jan Jacobsen): Ten trips for October with 61 members and 11 nonmembers for \$140 in fees. Since the April 1st, 194 trips have been scheduled with 47 trips canceled due to no sign-ups, illness, weather, trail conditions. One trip has sent money but no trip report as of yet.

Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): The preliminary winter trips schedule is on the website. Leader training will be Thursday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge. John Mowat is making arrangements for Winter Emergency Medical Training with Safety Committee. Looking forward to snow!

Trail Maintenance (Peter Green): See story, page 14.

Byways-By-Bus (Liz Reanier): Two day trips in October, one more in December. Committee is busy working on a tentative schedule of 10 day trips and two longer trips for 2008. Bus Rally will be Sunday, Feb. 24.

Membership (Julie Dorland): Board approved four membership applications. Also a URGENT reminder to all members to send in their dues!

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): October potluck had 58 attendees for dinner and 70 for the presentation, with \$64.75 collected.

Science & Education (Joella Ewing): See story, pages 15 and 18.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Reminded committee chairs to provide budget numbers, expense and revenue projections.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Vacationing. Janet Jacobsen noted the addition to the Historian Book of an article reporting on the snow train of Obsidians past.

Lodge Building (Brian Hamilton): The double door not being locked continues to be a concern. Brian is looking into purchasing an automatic door closure. Plans are in the works for a winter clean-up sometime in December.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): On October 25, Pat Adams, John Pegg and John Jacobsen started work on restoring the oak habitat in the parking area by removing two large Douglas fir. In addition, the crew spruced up the grounds in preparation for the potluck the next night.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

The Twins

September 2, 2007

Leader: Daphne James

Photo: Siiri Berg

7 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)



IT WAS A LOVELY DAY -- clear, sunny and a comfortable 73 degrees. The eight of us hiked the 3.3 miles to the North Twin, where we stopped for a leisurely lunch, enjoying the spectacular views of Waldo Lake below and the Cascade range to the east. A passing hiker pointed out the unfortunate Black Butte fire, which was just visible in the distance. Several hikers in our group spent some time exploring the South Twin, while others kicked back and enjoyed a blissful rest. Just after noon, everyone gathered for a brisk trip down. We then drove a quarter-mile to the path to Betty Lake, where some of us opted for a quick dip. The water was sparkling clear and not too cold. On our way home, we all stopped at the Trailhead Cafe for coffee and muffins. It was a perfect late summer outing, and everyone enjoyed the fine hike and good camaraderie. The very nice group of hikers included members Jim & Kathleen Floyd, Steve Gunn, Daphne James, Kurt Koivu, Susan Sanazaro and Kaushik Vaidyanathan; and nonmember Siiri Berg.

Opie Dilldock

September 16, 2007

Leader: Richard Romm

14 miles, 2,500ft. (Difficult)

THIS WAS A GOOD DAY to be reminded of Opie Dilldock, a famous 1900s car-

toon character for whom this pass was named. He had a reputation of finding his way out of difficult situations. The difficulty in finding a pass from the lava fields to White Branch led Dee Wright and Ralph Engels to honor the pass with his name. We, too, had some difficulty in finding our way because of fog and cold. It's a long journey and we were only briefly rewarded with views of the North and Middle Sisters. The weather was at its worst when we got to the pass. We hunkered down, shielded from the wind, for a brief lunch. We decided not to extend the loop to Collier Glacier View. As we descended the weather cleared and the North Sister was a majestic sight. The view of Middle Sister from Sunshine was equally beautiful. List of participants: Jim Fritz, Laurie Funkhouser, Dick Hildreth, Daphne James, Sam Miller, Rich Romm, Chris Stockdale, Kaushik Vaidyanathan, Elle Weaver and nonmembers Denise Butler, Mardel Chinburg and Marcia Saltz.

Rigdon Lakes

September 23, 2007

Leader: Lynda Christiansen

8 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

HIKERS DEFEND LUNCHES from determined flock of robber jays! Well, maybe only a dozen jays, but they were determined. We left Eugene under gray, cloudy skies and quite cool temperatures, but by Oakridge we were in rain, which became snow showers by the Waldo Lake Road. The showers were short-lived and we remained dry, if cold, for our day of hiking. Much of this trail is in the 1996 Taylor Burn, with many standing snags and a continuing faint smell of burning wood. It skirts Upper and Lower Rigdon Lakes, and Lake Kiwa before looping back to Waldo Lake. Seeing the new growth is interesting. There are many downed, burned trees this year and although there is evidence of fresh clearing of the trail there are many downed trees to climb over or around. We stopped for lunch at a lovely lakeshore beach, clearly a popular thing to do, as the jays were waiting for us to start the picnic. Members of the group declared the hike very enjoyable. Members: Bill Buskirk, Lynda Christiansen, Dick Hildreth, Daphne James, Kurt Koivu, Joanne

Ledet, Ellen Sather and Elle Weaver; and nonmembers Chris Pawling and Steve Stifel.

Fuji Mt. – Mt. Ray Loop

September 27, 2007

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

Photo: Brad Bennett

16 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

WE SET OUT for Mt. Fuji on a perfect weather day. The starting point was the Fuji Mt. trailhead off Waldo Lake Road. After three miles we enjoyed a brief stop at Birthday Lake. Moderate temperatures kept the climb to the top comfortable and enjoyable. The views of Waldo Lake and surrounding terrain were superb. On our return we followed the South Waldo Trail to the Lower and Upper Island Lakes. We continued on to the Mt. Ray trailhead where we tried to read the Cy Bingham tree blaze from the early 1900s. When we arrived at Waldo Lake Road we crossed and walked the final two miles back to the car on the Gold Lake Trail. The 16-mile trip met all expectations and revealed other hiking possibilities in the Waldo Wilderness. Members: Brad Bennett, Kurt Koivu, Lyndell Wilken and Elle Weaver; and nonmembers Doug Jordan and Lynne Moody.



The Twins

September 27, 2007

Leader: John Mowat

8 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

THE SUN WAS OUT, the breezes balmy, the sky clear of clouds as we hiked to the top of the Twins on what may have been the last summery day for awhile. The trail is well used since the Where's Waldo run ascends to the summit of the North (lower) Twin. We were there by noon, took in the view of Waldo Lake and proceeded to the top of the South Twin, where we had lunch and

admired the cloudless view. Even the yellow jackets, often a problem in the autumn, left us alone. We descended the southeast scree slope of the higher Twin and worked our way around to the west where we found the trail which goes past the Twins to the Carlton Lake area. Soon we hit the intersection of the trail to the summit and headed down. We were back in Eugene a little after 3 p.m. Enjoying this hike were John Mowat and Margo Zauner.

