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Dates to Remember

Aug 6	Eugene Emeralds Game
Aug 29	Sept Bulletin Deadline
Sept 3	Board Meeting
Sept 16	SciEd Tuesday
Sept 25	Welcome Potluck

Complete current schedules at:

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Summer Schedule

No Potlucks or SciEds
in July and August.

No Board Meeting or Bulletin
in August.

The Ribbon Trail

By Janet Jacobsen

News Release: June 26, 2009 from Eugene Parks and Open Space Division. **Ribbon Trail Reconstruction to Begin in July.** Thanks to funding received through the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC), the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division will reconstruct the Ribbon Trail this summer. The Ribbon Trail connects Hendricks Park to the Ridgeline Trail system, and has been used sporadically for decades.

THE RIBBON TRAIL, a connector trail from Hendricks Park to the 30th Avenue overpass, runs directly along the Obsidian property. The blue and yellow surveying ribbons are already in place. Once the trail is completed, the Trail Maintenance Committee will be working with Christer Labrecque, Open Space staff, to plan for a yearly work project. Christer coordinates the monthly trail maintenance projects with our club.

A trail past the Obsidian lodge has been discussed for many years including at Board Meetings in 2000 and 2003. At the January 2003 Board Meeting, Philip Richardson, Eugene Parks and Open Space staff, described a new hiking path corridor which will connect Hendricks Park with seven acres of land recently purchased by the City just east of the Obsidian property.

In the Spring 2003 Friends of Hendricks Park newsletter, there is an article about Marriner Orum, long time Obsidian member, which mentions the Ribbon Trail: —Marriner has a long history—30 years or so—of advocating the Ribbon Trail, which will connect Hendricks Park with Spencer Butte. Parts of this trail are now included in the Ridgeline Trail system in Eugene and a portion that attaches directly to Hendricks Park will soon be official because the land has been purchased and construction is planned for next year. Marriner and a group of fellow



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Nominees for 2010 Board

EACH APRIL, THE OBSIDIAN BOARD appoints a Nominating Committee consisting of five members. The Committee's job is to present three candidates to serve for the next three years, beginning January, 2010. Members of this year's Committee were Dan Christensen, Wayne Deeter, Janet Jacobsen, Lenore McManigal, and Lana Lindstrom, Chair.

The Committee invited and received nominations from Board members and committee chairs and considered the following criteria:

- Commitment to the Obsidians: has volunteered to help, contributed ideas and energy.
- Willingness to attend Board meetings and take a leadership role.
- Involvement: has served on a committee and/or led trips.
- Good communication skills: able to listen and articulate opinions
- Represents various Club activities such as hiking, skiing, biking.
- At least one nominee has a historical perspective; longer term Obsidian

At their June 3 meeting, the Board accepted the following nominees:

Elle Weaver – Publicity Chair and hiking leader

Kathy Hoeg – former Entertainment Chair and Board facilitator

Lyn Gilman-Garrick – Entertainment Committee member and biking leader

Additional information about the candidates will be published in the September newsletter.

Up to three additional nominees may be submitted by petition; the signatures of five Obsidians is required to be submitted to the Secretary before the September 2 Board meeting. Voting will occur at the Annual Meeting.

Lana Lindstrom, Nominating Committee Chair

OBITUARY

Doris Jones 1923-2009

A MEMORIAL SERVICE was held Thursday, June 4, at Central Lutheran Church in Eugene for Doris Koch Jones of Eugene, who died June 1st of lymphoma. She was 85. She was born Aug. 31, 1923 in Maquoketa, Iowa to Seth and Laura Nolte Koch. She married Robert Jones on Aug. 31, 1946, in Waverly, Iowa. She held a bachelor's degree in home economics from Iowa State University and a master's degree in library studies from the University of Hawaii. She worked as a librarian at Roosevelt High School in Honolulu. Survivors include her husband; three sons, Craig of Richmond, Va., Kim of Corvallis and Claude of Anderson, Calif.; a brother, Keith Koch of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and five grandchildren.

Doris joined the Obsidians in 1993. She went on 14 trips and attended one summer camp. Her husband, Robert, is also an Obsidian member.

Welcome!

New Members

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Membership Report

July 2009

Active Members 470
Associate Members 35
Honorary Members 3
Junior Members 12
Life Members 19
Total Members 539

Member Reminders

- Members who move, change email address, or phone number, please notify the Membership Committee. Email membership@obsidians.org or phone Barb Revere 541-543-3514. Thanks!
- Membership renewal dues will be due by October 1. The September Bulletin will contain the renewal form and instructions.

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Trips To Spencer Butte

Last month in Janet's Jottings there was mention of the Lane Council of Governments looking for pre-1970 pictures of Spencer Butte. That sent Janet and Rick Ahrens on a search through the Obsidian archives where they found Myrtie Hamlin's photo album with these photos of March 24, 1929 and February 9, 1930 hikes to the butte.



On top, looking northerly.

Rest stop on the way. Can you find the Obsidian patch on the one gentleman's shoulder?



Returning from Spencer Butte, probably taken about 24th Avenue. Spencer Butte is on the far right horizon and Old Baldy slightly left of center on the horizon. Note the cup hanging from the lady's jacket.



GOOD NEWS FOR "OREGON'S TREASURES" AND THE MAGICAL METOLIUS

By Pat Bitner Photo by Stewart Hoeg

EXCITING TIMES in the Salem Statehouse! The Metolius, revered by fishermen, springs from the ground near Black Butte and flows north through ponderosa pines to Lake Billy Chinook. Its pristine nature is threatened by two proposed major developments, both approved by local land use authorities. (See "Conservation Corner" Obsidian Bulletin March 09)

Governor Kulongoski has been a force behind the passage of bills designating the Metolius an Area of Critical Statewide Concern, a new designation which strictly limits development. After unanimous passage of the authorizing bill in the Senate, House Bill 3298 was defeated by one vote. It went back for another vote the next day, and passed. Thousands of Oregonians had commented both pro and con regarding the new protected designation. This means a reversal, after the fact, of Jefferson County's former prerogative to authorize development, which disturbed many. Environmental groups, including 1,000 Friends, urged protection for the Metolius. And it appears that the Metolius won, big.



Fazio's Oregon Treasures bill seems to have a good chance of passage and is set for a hearing before the House Natural Resources and Senate Energy Committee in the near future. Their bill would protect the Devil's Staircase/Wassen Creek as Wilderness area, protect 143 miles of tributary streams of the Rogue under the Wild & Scenic designation (but not Wilderness, the strongest protection), and expand Oregon Caves National Monument by over 4,000 acres.

Local Notes: Over 100 people participated in the June 9 workshop on the future of the Willamette sponsored by LCOG (Lane Council of Governments). Participants were asked to describe their ideal long-range vision for the river. Their input will be incorporated into a vision map, and a second public workshop in the fall will review the results and make further comments.

THE RIVER ROAD PARKS & Recreation will sponsor a series of hikes on Outdoor Forestry Education. Ron Rommel, retired Oregon forester, will lead and help us to understand current forestry strategies. Bus provided. July 25, Aug. 15, Aug. 29. Call River Road Park & Recreation at 688-4052 to register.

In Washington, Senator Wyden and Representative De-

forestry strategies. Bus provided. July 25, Aug. 15, Aug. 29. Call River Road Park & Recreation at 688-4052 to register.

Remembering the Metolius

THE METOLIUS RIVER has been a spot Obsidians have enjoyed through the years. Here are a few quotes from trip reports of club trips to this special part of Oregon:

—As always, through the Metolius Canyon was beautiful. Along the way we encountered daddy Canada geese, guarding the females on their nests. We had lunch at the hatchery and watched the fish feeding show — always good for a few chuckles!"

Blythe & Russ Carpenter - April 24, 1996

—...we made a lovely loop of 6.4 miles, finding more beautiful wildflowers

than we'd dreamed of.... We followed the river first on the west side and then on the east, breaking for lunch in a patch of sunlight. We waved to campers, fishermen, and hikers here and there and at a rustic cabin we bumped into friends. They were most hospitable."

Sharon Thomas, - June 21, 2003

—Two of us set out on Saturday to visit the beautiful Metolius River. We were rewarded with a warm, but pleasant hike, with all kinds of flowers and butterflies, starting at the South Trailhead and walking down to the fish hatchery."

Anne McLucas - June 24, 2006

—A...beautiful hike that runs entirely along the Metolius River. We began and ended the hike at a very interesting and well kept fish hatchery. It was quite hot this year so cooling ourselves off by dipping neck scarves or hats into the water was a great way to cool down."

Sharon Thomas - June 26, 2006

—We hiked in perfect weather, far beyond the second bridge, where the trail wanders from the ever-steepening bank, into rhody and manzanita woods, far from the...multi-dimpled river. Back at our tents, we dined, as the high front quietly grayed the sky. It rained 1/2" as we slept."

Jim Fritz - Aug. 18, 2007

The Ribbon Trail

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hikers have been walking this route every December for many years, following the “ribbons” to Spencer Butte. Mariner helped the park staff and youth crews initiate parts of the route in the mid-1980s.”

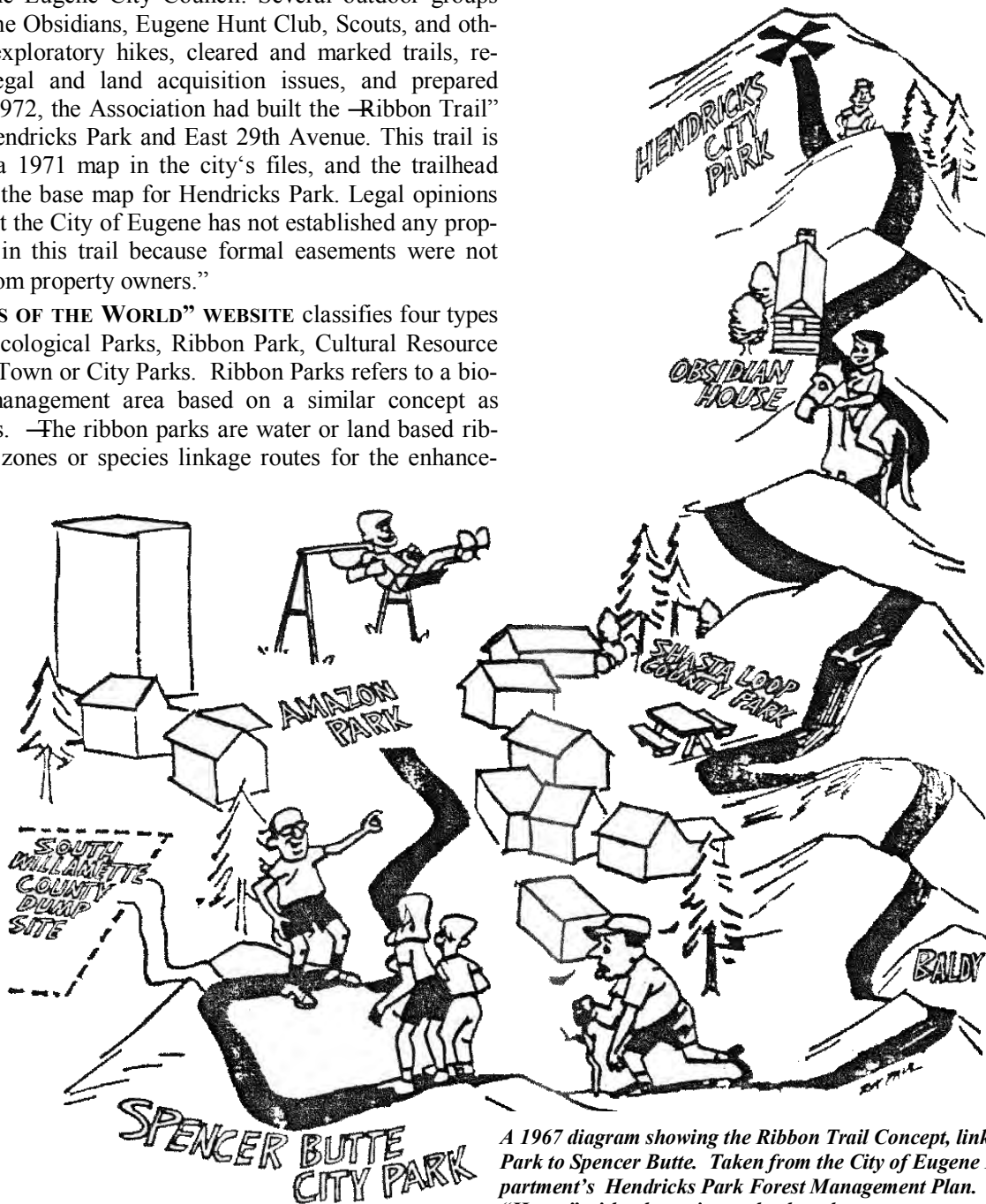
The Hendricks Park Forest Management Plan (City of Eugene, January 2000) mentions that in 1962 a group of citizens formed the Ribbon Park Association. Its purpose was to create a “ribbon trail” to connect existing and future ridgeline parks. Over time, the group expanded its vision to include trail connections to Fern Ridge and the Willamette River, with approval by the City Planning Commission and acceptance by the Eugene City Council. Several outdoor groups including the Obsidians, Eugene Hunt Club, Scouts, and others made exploratory hikes, cleared and marked trails, researched legal and land acquisition issues, and prepared maps. By 1972, the Association had built the “Ribbon Trail” between Hendricks Park and East 29th Avenue. This trail is shown on a 1971 map in the city’s files, and the trailhead appears on the base map for Hendricks Park. Legal opinions indicate that the City of Eugene has not established any property rights in this trail because formal easements were not obtained from property owners.”