Indigo & Chuckle Springs
September 29, 2007
Leaders: Jim and Sharon Duncan
6 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

WE WERE NOT QUITE SURE about the weather as our group set off for our hike up the Middle Fork trail to Indigo and Chuckle Springs. Fortunately, enough sun came through on this mostly cloudy and cool day to make for good hiking. We stopped at Rigdon Meadows to view this historic site on the old Oregon Central Military Wagon Road; then set off on the trail for Indigo Springs. The sight of sun-lit yellow and red vine maple along the beautiful Middle Fork of the Willamette River, the lush green mosses and the interesting water crossings almost made us forget how wet our boots and lower pant legs were getting from the low shrubs and plants along the trail. At Indigo Springs we stopped for lunch, then took on the more challenging water crossings on the way up to Chuckle Springs. There seemed to be more water than usual due to the recent rains, but we forded every stream without incident. Quiet, peaceful Chuckle Springs was beautiful as always. We returned to Indigo Springs by the same route, proud of our dexterity and balance in crossing the streams on unsteady logs and slippery rocks without falling. The congenial hikers, all members, included Max Brown, Jim & Sharon Duncan, Paul Flashenberg, Rebecca Hansen, Sachiko Iwasaki, Beth & Ken Kodama, Norma Lockyear, Margaret Prentice, and Barb Revere.

Mathieu Lakes
September 29, 2007
Leaders: Barbara Schomaker
Michelle Tambellini
6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

THIS HIKE to Mathieu Lakes ended up being an adventure! Nine of us left under cloudy skies. As we wove up Highway

242, we started seeing snow by the side of the road. Each turn seemed to reap more snow. Before we got to the Dee Wright Observatory there was more than 3" of snow on the trees. When we got to the parking lot, snow was on the trees and ground. We checked out the trail and could see tracks, so we proceeded. The sun came out and some of us actually took our coats off. As we got towards the top, the snow was getting deeper and we couldn't see the trail. After scouting and much discussion, the decision was made to go back. It had clouded over, wind had come up and clouds were coming in fast! We were going to have a quick lunch, but decided to proceed on down the trail. We found a more secluded spot lower on the trail and had a quick bite, then continued on down. Snow was melting on the way down, so the trail was slushy and the roads were clear to McKenzie Highway. Contrast of fall colors on the bushes with snow on the trees was beautiful. Everyone was very cooperative and a good lesson to all that you should always be prepared for whatever may come up! Members: Sheila Carter, Walt Dolliver, Phyllis Fisher, Yuan Hopkins, Debbie Hubbard, Susan Sanazaro, Barbara Schomaker and Michelle Tambellini; nonmember Lynne Tracy.

Waldo Mountain
October 6, 2007
Leader: Chris Stockdale
Photo: Brad Bennett
11 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

THE GROUP CLAIMED this hike as the

first winter trip! The leader also learned a great lesson about not trusting the long-range weather forecast. After postponing from the previous weekend because of forecasted heavy rain (that actually happened) to the following Sunday, I checked the forecast again and decided that Saturday sounded better. Wrong! However, the group of seven sturdy hikers all assured me that they enjoyed the day.

As we drove to the trailhead, we started seeing more and more snow along the side of the road; and as soon as we headed up the trail, we were in the stuff, which soon reached the depth of several inches. But the temperature was pleasant and everybody was willing to see how far we could get. Well, thanks to Dick Hildreth and Sam Miller (who wisely had brought gaiters with them) and their trail breaking skills, we reached the lookout on the summit. Views were minimal although we could just see Lake Chetlo through the mist. Dick's map and compass skill then helped us find the trail down. The sun made a brief appearance, prompting us to head for the Waldo Lake shoreline, passing Elbow Lake on the way.

After lunch on the rocks, the group headed back to the main trail to Waldo Meadows where we met up with fellow Obsidians Jan and Rich Anselmo. It seems that only Obsidians were out this day as we didn't even see (or hear) any hunters. Hikers were -- Obsidians-all -- Brad Bennett, Dick Hildreth, George Jobanek, Art Kearney, Becky Lipton, Sam Miller and Chris Stockdale.



On the shores of Waldo Lake. From left: Sam, Chris, George, Art, Becky, Dick & Brad

Kentucky Falls

October 6, 2007

Leader: Barb Revere

4 miles, 800 Ft. (Easy)

THOUGH WE HIKED under a threat of showers, Mother Nature held off until we had climbed out of our deep canyon hike. Everything was green and beautiful in the rainforest and, though the falls were low, they were still lovely. Upper Kentucky Falls, in particular, was divided into multi-tiered lacy spills. We found the trail in good shape, with only a few muddy stretches. The large single-log bridge looks decrepit, with its railing half rotted and torn off, but it felt very solid underfoot. Nobody had any trouble with three Jims and two Carols and one Caryl! A post-trip visit to Alphabit was in order for two of the three carloads of hikers; and I'm pleased to report that the strawberry-rhubarb pie, with or without ice cream, still went down easy -- as did coffee, tea, soup and hot chocolate! Members: Jean Coberly, Jim & Sharon Duncan, Pat Esch, Jim & Kathleen Floyd, Jim Fritz, Marshall Kandell, Carol Petty, Barb Revere, Julia Richardson and Caryl Smartt; and nonmembers Carol Anderson and Lynne Tracy.

McKenzie River Hike/Bike

October 6, 2007

Leaders: Anne McLucas

Jim Gillette

4 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

THE THREAT of rain made some stay away, but the intrepid six who set out were rewarded with a cloudy but pleasant day and a beautiful hike (and bike) along the McKenzie, ending at Belknap Springs, where we lunched in their circular garden while watching a crew set up for a wedding. After exploring some side trails up there, we returned to the parking lot, and some went back (by car) for a swim at the Belknap pool. Members: Wayne Cleall, Julie Dorland, Jim Gillette, Anne McLucas and Beth Roy; nonmember Mike Wolfson.

Erma Bell-Williams Lakes

October 7, 2007

Leader & Photo: Barb Revere

8 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

WITH REPORTS of snow on the ground in the area the day before, we made sure all hikers were well equipped with warm layers, rain gear and boots before heading out Highway 126 for the trailhead on



mostly dry road. The vine maple, dogwood and big leaf maple stunned us with their colors along the Aufderheide Road and kept us well entertained for the longish drive. The six alpine lakes along the loop were gorgeous, but Middle Erma Bell was the clear favorite, as it was glassy-smooth and reflected the reds, yellows and greens of its surroundings. We flushed a single dusky grouse and lots of chickadees and Oregon juncos as we walked the trail between lakes. A redtailed hawk watched us from its perch as we took our lunch at Williams Lake.

Our trail was clear of snow except for one short stretch and only a little of last week's snow remained along the trailside. All the small creeks had water in them, but all were crossable, with the outflow at Otter requiring the most care. Our return was via Oakridge and most thought this was the better route. The lead car saw a bull elk cross the road about 100 yards ahead on Aufderheide Road and we also flushed a dusky grouse that flew alongside the shotgun window for a bit in its panic to get to a safe place. Three slugs were also sighted on trail. Members: Brian & Mary Hamilton, Pat Hutchins, Daphne James, Valerie Metcalfe, Carol Petty, Barb Revere, Lynne Tracy and Susan Wanser; nonmembers: Carol Anderson and Lena Houston.