—“RRKS OF THE WORLD” WEBSITE classifies four types of parks: Ecological Parks, Ribbon Park, Cultural Resource Parks, and Town or City Parks. Ribbon Parks refers to a biodiversity management area based on a similar concept as Green Belts. The ribbon parks are water or land based ribbon buffer zones or species linkage routes for the enhance-

ment of less unique but important biodiversity management areas. Ribbon parks weave through the human environment and provide landscape and waterscape linkage to other biodiversity management areas. The ribbon parks include human uses like walking trails, bicycling trails, waterways, and other forms of linkage like roads, railways, and water access routes that provide transportation opportunity from non-polluting modes of transportation.”

The question: Did the Ribbon Trail get its name from the ribbons in the trees or from the concept of ribbon buffer zones? Whatever the origin, the Ribbon Trail is a welcome extension to the trail system.

A detailed map of the Ribbon Trail can be found at:
http://www.eugene-or.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_334302_0_0_18/RibbonTrail_Map.pdf



A 1967 diagram showing the Ribbon Trail Concept, linking Hendricks Park to Spencer Butte. Taken from the City of Eugene Public Works Department’s *Hendricks Park Forest Management Plan*. Note the Obsidian “House” with a horse in our backyard.

BOARD NOTES

July 1, 2009

By Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary

Vice President Jim Pierce called the meeting to order. Board Members present: Laurie Funkhouser, Barb Revere, Wayne Deeter, and Stewart Hoeg. President Jim Duncan soon arrived and assumed conduction of the meeting. Others: Paul Flashenberg, John and Janet Jacobsen, Lenore McManigal, Elle Weaver, Doug Nelson, Pat Bitner, and Liz Reanier.

Treasurer's Report: Board approved bills. The Club continues to be in good financial standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Way-By Bus: Liz Reanier informed the Board that Barbara Flanders has replaced Ben Jefferies as the treasurer. Also noted was the continued low ridership; however, a recent trip was altered from a bus trip to a carpooling event to accommodate lower numbers.

Conservation Committee: Pat Bitner expanded upon the trip - 6/27/09 - to explore the proposed marine reserve area between Heceta Head and Cape Perpetua.

Summer Trips Committee: Jim Pierce obtained approval for two new members to the committee.

Publicity Committee: Elle Weaver had given a presentation at the Newcomer's Club of the Downtown Athletic Club. The committee is working on a brochure.

Membership Committee: Barb Revere received approval by the Board of one new membership application.

Summer Trips (Jim Pierce): 14 trips for the month of June. There were 11 hikes and 2 bike trips and 1 kayak trip with 69 members and 29 non-members. Revenue was \$191.00.

Climbs (Larry Huff): Two climbs in June with six participants. Fees collected: \$42.00. A side note that Sue Sullivan, our Safety Chair, and Climbs Committee member, put on a crevasse rescue refresher for Eugene Mountain Rescue. She was gracious enough to have several Obsidian members participate so that they could keep their skills fresh.

Trail Maintenance (Peter Green): As reported by Janet Jacobsen: At the May

27th Trail Maintenance six volunteers (3 members and 3 nonmembers plus 2 Open Space staff) constructed 72' of barrier fencing to block cutoffs on the West Scramble Trail. Matt Bell was the leader. Christer Labrecque, Open Space staff, said that they would be starting work on the Ribbon Trail from Hendricks Park to the Spring Blvd. overpass. From his email to Peter and Janet: The trail will run directly behind the Obsidians property! There is an opportunity for the Obsidians trail maintenance group to help with the maintenance of this new trail.

By-Ways-By-Bus (Liz Reanier via Verna Kocken): Twenty-two people participated in the Northern California trip. On June 23, about the same number of bus riders traveled to the Aurora Colony on a trip led by Mary Ellen West. The trip to the St. Paul Rodeo will be held with participants car-pooling. The numbers were too low to hire a bus.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): We're in the final preparations for Summer Camp at Lassen National Park.

Conservation (Pat Bitner): Conservation committee sponsored a visit to Portland Audubon's Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary Sat. June 27.

Publication (Barb Revere): June Bulletin: 140 online subscriptions, 337 USPS.

Entertainment (Laurie Funkhouser): The June potluck by Barbara and Dan Gleason was attended by 31 members with 28 coming for the potluck. Fees collected: \$28.00

Science and Education (Joella Ewing): Eighteen people attended the June presentation. \$18 was collected.

Membership (Barb Revere): The membership stands at 539.

Publicity (Elle Weaver): A group of Downtown Athletic Club members signed up for a hike from Clear Lake and around Sahalie and Koosah Falls. Hopefully this will encourage other DAC members to join our trips.

Concessions (Kathleen Floyd): Rev: \$34; Exp: \$281 for insulated lunch bags.

Online (Wayne Deeter): The domain name "obsidians.org" has been renewed for nine more years.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All trip reports recorded up to date.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): A grounds work party was held prior to the June SciEd and another prior to the June Potluck - Pat Adams and Max Brown manned the first work party and the second consisted of Pat Adams, Darlene Mancuso, Brenda Kameenui, Gary Kirk and John Jacobsen. Work slowly continues on the steps.

OLD BUSINESS

East Ridgeline Trail Task Team: John and Janet Jacobsen and Jim Duncan were given a tour of the newly acquired 200-acre East Ridgeline area. The recent purchase of the acreage by the City of Eugene will enable the existing 12-mile Ridgeline Trail to extend to LCC. Upon completion of a Master Plan in 2010, Arlie and Company will donate \$600,000 for park and trail development.

FWOC Representative: Traditionally the Obsidians have had a representative at the FWOC Annual Meeting scheduled for August 28-30 in Spokane, Washington. Pat Bitner of the Conversation committee declined attending. John and Janet Jacobsen are considering. At this time, no members have expressed an interest in representing the club.

Lodge Mural: Dallas Cole is just about to wrap up firing of the mural pieces. Dallas is in the process of trying to schedule the mason (Scott Wylie) to do the installation, hopefully in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Construction: Construction of the Ribbon Trail is scheduled for this month. Some neighbors are concerned about the increased exposure; and, there are rumors of a bike trail being built along Spring Blvd. and the possibility of a 136-acre development to the east of the Lodge. A meeting has been scheduled for July 15th at the corner of Spring Blvd. and 29th Street with the city.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Potluck - General discussion regarding the format of the potluck and move into the direction of an Open house/Welcome Back with a touch of Summer Camp reunion included.

October Annual Meeting - Open discussion for ideas to entice members to attend - possibly a historical presentation, dessert potluck, etc.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

Trials Country

May 17, 2009

Leader: Anne Dhu McLucas

6 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

FOUR HIKERS (PLUS THE LEADER) SHOWED UP for a beautiful half-day hike at the natural park just outside Eugene called 'Trials Country'. Starting along a moss-lined creek, we hiked uphill, under a power line and into the woods before crossing another creek, stopping for lunch along the way. The major attraction of this hike is the wide variety of trees: old-growth Douglas fir, madrone, huge maples, cedar, and oak savannah in a highly varied terrain. The hikers were members Jane Allen, Linda Hovey, Sandor Lau, and Anne Dhu McLucas (leader) and nonmember Kathy Luiten.

Ridgeline Trail

May 30, 2009

Leaders: Janet Jacobsen and Sue Meyers

6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

WE HEADED FOR THE BLANTON HEIGHTS trailhead at 8:30 on a warm, clear spring morning to begin our 6.2 mile hike along the Ridgeline Trail. Jim Pierce was able to join us for the first portion of the hike only. The trail was dry and clear and we saw daisies, sunflowers, wild roses, and a few irises along the way. The rutted section of the Ridgeline Trail between Fox Hollow and Dillard Road is in the process of being leveled and relocated to higher ground, which made it much easier for us. At the Dillard North trailhead we took the lower trail to the top of Mt. Baldy. Janet Jacobsen pointed out a new 250-ft. section of the trail that the Obsidians recently built. After our climb up Baldy, we stopped briefly to enjoy the magnificent view and a cool refreshing breeze before descending the new gravel trail to Spring Boulevard. It was a busy Saturday with many joggers, hikers, and dogs along the trail. We arrived at Spring Boulevard by 11:30 with Janet Jacobsen's car and Sterling Pierce waiting (thank you) to shuttle the hikers to their cars and transportation home. A few blocks down the road from Spring Boulevard trailhead, we noticed ten or so parked trucks. They were filming "Something Wicked," a current day action thriller. We didn't see any action! Our group of hikers included members Jim Pierce, Pat Esch, Ken Rivernider, co-leaders Janet Jacobsen and Sue Meyers, and nonmembers Cathy Irwin, Connie Pierce, and Akira Ozaki (a visitor from Osaka, Japan).

Castle Rock

May 31, 2009

Leader & Photo: Chris Stockdale

11.5 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)

WE KEEP BEING TOLD TO –MAKE TIME FOR THE GIRLS, so on Sunday, May 31, we did just that! When all the men who had



signed up for the hike dropped out, they left a great group of six women to enjoy the day together. Our nonmember Jen, an experienced hiker, called to ask if this was going to be a slow hike. I quickly reassured her that would not be the case, with the likes of Elle Weaver and Daphne James to emulate mountain goats. She was not disappointed and, I think, almost met her match. New member Judy Ness was concerned, too, but she was wondering if this hike would be too challenging for her. She, too, was not disappointed. At South Eugene, we all piled into my VW camper and this gave us a great opportunity to get to know each other before hitting the trail. We were glad that 95% of the trail is in the woods as it's a tough hike up to the summit, gaining 2,600 feet in 5.5 miles and we were there on one of those extraordinarily hot May days. Everybody hiked her own pace, meeting up at several rest points. On the lower parts of the trail, the rhodies were beginning to bloom, and the open meadows of the summit had a good show of wild flowers.

Thanks to the extremely dry weather the Willamette Valley area had been experiencing, the air was very hazy, but we still had fantastic views of the Sisters, Mt. Washington and the McKenzie Valley. Although it appeared that we were the only hikers that day, we definitely were not alone. What seemed like a hundred mountain bikers climbed past us on the way up and congregated on the summit. But good mannered bikers they all were and none of them ran into any of us. We were glad, though, that we were still enjoying lunch when they all took off, flying down the trail. (We didn't encounter any corpses on the way down, so assume they all survived the trip.) Judy, though somewhat tired, was thrilled to have conquered Castle Rock and attributed her success to the support of the group. I attribute it more to her gutsy determination to get up there! (Look for Judy scaling Lassen at Summer Camp.) Everybody voted for a slight detour to visit Harbick's for cold drinks before heading back to Eugene. Enjoying the day out were members Lynda Christiansen, Daphne James, Elle Weaver, Judy Ness, Chris Stockdale and nonmember Jen Jackson.