Ridgeline Trail

October 13, 2007

Leader: Barb Revere

7 miles (Moderate)

FIRST, MY THANKS to Janet Jacobsen, who led this hike with me. With 12 hikers and two capable leaders, we decided to divide into two groups and hike in opposite directions, passing car keys when we met. Janet Jacobsen led the "wests," from Spring Road to Blanton Road, accompanied by members Jim and Kathleen Floyd, Yuan Hopkins, Jane Allen and Nola Shurtleff. (After the first couple of miles, one hiker decided to

hike down the Amazon Headwaters Trail and catch the bus home.) I led the "east," accompanied by members Max Brown, Carol Stout and Elle Weaver and nonmembers Lena Houston and Kent Mueller. We had planned a "slow" group and a "fast" group, but either the "fasts" were slow or the "slows" were fast, because we met in the middle, as nearly as we can determine. All had a good time on this sunny day and our hike was finished before noon and before the valley filled with smoke. Net elevation gain for this hike is +/-150 ft., but there is a lot of up and down involved. Maybe next time someone will have a GPS and we can determine how much climbing is involved. Considering the rain we have had in the last two weeks, the trail is in relatively good condition. The mud promised on the sign-up sheet was scarce -- except for the switchbacks down the northeast side of Baldy, that is. This trail is chewed up and gooey and it was a slow going for the "fasts," who had to walk down that section. The wooden bridges anywhere on the trail should be treated with suspicion. Tread carefully, they're slick!

Cooks Ridge

October 13, 2007

Leader: Peter Graham

6 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

THIS VERY PLEASANT TRIP was an exact replica of last year's trip. There were déjà "views" of unique and stately trees, mossy ferny glades, the sound of clear running streams and the Pacific Ocean just beyond. However, for the hikers Siiri Berg and Bill Rodgers, it was a refreshingly new experience. Members: Peter Graham and Bill Rodgers; nonmember Siiri Berg.

McKenzie River Trail

October 14, 2007

Leader: Jane Hackett

13 miles (Moderate)

FOUR OF US left under overcast skies and within 30 minutes were under a cloudless sunny sky. With the help of Carol Stout, we were able to do this trip as a shuttle by leaving Carol's car at Trail Bridge and driving mine to the top of McKenzie River Trail at Clear Lake to start hiking. It was a wonderful fall day, with great color and a fair number of mountain bikers. Besides the great weather and color, the high point of the day was watching four river/lake otters swim toward the top of the lake. A first for many of us. Members: Jane Hackett, Dick Hildreth and Carol Stout; nonmember Susan Wanger.

Tahkenitch Dunes

October 14, 2007

Leaders: Julie Dorland, Beth Roy

Photo: Bob Jones

7 miles, 650 ft. (Moderate)

TAHKENITCH DUNES is always a pleasure to hike, but this particular day was spiced up with some unexpected off-trail adventure. The entry onto the beach just before Tahkenitch Creek is no longer possible, apparently due to high water cutting a new channel and a pile of debris blocking the way down to the beach. We followed a faint trail to our left a few hundred feet through the dune "forest" (small firs and understory) until we broke out into the open on the fore-dune. From here, we had to turn south about 100 feet towards a wooden 4x4 post which marked a way down to the beach. (Some of us, being more eager than prudent, chose to slide down the fore-dune to the beach.) There are several somewhat vague paths in this area which are likely to get more pronounced as more hikers take the necessary detour. Hopefully just one trail will become the obvious route to help minimize the impacts.

Thank you Barb Revere and Daphne James for your willingness to venture forth into the brush to find our way! We hiked in cool, overcast weather (but no rain), with a moderate breeze on the beach. After a brisk beach-walk, spotting seals and pelicans along the way, we headed up the trail to our lunch stop at the top of the dune overlooking Three Mile Lake. As we continued on the loop back to the trailhead, we felt compelled to stop frequently and admire the many varieties of mushrooms springing up out

of the damp earth. Particularly beautiful was one specimen of an amanita mushroom (*Amanita muscaria*) that had to be the "poster amanita" of all time; it was absolutely stunning. Our thanks once again to Chris Pawling for his fungi expertise! Members: Tom Adamcyk, Wayne Cleall, Walt Dolliver, Julie Dorland, Steve Gunn, Daphne James, Bob Jones, Doris Jones, Barbara Morgan, Barb Revere, Beth Roy, Elle Weaver and Marian West; nonmembers: Chris Pawling and Mike Wolfson.

Fall Creek

October 20, 2007

Leader: Ed Lichtenstein

9 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

WET! It rained much of the time, but not hard. There were remarkably few cancellations; the hikers were in good spirits and the trail and scenery most enjoyable. The creek was fuller and faster compared to previous years--much recent rain--and recent winds had produced a lot of downed branches on the trail that we had to weave through and around. There were nine members: Walt Dolliver, Jim Duncan, Paul Flashenberg, Jim & Kathleen Floyd, Ed Lichtenstein, Carol Platt, Lynne Tracy and Elle Weaver; and nonmembers Lena Houston, and Mike Wolfson, who was on his third hike since moving to Eugene three weeks ago.

Spencer Butte

October 25, 2007

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

8 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

THE WEATHER REPORT was for cloudy and windy or sunny and breezy. Either

way, the hike from Amazon Headwaters to Spencer Butte turned out to be a winner with a spectacular display of yellow leaves on the trees and on the trail. Fog and sunlight filtering through the canopy of trees made for scenic fall views. Andy Thompson, a former member who now resides in Switzerland, urged us to stop and be impressed with some of the large and very old trees on the trail. It was windy on top so we only lingered long enough to catch the outlines of the Three Sisters. The trip took us 3 1/2 hours. Parts of the trail were new for several of the hikers, and all were impressed with a forest hike so close to home. Members: Walt Dolliver, Janet Jacobsen, Carol Petty, Lynne Tracy and Elle Weaver; nonmembers: Andy Thompson.



Bike
Trips

Lorane to Drain Loop

September 29, 2007

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

52 miles (Difficult)

JOHN HEGG, Ruby Seitz and Lyndell Wilken managed to get a lucky break with the weather and had dry conditions for our ride through the Coastal Range to Drain. We began at the Lorane Post Office and followed Siuslaw Road to Buck Creek Road, to Smith River Road, and on to Drain. The rain from the night before brought out the smells of the forest floor, including wonderful ferns that lined the banks of the creeks. We had lots of time to look around at the foliage given our three significant climbs during the 52-mile loop. After 35 miles we arrived at the Gateway House Restaurant in Drain for lunch. The time off our bicycle seats was appreciated by all. The final 17 miles via 99 to Lorane Highway featured several very cute alpacas that came out to greet us. Members: John Hegg and Lyndell Wilken; nonmember: Ruby Seitz.