Kentucky Falls

June 2, 2009

Leader: Barb Revere

4.4 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)

WE HIT THE WILDFLOWER JACKPOT on both the trail and backroads! We also lucked out on weather: we only had rain on the drive over and finished before the evening thunderstorms. Wildflowers captured our interest on the trail down into the canyon and we saw many, including masses of wild iris. Also, thousands of millipedes (worm-like arthropods, two pairs of legs per body segment) were moving over one section of the trail. We could not avoid stepping on them! During lunch below North Fork and Lower Kentucky Falls, we enjoyed the banjo picking of a friendly young man who had been enjoying the falls in solitude until we arrived. The walk out of the canyon was fast and uneventful. The trail is in good shape and the two bridges have been replaced. At a third spot, where a creek runs over the trail, wood is stacked, ready to build another small bridge. The drive in, with many turns and dubious signage, is the big challenge on trips to Kentucky Falls, and I was using a set of directions from the Siuslaw Ranger District website. A honk from the following car told me it had one turn backwards. Stick with Bill Sullivan's directions and you won't go wrong! Thanks to Rick Gates for driving and thanks to all my hiking companions for the great day out. Members: Bill Buskirk, Pat Esch, Charlene Pierce, Jim Pierce, Barb Revere, Lamonte Smith and Eleanor Wilkerson; nonmembers: Rick Gates, Jim Gillings and Caryl Smartt.

Hardesty Mt.

June 13, 2009

Leader: Judith Terry

10 miles, 3,300 ft. (Difficult)

I WAS AWAKENED AT 5:00AM with rain pounding on the roof. My windshield wipers were on high on my drive to LCC. However, when I arrived it was dry and six eager hikers were ready to see what the threatening day had in store. Under the canopy of the trees the trail was wonderful and the weather cool and refreshing for the hike up, up, up. It was a great group: each going at what pace was best for them up and down. Hikers included members Guy Strahon, Daphne James, Dick Hildreth, Becky Lipton and Judy Terry (leading from the back), and Robert Freed.

Mt. Pisgah/Strawberries

June 13, 2009

Leader: Jane Allen

6 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

THE RAINS BROUGHT TWO HEAVY DOWNPOURS on the morning of our trip, which resulted in some last minute cancellations, but a hardy and determined group left Eugene for a day of adventure. To our surprise, it was completely dry at our destination. We started our hike from the main trail, ventured off on the Theodore Trail and headed towards the woods where we found our way to the top. This wooded section is not used much and so there was plenty of overgrown vegetation and cobwebs to wipe away. At the top, we had limited views due to the overcast sky. From there, we headed down the #6 trail, which turns into a nice

wide road. We saw two snakes and stopped to look at them before they wriggled away. Then it was a challenge to find the connector to Quarry Road, as the path was obscured by more overgrowth. In some spots, the path was not recognizable due to the vegetation. Eventually we connected with Quarry Road and made it back to the parking lot. We then set out for the strawberry farm nearby. At the farm, we each got a little pail and followed the farm attendant out to our rows of strawberries where we were given some basic instructions. Everyone began to fill up their pails, sampling the strawberries and chatting about strawberry recipes. This was a lively and fun group and we all had a great time. Participants were members Pat Soussan, Barb Schomaker, Yuan Hopkins, Daniel Delaby, Sue Meyers, Jane Allen and nonmembers Ilene Aleshire and Kelly Miller.

Tamolitch Pool to Sahalie Falls

June 15, 2009

Leader & Photo: Jim Pierce

6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)



THE CLOUDY DAY IN THE VALLEY turned into a beautiful day in the Cascades. A dozen hikers joined me for this wonderfully scenic hike. We started at Trail Bridge and had the trail to ourselves, except for several groups of considerate bikers. The flowers, ferns and butterflies were great. The Blue Pool at Tamolitch was the most beautiful I have ever seen it. The pale blue was like Colleen Milliman's eyes, and we were mesmerized for an hour. After sharing lunch with chipmunks and a blue-tailed skink, we continued through the forest along the dry section of the McKenzie (where it goes underground). I had forgotten this marvelous section of old growth ... many Douglas firs, hemlocks and cedars over six feet in diameter. Somewhere in the forest there is a new swarm of honey bees. At Carmen Reservoir we were greeted by the rush of the river and voices of throngs of fishermen. The third stage of the hike was along the south bank of the McKenzie beside Koosah Falls up to Sahalie. The laughing and rushing water is always spectacular. At Sahalie the car we had parked there shuttled drivers back to Trail Bridge. Enjoying this wonderful outing were nonmembers Connie Pierce, Leslie Grayner, Bill Mallonee, Ron Allen, and Silvia and Andrea Breeden. Members were Bill Buskirk, Joanne Ledet, Charlene Pierce, Ellen Sather, Susan Sanazaro, Daniele Delaby and Leader Jim Pierce. My thanks to Joanne and Ron for driving.

Mary's Peak

June 18, 2009

Leader: Dan Christensen Photo: Jim Pierce

8.5 miles, 2,300 ft. (Moderate)



MY DECISION TO SCHEDULE THIS HIKE in mid-June rather than in May proved to be a good one. The snow was gone and the trail was in excellent condition. The weather proved to be much cooler and more cloudy than in the valley, but just right for hiking. The hike proceeds up the east side of the Coast Range from a trailhead on Wood's Creek Road (off Highway 20, two miles west of Philomath). Following a modest climb up to and across a level area the climb up the peak begins. The trail proceeds up a steep ridge with very long switchbacks, which make the climb seem less steep than the elevation gain would indicate. The coastal forest is primarily hemlock with a thick oxalis ground cover over much of the area. Scattered wildflowers were in evidence. About .6 of a mile from the summit the trail emerges onto a parking lot where a road off of the Alsea Highway ends. A service road then becomes the trail to the top of the peak. Notable features of this last segment include a thick stand of noble fir below the east side of the peak and a beautiful "flower garden" consisting of paintbrush, penstemon and many others along the south slope. As usual this time of year, a view the Pacific Ocean from the peak was unavailable due to the dense cloud cover. However, Mary's Peak is the highest elevation point in the Coast Range at 4,097 feet. Members: Bill Buskirk, Dan Christensen, Bob Freed, Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Daphne James, Jim Pierce, Guy Strahon and Marian West; nonmembers: Ron Allen, Lisa Logsdon and Ernst Schwitzser.

Cone Peak

June 20, 2009

Leader: Karla Rusow

5 miles, 1,050 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A FULL GROUP of 12 hikers hopeful of seeing a grand display of wildflowers. The day was overcast with a cool mist. At the trailhead, Tombstone Pass, there was another large group of hikers, the Chemeketans of Salem. Hiking under the canopy of tall trees up to the exposed meadows we were somewhat protected from the drizzle. Larkspur, Indian paintbrush, bleeding heart, false solomon seal, foam flower, various types of violet and many other flowers were present. It appeared we were about two weeks early, before the BIG show of wildflowers. We had a

quick lunch at the top of Cone Peak due to the windy, cold conditions. We proceeded around Iron Mountain and back to the cars to turn on the heaters. Members: Walt Dolliver, Julie Dorland, Ed Lizewski, Karla Rusow, Guy Strahon and Judith Terry; nonmembers: Ilene Aleshire, Claire Beekman, Tiffany Cavin, Lynda Godell, Richard McGuinness and Diane Pergamit.



Bike Trips

Aufderheide Highway

May 31, 2009

Leader: Sue Wolling

57 miles, 2,700 ft. (Difficult)

A PLEASANT WAY TO APPRECIATE the scenic Aufderheide Highway between Blue River and Westfir is on a bicycle. Our group of five riders biked the north side of this route between Highway 126 outside of Blue River to the pass at Box Canyon and back. Our 57-mile ride began along the banks of Cougar Reservoir and gradually ascended the road that parallels the south fork of the McKenzie River. Slowly but surely our group completed the first half of the ride to Box Canyon. After climbing 2,700 feet, we enjoyed a rapid descent, stopping for lunch near the river before returning to our starting point. The weather was fine, the pavement smooth, and we encountered very little traffic. Members participating in this ride were Sue Wolling and Sam Miller (co-leaders), George Jobanek, Doug McCarty, and guest rider Jackie Murdoff.

Veneta - Our Daily Bread

May 31, 2009

Leader: Stewart Hoeg

42 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

THE WEATHER WAS BEAUTIFUL at 9am in the Amazon parking lot, but the group was small. When I scheduled this ride I forgot that in the days immediately preceding it there would be the Menucha extended Obsidian trip and the Marble Mountain bike ride that many Obsidians participate in. So, it was a hearty hungry trio that headed west up Lorane Highway in search of brunch. As we continued on our route to Veneta, along with the usual sights of birds, cows, sheep, blooming camas, etc., we found ourselves passing biker after biker heading the other direction. Indeed, all three of us recognized people we knew heading the other direction. We never did figure out where people were going and/or coming from, but we refused to be deterred from our quest for food. We arrived safely at Our Daily Bread in Veneta a little before 11 and quickly staked our claim to an outdoor table with an umbrella to shade us from the sun. We then started making innumerable trips to the delicious buffet table. After more than an hour of consumption, we decided it was time to let other brunchers take over while there was still some food left. We then began a leisurely digestive ride back to town via Perkins, Central, Petzold, and Crow roads back to the west Amazon bike path. Brunchers included members Pam Morris, Charlie Van Deusen and leader Stewart Hoeg.



Climbs

Wolf Creek - Clay Creek

June 14, 2009

Leader: Lyn Gilman-Garrick

46 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW that we have done this out-and-back ride over the steep hills south of Crow. Last year we did it in mid-July and the temperatures were in the 90s. The heat and the sun got the better of many riders. This year seven of us set out with fingers and toes crossed that Mother Nature would be kinder and she really came through. The temperatures were in the mid-70s and the sun hid behind clouds most of the day. This doesn't mean the ride was easy (three of the four big hills merited three chevrons), but we were able to finish with energy to spare. We rewarded ourselves with blizzards at the Dairy Queen in Veneta. Wonder what next year will bring...? Members: Bill Aspegren, Paul Garrick, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Stewart Hoeg, Richard Hughes, George Jobanek and Sam Miller.



Kayak/Canoe Trips

Fish Lake Kayak/Canoe

June 7, 2009

Leader: Ellen Sather

2 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

A FLOTILLA OF FOURTEEN KAYAKERS/CANOEISTS set off to enjoy a Sunday morning on magical Fish Lake. We had the lake to ourselves so it was especially peaceful and relaxing to paddle off on our own and then rejoin the group as we set off for the far end of the lake. We explored one of the fingers but didn't go in far before turning around due to a big log barrier. We saw Barrow's goldeneye ducks (named for their brilliant yellow iris) and lots of little ducklings following mom to form their own flotilla. A group of 20 or so Canada geese landed and had a honking contest to see which was the loudest. It didn't rain or thunder but could have been a few degrees warmer for our picnic. Otherwise we all deemed it a perfect day.

Thanks to my very helpful co-leader Daphne James for rounding up people at SEHS, to Sam Houston for rounding up and transporting the kayaks/canoes, and to Rich Romm for entertaining us with the latest jokes, songs and, yes, poetry. Members: Marlene Drescher, Pat Esch, Dick Hildreth, Sam Houston, Daphne James, Charlene Pierce, Jim Pierce, Rich Romm, Ellen Sather and Nancy Whitfield; nonmembers: Keiko Bryan, Monica Deshpande, Carolyn Forell and Fran Rosenthal.

Diamond Peak

May 9, 2009

Leader: Larry Huff

11 miles, 4,744 ft.