Our Daily Bread/Veneta

October 5, 2007

Leader: Sharon Ritchie

43 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER MOVING this date three times, it finally happened...on the first foggy day



Tahkenitch Dunes overlooking Three Mile Lake.

of the season! BUT, we saw breaks with blue sky at the parking lot and hoped for the best. We got it! As soon as we got over Lorane Highway onto Spencer Creek Road, there was more and more blue sky and sunshine. It turned out to be an incredibly beautiful day. All the trees were shades of gold to red. Lunch at Our Daily Bread was its usual outstanding treat for all 10 of us. Feeling lazy, the entire crew opted for the "easiest" way home. Members Gayle Berge, Jim & Kathleen Floyd, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, George Jobanek, Kurt Koivu, Sharon Ritchie and Joyce Sanders; nonmembers Bill Aspegren and Dennis Carey.



Climbs

Mt. Hubris
September 15, 2007
Leader: Doug Nelson
7 miles, 2,500 ft. (Rating 5.6)

IT HAS BEEN A FEW YEARS since I put this outing on the climb schedule. As always, it turned out to be a fine adventure! The Castle Crags Wilderness in northern California is wonderfully scenic and presents opportunities for fine traditional rock climbing in a great alpine setting. The "Cosmic Wall" route on Mt. Hubris is a classic multi-pitch climb on solid granite with superb views all around. The climbing is easy to moderate in difficulty (the hardest pitch is rated 5.6). Some of the easier portions don't lend themselves to much protection, but the rock quality is good, and the more difficult sections can be well protected.

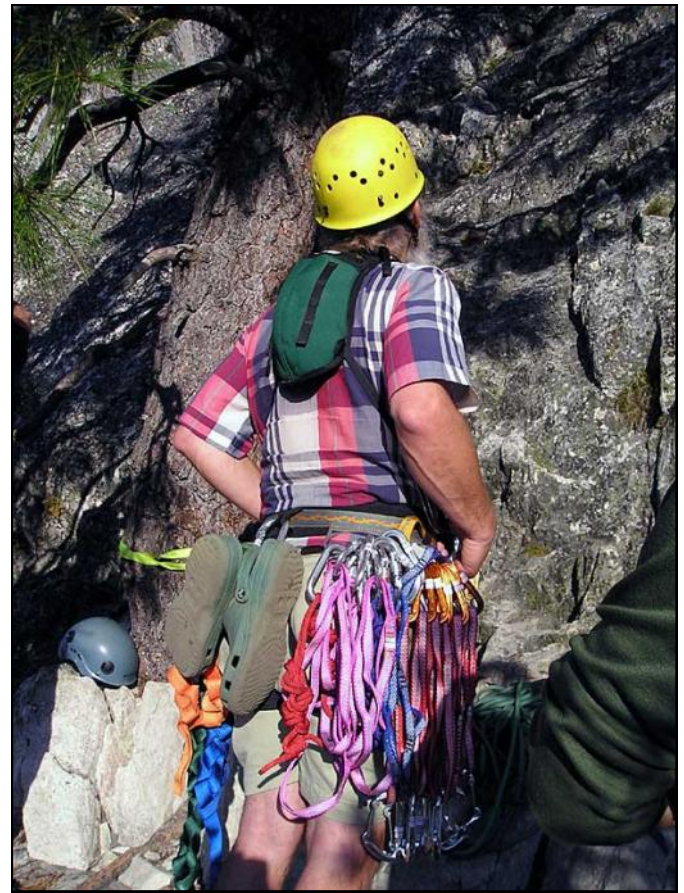
I was sorry I could not include everyone who wanted to participate in the climb, but the group size had to be carefully limited. I hope to put this climb on the schedule again for those who were kind enough to be understanding about not going along. The team we did assemble did a GREAT job. Wayne Deeter went first and led all five pitches, belayed and followed by Chance Fitzpatrick. I brought my team up second with Sue Carey helping with belays and rope management and Larry Huff assisting with belays and "cleaning" (bringing up the gear). For those of you who are familiar with this climb, or considering climbing

this route in the future... yes, I did say *five* pitches. Wayne, climbing on a 65-meter rope, skipped the bolted belay station commonly used as the top of pitch three and went straight to the ledge that usually ends pitch four. I was using a shorter 60-meter rope, but decided to try the same thing. (That bolted belay is a pain in the neck!) A 60-meter rope allows you to skip the bolted belay and reach the next ledge...BARELY! I don't think I had a foot of rope to spare!

By the time the second team reached the small, airy summit the first team was waiting in the notch below, kindly having left the longer rope behind for us to use on the second rappel. Very helpful to have those few extra feet. Most of us changed into light hikers (carried up by Chance and Sue) for the hike/scramble back down the gully to the packs. Wayne scrambled down in a pair of "Crocks." Better him than me! After the hike out our hungry bunch finished the day with the obligatory feed at the Black Bear Diner. After our day no one had any trouble finishing up even their large portions! Members: Sue Carey, Wayne Deeter, Chance Fitzpatrick, Larry Huff and Doug Nelson.

The Callahans
October 6, 2007
Leader: Doug Nelson
2 miles, 700 ft. (Rating 5)

THE ORIGINAL PLAN was to spend a day climbing at "Flagstone" in the Willamette National Forest. But the early arrival of cool fall weather with predictions of low snow levels made the comparatively low elevation of the Callahans seem like a safer bet for successful rock climbing. So six Obsidians made the trek down to Roseburg and the Reston Ridge. We were armed with a copy of *Rock Climbing Western Oregon, Umpqua*, Volume 2 in



Wayne: "Hmmm. No escalators within a hundred miles. It must be safe!" Contemplating the "Cosmic Wall."

Greg Orton's new three-volume rock climbing guide. Volume 2 is hot off the presses and had been much anticipated by our group as the most complete and up-to-date guide to the Callahans sport climbing area as well as other rock climbing areas in the Umpqua basin. Orton dedicates the book to our fellow Obsidian Gary Kirk, saying: "Gary...spearheaded the first technical Umpqua climbs..." He quotes Gary extensively in his discussion of the history of Umpqua basin climbing. Orton says, "As climbers we learn from those who came before us." I agree. I am grateful to Gary and all the others who pioneered routes and techniques and took the time to share them with others.

Our group certainly didn't pioneer any routes! We took advantage of the work of others and had a fine time doing so. A dry day had allowed the sandstone to dry enough to provide good climbing, and the weather continued to cooperate. Though cloudy and cool the rains held off until well into the late afternoon, allowing us to enjoy our day of "clipping bolts." Everyone had a good time. We all practiced our skills and stretched ourselves a little.

I believe everyone got "on the sharp end" at least once and we climbed and led routes ranging in difficulty from 5.7 to 5.10b. I confess, we did the 10b on a top rope, but Chance and I are determined to lead it next time. Chance "put up" his first 10a outside. Congratulations Chance.

I really was pleased with the day. Those of us who have been enjoying the sport climbing game for a while had a great time. And it is really fun to see how far and how quickly our newer climbers have progressed. A light mist was starting to fall by the time the rest of us, tired from a good day's climbing, were able to call our youngest member down off the rock. Good thing it started to rain. He might have done a couple more routes! This was the last regularly scheduled Obsidian climb for the year. After we got back to town several of us, reluctant to have the day -- and the season -- end, went out for dinner together and enjoyed the good company and laughter for just that much longer. Members: Sue Carey, Deb Carver, Chance Fitzpatrick, Juli McGlinsky, Doug Nelson and John Pegg.

Mt. Thielsen **September 22- 23, 2007** **Leader: Kim Sawyer** **10 miles, 3,600 ft**

*Three Climbers were we.
Leaving Eugene for a Diamond of a Lake.*

Froze we did all through a Saturday evenin'.

To very low clouds we did awaken at 5 a.m. on a Sunday morn'.

WE HIT THE TRAIL at 6 and by half past seven we were at the PCT. All the trees were white with frost and through the low clouds and limited visibility we saw that the mountain higher up was also frosted. With no view from the top to reward our efforts we turned and left Mt. Thielsen for another day! We had a quick walk out and while we were packing up our camp the sun came out. Though it was still cold, we would have had our view! The lesson, my friend, is never to trust the weather in the Cascades to do what you think it will! Climbers were members Larry Huff (asst. climb leader) and Kim Sawyer (climb leader); and nonmember Louis Hoffman.



By Ways **By Bus**

Wolf Haven/NW Trek/Tacoma Glass

May 16- 17, 2007

Leaders: Rick Ahrens and Liz Reanier

DON MOREHEAD was our driver. We had a small ridership, which was really a pleasure as everyone could visit together. We traveled I-5 north to the Tenino exit in Washington where we visited Wolf Haven International, a sanctuary for captive-born wolves that also includes an education program, a restoration program and a conservation program for wild wolves. Rick Ahrens provided us with lots of information on wolves. Most of the wolves stayed out of view until we would move on to the next area, so we stayed behind for pictures. We scattered around the grounds for our sack lunch, and then rode the back roads north to Northwest Trek, a delightful park for animals of the northwest. Many animals roam free on the acreage, and we rode the train to see them. For some riders it was the first visit. Rick led us around to see many of the animals. After the visit we drove on to La Quinta Inn for our night's lodging.

Day 2: After loading the bus, we tried to visit the retail outlet for Brown and Haley (Almond Roca). The store didn't open early so we drove around the town area to see some landmarks before unloading riders at the Union Station to start viewing Chihuly art pieces, crossing the bridge of Chihuly glass and regrouping at the Glass Museum for a tour. We lunched at the Tacoma Mall before heading south on I-5 for home. It was a great trip, enjoyed by all. Participants included members Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Barbara & Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Dick & Mary Bentsen, Sharon Cutsforth, Jim & Sharon Duncan, Patricia Esch, Rachele Fiszman, Dora Harris, Rosella Jones, John & Lenore McManigal, Barbara & Don Payne, Liz Reanier and Julie Snell; and nonmember Suzy Hess.

Fall Colors **October 10, 2007** **Leader: Bette Hack**

A CANOPY OF GOLD greeted us when we drove into Black Butte Ranch. A grove of quaking aspen trees line this road, and it was dazzling. We left Shop-Ko at 8 a.m., traveling Marcola Road through Sweet Home to Santiam Highway. It was raining, sometimes hard, but we continued on, expecting to have our rest stop at Cascadia Park. It was closed, as are all the campgrounds and picnic areas. So the bus stopped at a wide spot in the road and coffee and goodies were served on the bus. We drove to the headwaters of the Metolius River; there was no rain, and the highway was dry. We arrived at Black Butte Ranch about 11:30 a.m. and our lunch of penne pasta with herb-crusted grilled chicken was elegantly served. We left about 1 p.m. and drove McKenzie Highway to Aufderheide Road. The colors of yellow, orange and sometimes red were almost non-stop. We had a short stop at ranger headquarters before heading home. Many thanks to our driver, John Goddard, and to co-leader Liz Reanier and the Hospitality Committee. Those enjoying the fall color trip were members Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Ewart Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Rose Marie Etter, Bette Hack, Dora Harris, Janet Jacobson, Rosella Jones, Cleora Mersdorf, Barbara & Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Edith Rode, Pauline Sievers, Julia Snell, Dick & Janet Speelman and Vera Woolley; and nonmembers Ruth Ellsworth, Isabelle Hisel, Mervin Hisel, Tilde Jensen, Jeanette Steele and Margaret Sullivan

World Forestry Center & Museum of Rocks & Minerals **October 25, 2007** **Leaders: R. Jensen, E. Baldwin**

FOLLOWING OUR COFFEE BREAK at the Wilsonville rest area, we arrived at 10:30 a.m. at the much improved W.F.C. We were introduced to forests around the world, with an excellent short movie. The museum includes: hands-on displays, a walk through alcoves about facets of forestry practices, basic nature information and, of special interest, the exhibit *Carousel of the Animals*. At noon, we went west on Highway 26,

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Trail Maintenance: A Small Force!

CHRISTER, LORNA AND JASON from Eugene Parks and Open Space met our Obsidian crew at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28th, at the upper Dillard Road Ridgeline Trailhead. We seemed like a small force of volunteers standing by a truck filled with gravel, a truck loaded with three motorized tread wheelbarrows, and a pick-up truck with shovels, rakes, loppers, fence stakes, gloves, plants, coffee and snacks.

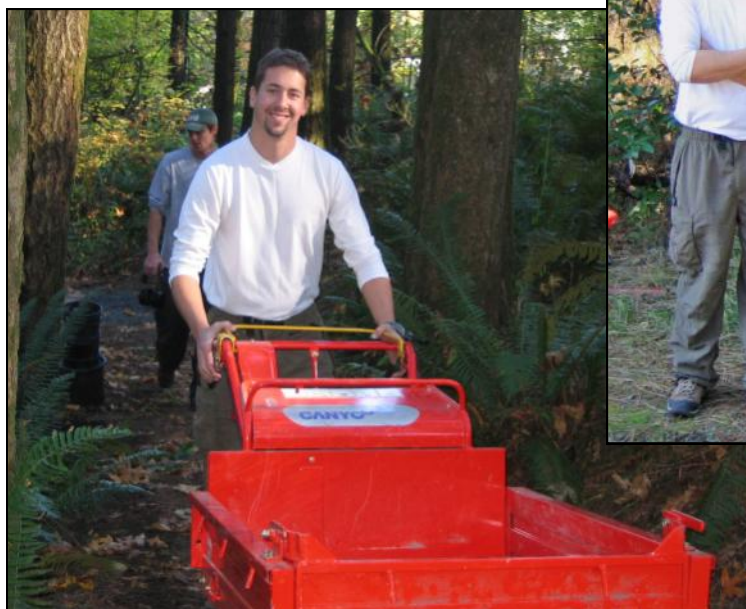
Working on the lower mountain bike trail, our project was to resurface parts of the trail with gravel, remove blackberry vines and invading sword ferns; and plant sword ferns and vine maples on a switchback where hikers or mountain bikers had taken a shortcut. Steve Gibson and Max Green (my brother and a senior at Churchill High School) volunteered to help Lorna with the planting. Peter and Matt Bell, along with Jason, powered the vehicles up and down the path. Janet Jacobsen and

Jane Hackett worked on the blackberry removal.