THE BEGINNING OF THE OBSIDIANS' climb season opens with a Basic Mountaineering Class graduation climb of Diamond Peak. This year there were late-season winter storms and initially we scheduled our climbs a little later on the calendar. The climb school finished up the third weekend of April and we found ourselves with a five-week gap before any climb was scheduled. We decided to move up the graduation climb to May 9th, hoping the roads would be clear and the students' skills could be put to use. The climb had a total of nine participants, three of which came through climb school. The rest of our group consisted of Obsidians and members from the community. A great group of climbers assembled at the Thurston Park and Ride in Springfield, and we drove out Highway 58 on a fabulous morning. We found the conditions in the forest to be warm for such an early start and were looking forward to an easy drive up the gravel road approach. We were surprised when we encountered a snow drift that would deny us access to the trailhead. We attempted to breach this obstacle but quickly realized we were burning daylight and we needed to begin our climb. We were relieved to find we were only a mile and a half from the trailhead, so we covered this distance quickly and ascended into the forest. It wasn't long before we came across the snow and those who had snowshoes put them on here. It was also time to pull out the map, compass, and GPS. The terrain in the early part of the climb is a steep, forested drainage with lots of windfall. It temporarily tops out at a forested bench or plateau. Here good views of Diamond Peak open up. The trees spread out and the ridge that we ascend starts to come into view. The day was shaping up nicely and our progress onto the ridge was smooth. We did find the snow was softening up fast and those of us who did not bring snow shoes found the way difficult as the day progressed. The climb at about 6,500 feet starts to get steep quite rapidly. The ridge narrows and presents a series of ten-foot or so corniced steps as it rises upward. The climb continues like this until about 7,500 feet where it ascends above a gendarme. The ridge broadens right here and offers up a great vista of Diamond Peak's summit, with spectacular views into the southwest cirque. The climb again ascends quickly up the ridge, the terrain here broad and resembling more of a steep hillside. A bit of upward momentum brings us to the south summit of the mountain. The views to the north and the east are vast; it does not take long to realize what a special place you're gazing upon. The snow accumulation at 8,400 feet is stunning, and the traverse to the summit is loaded up with snow. The overhanging cornices off the leeward side of the traverse are massive. The exposure down into the east cirque is great. It is about a half mile across the traverse to the summit. We were treated to the glory of free heel skiers carving beautiful turns into the bowl as they skied off the sum-



*Nearing Diamond Peak summit
on the May 30th climb.*

mit. It kept us captivated for the better part of an hour as we all soaked in the views from the summit at 8,744 feet. We ended up making a full day out of this adventure as we found ourselves back at the vehicles around 6:30 pm. It was a great day with a great group of climbers, and I can't wait to do it again. Members: Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Larry Huff and Juli McGlinsky; nonmembers: Todd Banta, Jennifer Canfield, Danni Harris, Megan Henning, Doug Orwick and Tim Swallin.

Diamond Peak

May 30, 2009

Leader & Photo: Wayne Deeter

7 miles, 3900 ft. (I-1)

WE WERE ABLE TO DRIVE WITHIN a half mile of the Corrigan Lake trailhead. Much of the trail was snow-covered, so we followed the mostly snow-free ridge up to a level even with the lake. From the Diamond Peak Trail, a due east bearing took us to the ridge. Time on the summit was limited to about 1/2 hour as we could see thunderheads building up to the south. We were all glad to be back in the cars when the hail and rain started! Thanks to April and Mark for driving, and to Larry for his invaluable help as assistant leader. Members: April Anderson, Wayne Deeter, Larry Huff and Mark Slipp; nonmembers: Bistra Hristova, Louis Novak and Tom Spettel.

Mt. Shasta

June 26-27, 2009

Leader & Photo: Brian Hamilton

9.8 miles, 6847 ft. (III)

Tim Swallen joined me for this attempt of the east side of 14,162 ft. Mt. Shasta via the Hotlum-Wintun Ridge. The road to the trailhead had been free of snow for almost two weeks when we arrived on a warm Friday afternoon. We took a few minutes to put on our boots and finish stuffing our packs before starting out on the Brewer Creek Trail at 7,315ft. Not knowing what conditions we would encounter on the climb, our packs were heavy with a variety of gear, including rope and harnesses, ice screws, snow pickets, and rock anchors. Following the trail generally to the south, we crossed a few patches of snow over the first 1.7 miles and 570 feet of elevation gain to reach an unofficial climbers' trail. The climbers' trail led us over a sparsely vegetated moraine, snow fields, and finally a steep section of scree for 1.6 miles and 1,968 feet of elevation gain to reach our base camp at 9,853ft. We shared the triangular moraine with a group of 4 other climbers and a pair of skiers and felt lucky to find a glacial stream nearby for our water needs.

The ascent for the summit began shortly after 2:00 am on Saturday morning. The sky was clear and the temperature mild, but it would drop to 33 degrees as we progressed up the moun-

tain. Our route ascended the snow field on the north side of the moraine at the base of the Hotlum-Wintun Ridge. The snow was hard enough to require crampons and the hiking was slow, but we were in no hurry; we had plenty of time. We had planned to ascend the snow field running up the middle of the ridge when we reached the top of the moraine, but found the snow too steep to negotiate safely without rope and pickets. Instead, we elected to climb the rock ridge directly, but first took an hour-long break, resting, looking at the scenery around us, and watching climbers below.

The next 1,500 feet of elevation gain consisted primarily of 3rd class scrambling with a few 4th class moves thrown in for fun. Occasionally, we had to cross small, but extremely steep patches of snow to reach the next section of the scramble. We had our first glimpse of the summit when we reached an altitude 13,850 ft. Our side of the mountain was sparsely populated with only about 10 climbers on the Wintun Glacier to the south, below us, but the summit above appeared to be swarming with climbers. We crossed the top of the Wintun and reached the summit at about 11:00 am, 9 hours after starting out from our base camp. There were about 30 people on the summit with many of them lined up to sign the summit register. Climbers were continually leaving the summit and being replaced by others coming up from Avalanche Gulch. Looking over that side of the mountain, we could see a line of maybe 50 climbers on their way up the final stretch with many others on their way down.