With Lorna's guidance, we put up plastic fencing to protect the plants. We stopped working at noon, posed for a group picture and ate homemade zucchini bread provided by a friend of Matt's. It was a pleasant morning and rewarding for all.

It looks like the November 24th trail maintenance will involve planting along the Amazon Headwaters Trail. Get on my email list if you'd like to be notified about monthly trail maintenance activities. (Email me at trails@obsidians.org.)

-- Peter Green, Trail Maintenance Chair



*Partial crew above: Peter, Max, Janet, Jane and Matt.
Left: Peter running the power wheelbarrow.*

Photos by Lorna Baldwin

ByWays By Bus

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beyond the high tech congestion, into unspoiled farmland. The community of Helvetia (Switzerland) was settled by Swiss-German immigrants and has remained rural.

The rolling hills, green meadows and autumn colors on this sunny day were a delight. Meeting us for lunch were Evelyn Hile, formerly the Bus Committee's treasurer, her daughter Barbara and husband-to-be Keith Claycomb (wedding Nov. 3). We toasted them and presented flowers, along with our best wishes.

At 2 p.m., we went on to the nearby Rice Museum which houses an outstanding collection of gems, minerals, thunder eggs, petrified wood, fossils, crystals, etc.: showcasing the rare rhodochrosite. Robert and Helen Rice (both deceased) began picking up agates in 1938, adding many exceptional items over 50 years. Their modern 1952 ranch-style home has been converted into this museum and is now on the National Register of Historic Homes. It is on a nice site, amongst a grove of Douglas fir.

Leaving at 4 p.m., we traveled through Oregon's version of the Bermuda Triangle (Hillsboro-Beaverton-Tigard), with

driver John Goddard piloting us over infamous Highway 217, dropping the Beards off at Wilsonville and returning to Eugene at 6:25. Members: Ethel Allen, Ewart Baldwin, Barbara & Paul Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Kent Christoferson, Sharon Cutsworth, Barbara & Dennis Flanders, Dora Harris, Ray Jensen, Rosella Jones, Dot Leland, John & Lenore McManigal, Barbara & Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Paula Sievers, Julia Snell, Dick & Janet Speelman, and Vera Woolley. Nonmembers: Hal Abrams, Jane Bikelow, Tilde Jensen, William Olson, Shelly Turner, Carol Vollesky, and Walter Youngquist.



Yellowstone, A Laboratory

By Chris Cunningham

LAST FEBRUARY, in the dead in winter, Mel Mann accompanied a group of snowshoe enthusiasts to Yellowstone National Park.

He says winter is not the easiest or most popular time for people to visit the park, where temperatures generally range from zero to 30 degrees Fahrenheit during the day, and drop between zero to 30 degrees below zero at night.

However, Mann believes there is no better time to observe the herds of bison, bull elk, Rocky Mountain big-horns, and wolves, the latter being successfully reintroduced to the park in 1995 and 1996, and no longer on the endangered species list. "It's the perfect time to see Yellowstone," says Mann, who described in great detail the park's Wolf Reintroduction Program. (Although wolves were native to

Yellowstone when the park was established in 1872, there were no wolves as recently as 1994.)

Mann wowed the audience with wolf images and numerous other wildlife photos, taken in the early morning and evening hours when the animals are most likely to be out eating in the open.

Although Old Faithful remains the icon of Yellowstone's geysers, numerous other geyser basins dot the landscape, their hazy steam adding a mystical dimension to this desolate winter landscape. In fact, Mann says, Yellowstone contains "half of all the Earth's geothermal features."

The two-dozen adults who accompanied Mann generally covered from three to six miles on snowshoes each day, taking the time to savor pine for-

ests and open meadows, glaciated mountains and layered volcanic rock, and pools of limestone/travertine deposited by active springs.

Yellowstone "is a very harsh environment," noted Mann, and his group carefully prepared for the elements before venturing out each day.

Obsidians Yuan Hopkins and Barbara Schomaker, and the late Sheila Ward, were among those who took the opportunity to travel with Mann, program supervisor at Celeste Campbell Center. An avid outdoorsman who has lead numerous outdoor trips, Mann is pleased the city now sponsors snowshoe trips, because "snowshoe is accessible to a lot of people."

(Mann plans to offer the snowshoe trip again in February 2008.)



Better Picture Tips

AT THE OCTOBER 16TH SciEd presentation photographer Richard Walker provided a brief history of photography followed by suggestions on how to improve our picture taking skills.

To "make" a picture, rather than simply "take" a picture, you must decide in advance what you want your picture to look like, then apply any or all of the following principles to make it happen:

- Pay attention to what is behind your subject. You don't want a telephone pole or street sign protruding from a person's head. Move around your subject to get the best shot.
- Take a wide stance and brace yourself and/or your camera to prevent shaking.
- Don't try to get everything into your picture.
- Don't let the horizon cut your picture in half.
- Don't cut off people's heads or one side of their bodies.
- Don't be afraid to take close-ups.
- Remove clutter from your picture.
- Increase interest by moving your subject, such as a waterfall, to one side of the frame and shoot through a tree branch or flowers or fence.

Winter Trips Committee Formed

WINTER TRIPS Chair Jim Pierce has announced the members of his 2007-2008 team and has scheduled this year's Leader Training Class for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, in the lodge.

Team members are: Laurie Funkhouser, leader calling and initial schedule coordinator; Chris Stockdale, trip tracking coordinator; Glen Svendsen, leader packet coordinator; Daphne James, bulletin boards & leader notification; and John Mowat, leader training. Leader callers are Chris Cunningham, Kathleen Floyd, Brian Hamilton, Steve Kuhn, Chris Shuraleff and Sue Wolling.

Some Things New, Some Things Borrowed...

By Janet Jacobsen

IT'S TIME to try something new. Perhaps, snowshoeing.

With winter approaching, consider snowshoeing, a popular activity on the Obsidian winter schedule. Last year, several of our members took the snowshoeing class at Parks and Rec. Kathy and Jim Floyd recommended it as a way to learn the basics. After taking the class, it was easy to sign up for an Obsidian snowshoe trip. It doesn't take long to learn the skills. Yuan Hopkins and Barbara Schomaker are enthusiastic about their Yellowstone snowshoe trip with Parks and Rec. That's as good as snowshoeing gets.

Rent some snowshoes and try it out. Check out the Eugene Parks and Rec schedule for beginning cross country skiing and snowshoeing classes-- plus their snowshoe trip to Yellowstone. And take advantage of the Obsidian winter trips schedule.

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Obsidian member Tom Adamcyk signed up for a surf camp in August with Eugene Parks and Rec. After loading up supplies and equipment at the River House, he joined a group of teens and adults to learn the basics of surfing on the Oregon coast. They camped at South Beach State Park, shared cooking responsibilities and surfed daily in the warm, sheltered cove of Otter Rock Beach. Tom said, "The hardest part was at the end of the day when I had to struggle to get out of the wet suit." He said it was loads of fun and recommends the camp to all who always wanted to "hang 10."

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Jane Hackett is taking crew lessons with Oregon Association of Rowers (OAR) at Dexter Lake. For the rest of the year, twice a week, early morning and late afternoon, she will be stretching her arms and legs as she paddles in rhythm with her fellow rowers. It's an all-body workout and it is much harder than it looks. Jane commented, "What I like are the peaceful and quiet mo-

ments on the lake." See www.oarwing.org for more information.

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In October, Larry Dunlap, Sam Miller, Chris Stockdale and others flew to Bhutan for two weeks of trekking.

What's Happening in Other Outdoor Clubs?

IT'S INTERESTING to look at the monthly bulletins from other outdoor clubs. Any ideas we might borrow?

• **Chemeketans** (Salem) -- Held 2007 Olympic National Park summer outing at the Clallam County Fairgrounds at Port Angeles, WA. Planning a Grand Tetons National Park X-Ski trip from Feb. 21-27 and a route finding school Feb. 20-24.

• **Washington Alpine Club** (Seattle) -- Volunteers worked for seven weeks this summer to repair and put a new roof on their historic 75-year-old Guye Cabin.

• **Inter-Mountain Alpine Club** (Richland, WA) -- Volunteers spent a weekend doing maintenance on their Gold Hill Cabin.

• **Trails Club of Oregon** (Portland) -- Held Wednesday evening hikes from April through September, mostly in Forest Park. Upcoming Seniors Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe week from Feb. 3-8 is planned at Diamond Lake. Cost is \$400.. Their 2007 Alpine Outing was in Idaho's White Cloud Mountains. Their outings are for small groups and a packer is hired to carry food and stoves. (*Our 2008 summer camp will be near the White Clouds.*)

• **Mazamas** (Portland) -- Held a new members discovery night, recovered a 1912-1915 Mt. Hood summit register and held a *silent hike* on Huckleberry Mountain. No talking allowed for 10 miles except for breaks and lunch. "The purpose...is an attempt to live in the moment, not the past, not in the hopes or worries of the future, but right now."

• **Hobnailers** (Spokane, WA) -- Their schedule includes "Shorter Hikes for Sundays." Except for the Christmas lights hike, the Sunday six-mile hikes usually start at 9 a.m. and are in town or nearby.

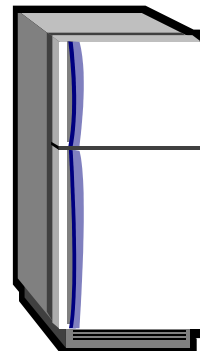
• **Cascadian** (Yakima, WA) -- The "pokies hike," every Thursday, four-six miles with little elevation gain.

Current newsletters from other clubs are in a basket near the entry of the Obsidian Lodge. Most of the clubs have websites. Check them out. Get inspired to lead a different kind of trip for our club. I could go for hikes that start later in the morning.

What a Cool Gift!

NO MORE ICE CHESTS! The lodge has a "new" refrigerator.

After remodeling the kitchen in their Lake Oswego home, Kevin and Margaret McManigal knew the perfect place for their no longer needed, almost new refrigerator. He checked with his



mother, Lenore; who checked with lodge honchos Brian Hamilton and John Jacobsen; who measured and measured and gave the OK.

Kevin loaded the appliance on his truck, hauled it down to Eugene and picked up John McManigal (his father) to help him muscle the refrigerator into the lodge.

This is welcome news to those of us who have had to tote in ice chests for special events ever since the lodge's previous (and only ever) refrigerator died some years ago.

Our thanks to the McManigals.

-- Janet Jacobsen

OTHER ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Mt. Pisgah Events

LIFE AMONG THE MOSSES WALK, Sunday, Dec. 2, noon-3 p.m. Get up close and personal with these water-loving plants that characterize the lush Pacific Northwest forests. Identify mosses and ferns and learn about their unique life cycles and growth habits. Botanist and Eugene Natural History Society President David Wagner leads this walk. Meet at visitor center, rain or shine. Fee: \$5 (MPA members free) Limit 20. Call 747-1504 for more information.

REI

GPS 101 – Monday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Bring your handheld GPS unit and instruction booklet. Free for REI members, \$15 for nonmembers. To register, call customer service at 465-1800, stop by the service desk or email your con-

tact information to amacleo@rei.com with "GPS REGISTER" in the subject line. Location: Eugene REI. located 3rd & Lawrence (306 Lawrence St.)

COAST WATCH CONFERENCE (Rocky Shores), Florence, Friday/Saturday, Dec. 7-8. Friday events begin at 3:30 p.m. and will feature workshops led by the ocean program director for the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition. They will focus on key ocean issues, such as marine reserves and wave energy. Saturday events feature talks and workshops focused on rocky shore natural history and what Coast Watchers (and others) can do to protect tide pools and intertidal areas. Location: 3149 Oak St., Florence (next to Siuslaw High School). Free, no registration required. For info, contact Phillip Johnson, Coast Watch Director at (503) 238-4450 or or-shores@teleport.com. See <http://>

oregoncoastwatch.org/.

"WALKING THE GOBI," Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Presentation by Helen Thayer, who has skied to the magnetic North Pole, lived among the wolves in Alaska, kayaked the Amazon, walked across the Sahara (and the Gobi!) and represented three countries in track and field. The recipient of countless awards, she is also the president of Adventure Classroom. Location: REI. Free. Register in person at Customer Service or call 465-1800.

Campbell Center

BEGINNING SNOWSHOE CLASS - Thursday, Jan. 10. Beginning cross country ski class on Wednesday, Jan. 16. For more information call Mel Mann at the center, 682-6392. The center also has midweek beginner cross country ski and snowshoe outings on alternate weeks.

Book Review

Mystery, Myth, Murder!

By Velma Shirk

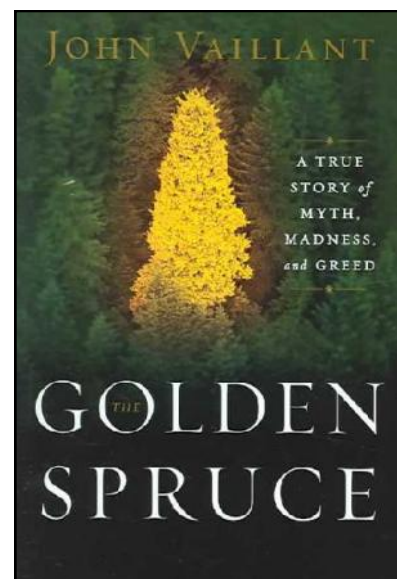
***The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness, and Greed*, by John Vaillant. W.W. Norton, 2005. \$14.95**

THIS BOOK has it all: history, mystery, myth and murder. The "murder" is of an amazing, unique 300-year-old giant golden Sitka spruce on the Queen Charlotte Islands in British Columbia. Its destruction was an act of eco-vandalism. This incident started Vaillant's research into the tree's past and the circumstances that led to its death.

In recounting the history of the tree, Vaillant tells us about the Haida people who revered the tree; the geography of the Queen Charlotte Islands where it grew; the advent of European and American explorers, trappers and settlers; and the history of the logging and forest harvest that went on around the tree. He explains the botanical rarity of such a mutant tree that lived and thrived with little or no chlorophyll.

Then he recounts the story of Grant Hadwin, the bigger-than-life anti-hero, an ex-logger turned messianic environmentalist, who cut down the golden spruce. A mystery still surrounds Hadwin: What was the motivation of this act by a man who worked in, lived in and loved the forests? Afterward, a fugitive! What happened to him? Is he still living? If so, where is he?

Vaillant writes in a lucid impeccable style. His evocative book is a joy to read.



AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

NOVEMBER 16:

Iceland's Desolate Backcountry

By Chris Cunningham

AT THE VERY LEAST, David Cobb and Jonathan Ley's potluck presentation on November 16 will show us how Iceland's desolate landscape is very much a work in progress. The two professional photographers trekked 385 miles across the country's interior. They wended through what Cobb describes as "some of the most hostile yet breathtaking scenery Iceland has to offer. Iceland is a striking landscape shaped by massive glaciers, powerful winds, roaring rivers, and active volcanic geology."

Iceland is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and situated just below the Arctic Circle. Ley's Web photos gave me a deeper appreciation of how geologic forces - whether volcanic activity or glaciations - texture a terrain. Rolling tundra and massive lava flows are the backdrop for this photographic journey through Iceland's center, where birds and sheep are a more common sight than people.

What makes the photography from this trip particularly striking is the ever-present light, even after the sun has "set." In fact, the two men experienced little darkness during the



entire course of their trip, which began in late June 2006 and ended in mid-July, and followed the rugged terrain from the northeastern tip to the southern coast.

Cobb and Ley take advantage of that lighting to capture on lens, a profoundly beautiful and untouched environment on the mid-Atlantic rift, where the North American and Eurasian plates are separating, creating a literal hot-bed of geothermal activity."

Come, see, and be mesmerized. In the meantime, take a peek at their Web sites:

<http://www.leyphotography.com/> or
<http://www.dmcobbphoto.com>.

November Potluck

Friday, November 16, 2007 Obsidian Lodge

Potluck, 6:30 p.m. Program, 7:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with your own plates, utensils and cups...plus \$1 to help cover club expenses. Parking at the Lodge can be crowded. Please consider carpooling.



SCI ED TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 20

Oregon Ice Age

LONGTIME OBSIDIAN Ewart Baldwin will present a slide show, "Unorthodox Views of Ice age History of Oregon and the Northwest," at the SciEd Tuesday program at 7 p.m. on November 20th in the lodge. He'll also show a 13-minute video on the Great Missoula-Spokane flood and how it affected the Eugene area. Baldwin will talk about sea level fluctuations and drainage changes in the Willamette River during the ice age of one to two million years ago. He will also discuss some 40 floods that occurred during the past 10,000 to 20,000 years.

Ewart, a professor emeritus of geology at the UofO, became an Obsidian in 1968 and quickly became a chief after completing eight climbs. He's completed over 200 trips, led more than 50 trips and was board president in 1977. Ewart has also gone on 145 bus trips and eight summer camps, serving as a geology resource person when appropriate.

Obsidians who have had the pleasure of sharing trips with Ewart enthusiastically recommend his programs.



UPCOMING

Winter Trips Schedule

IT IS TIME to shake out your winter clothing and wipe the dust off those skis and snow shoes. The preliminary winter trips schedule for the 2007-2008 season is available on the Obsidians website. For now, most of the outings are for the early part of the season. Start picking out the trips you want to go on. Plan on alternates, too, since many trips are re-scheduled or canceled due to weather, snow conditions or other factors.

Leaders are encouraged to check out the website to be sure that they have been logged in correctly. We are expecting *many* more outings...especially later in the season. New outings can be added to the schedule with only two weeks of lead time. Please email us at wintertrips@obsidians.org with your new trips or any changes. Thanks!

-- Jim Pierce, Winter Trips Chair

Youth Committee

A SPECIALLY FORMED Ad Hoc Youth Advisory Committee met recently and recommended that the Obsidian Youth Committee should turn its focus to "family" activities; develop three or four events in the coming year; promote those events; and write articles for the Bulletin.

To put those recommendations into action, Youth Committee Chair Scott Hovis will host an open meeting at his house at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29th. The address is 294 W. 22nd (Lincoln & 22nd), Eugene.

"Come help design and lead trips that are family friendly," Scott invites. "We'll be focusing on events that are child and parent oriented. One member had success with a hike up the Amazon Headwaters Trail to the Raptor Center. Maybe you could lead a 'tubing' snow activity or perhaps a hike to a nearby lake to swim. Please come share your ideas."

To get involved in this reinventing of the Youth Committee, or for more information, you can contact Scott at 345-7788 or scott_hovis@comcast.net.

Snow Scrooge

*Wintry snow, white and pure, comes in many forms
Flaky, granular, icy and wet are the usual norms
Cherry-flavored in a cone is the form I like the best
And, for my money, you can keep all the rest.*

-- Marshall Jay Kandell

Obsidian Calendar

November

11 Sun – Eel Creek, 6m 100' M, J.Hackett 984-0049
14 Wed – North Shasta Loop, M, R.Romoser 726-8154
12 Mon – Mt. Pisgah, 3m 1000' M, J.Jacobsen ... 343-8030
15 Thu – Spencer Butte, 6m 1600' M, L.Beckley 338-8520
16 Fri – Hiking Across Iceland-CobbPotluck
20 Tue – Missoula Floods-Ewart Baldwin SciEd Tues
24 Sat – Spencer Bt Trail MaintP.Green (510-1151)
28 Wed – North Shasta Loop, M, R.Romoser..... 726-8154

December

6 Thu – Winter Leader Training, J.Mowat 342-6546
8 Sat – Christmas Lights Salem, Bus, Hack 345-3650
14 Fri – Lane County Search and Rescue-Miller ..Potluck
18 Tue – TBA.....SciEd Tues

Winter Web Sightings

<http://users.cot.net/~n6mrx/ares/road.html>

YOU WANT road conditions and web cams? This site will give you a huge selection of sources for Oregon and California, along with occasional siren sound effects. The Northern California Road Cams link will offer dozens of current highway views.

<http://www.tripcheck.com>

THE OREGON Department of Transportation offers this handy website, which provides up-to-the-moment road conditions on the state's major highways, including construction reports, weather conditions, alternate routes and even a trip mileage calculator. A particularly fascinating feature is the use of strategically placed web cams that allow you to see the road conditions for yourself. A great tool for those planning to head for the hills for snow play or travel. You can also get road condition information on the phone by dialing 511 in Oregon and (503) 588-2941 if you're outside the state.

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic>

GOING NORTH? Here's the website of the Washington State Department of Transportation, also offering lots of web cams.

Oregon Ski/Snow Information Links

<http://www.onthesnow.com/OR/skireport.html>

<http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/maps/>

<http://www.skireport.com/oregon/>

Have a safe trip!



Amanita muscaria on Tahkenitch Dunes hike. See report on page 11. Photo by Barb Revere



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