Tim and I stayed on the summit for an hour, where we brewed coffee and enjoyed the sunshine and 72-degree temperature. When we were ready to begin our descent, we chose to zigzag down the Wintun Glacier instead of down-climbing the rock ridge. While plunge-stepping down, each of us lost our footing once on the steep slope and had to employ self-arrest techniques. When we reached the top of the moraine at the base of the rock ridge, we crossed over to the snow field on the north

and then enjoyed a long glissade down the “spring corn” snow, losing 2,000 feet of elevation in about 5 minutes. Our descent from the summit to base camp took only two hours. We rested at camp, refilled our water bottles, and then packed up for the 2½ hour hike, reaching the trailhead by 5:30 pm, ready for the 5-hour drive back to Eugene.



Byways By Bus

Northern California Coast, Skunk Train & Napa Valley

June 1-5, 2009

Leaders: Liz Reanier and Don Payne

TWENTY OBSIDIANS AND A GUEST left Eugene bright and early (7am) for a long day of driving to reach Fort Bragg by evening. We had to alter our route from Highway 199 since the bus was too long, going instead on Highway 42 past elk grazing beside the highway and into Reedsport where we had our coffee break at the Umpqua Lighthouse State Park. For lunch, we visited the recently opened (Kulongoski's 5th) Crissey Field State Park, south of Brookings just before crossing into California. South of Eureka, we drove through the Avenue of the Giants (redwoods) to see lots of very old trees. It was nearly 7pm when we arrived at the motel in Fort Bragg. On June 2, after a continental breakfast, we toured around Fort Bragg before we boarded the Skunk Train (named for the original train odor) for a cool but sunny four-hour round trip with a lunch stop at the

turn-around (most seemed to favor the BBQ fare). Our second attraction for the day was the Mendocino Botanical Gardens. Some hiked through the gardens to the ocean, while others had a guided tour of the gardens. Then we boarded the bus for the trek to Santa Rosa for the night. On June 3, we awoke to a sunny day for our curvy drive east through the mountains from Sonoma to the Napa Valley and into the town of Calistoga, the location of our 9:30 tour of the Castello di Amorosa winery. It is a recently built medieval-style castle that took twelve years to build, complete with architect and masons from Europe. The actual wine-making process is state of the art. We all toured and some participated in the wine tasting and purchasing of their wine. We departed the castle for the Petrified Forest, and our Chef Barbara's lunch. The second winery was Sterling Wineries, an older winery with self-guided tours; the big attraction was the gondola ride



Descending from the summit of Mt Shasta.

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Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance

June 24, 2009

Leader: Matt Bell Photo: Christer Labrecque

AT THE MAY 27TH Trail Maintenance six volunteers constructed 72 ft. of barrier fencing to block cutoffs on the Spencer Butte West Scramble Trail. Peter Green and the Open Space staff received a few "unhappy" phone calls about the barriers. Unfortunately, some of the barriers were removed and thrown aside.

On June 24th Chris LeBrecque, Open Space staff, directed four volunteers and another staff person, Jimmy Miranda, to

repair the barrier fencing. They mixed concrete to shore up the base of some of the posts. Tashi Choden took charge of the screw driver to strengthen



the post connections. There was enough time to build a new section of barrier fencing. Trail restoration signs were posted. We hope that the fencing will now stand the test of those that want to storm the butte. Members: Matt Bell, Janet Jacobsen Nonmember Marie DeMent and soon to be member Tashi Choden.

233 Trips and Still Rolling

By Kathy Madden



TWENTY-ONE OF US RECENTLY returned from the early June Obsidian bus trip to the Northern California coast, Sacramento, and Mt. Lassen. In the old town section of Sacramento, at the Gallery of the American West, I watched Bette Hack's face light up with joy as owner Bob Hickman handed her a two-pound, one-inch thick, 16 x 5-inch blade of obsidian used by the men and boys of Hupa Tribe of northwestern California for the Brush Dance Ceremony in the late 19th century. As I vicariously enjoyed Bette, my 89-year-old aunt, holding the symbol of the group that she has belonged to for 55 years, I had to wonder just how many trips she has been on as an Obsidian member. Thanks to the well-kept archives of the Obsidians, I discovered that Bette, who has lived in Eugene for 82 years, has taken 233 trips, 66 of which she has led. In a future newsletter, I will recount a few of the special highlights that she remembers, as she 'rounds the corner toward becoming 90.

Byways By Bus

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from the parking lot up to the winery, where a beautiful view of the entire valley was seen by all. Our third stop of the day was at the Domaine Chandon Winery, near Yountville, that specializes in the bubbly types. The gift shop was great and the grounds were walked by many of us. That night we spent in Sacramento. On June 4, after a continental breakfast, our first stop was at the State Capitol where we could tour the grounds and Don located his favorite docent for explanation of the statues. Then we bused over to the California Historical Railroad Museum, where some toured the museum, and others went over to the Historical Museum. All had lunch there in Old Town before leaving for Chico. We had a grocery stop to replenish our coolers for the remainder of the trip before going to the motel. We had been experiencing thunder and lightning at night, as you did here in Eugene, but our days were nice. June 5 was the opening day at Mt. Lassen, and although it rained and even snowed at the higher elevations, the roads were clear. Bumpass Hell, however, was snowed in. We entered via the southern entrance where the newest visitor center is located. They invited us in so we could share more of Chef Barbara's lunch inside where it was warm and dry. We

viewed the video and the center before going on through the park. At the lower elevations, the flowers were starting to bloom, including the Snow Plant that looks like a red pine cone. Our last stop in the park was the visitor center at the northern entrance. Since our opportunities to hike were squelched, we left the park early. We drove south of Redding to the Olive Pitt, a commercial stop that sells olives more ways than you can imagine. Then it was back north to The Hilltop Inn in Redding for the night. On June 6, after our last continental breakfast, we drove out to Turtle Bay, a large complex of museums, to walk the Sun Dial Bridge, designed by a world-renowned Spanish architect. We enjoyed the gardens beyond the bridge which are quite pretty. When everyone boarded the bus, we knew we were headed for Eugene via Highway 97. We had our coffee break just north of the California state line and had our lunch stop at Collier Logging Museum and State Park. We arrived home by 4:30pm, and a good time was had by all. Kathy Madden wrote and sang two ballads, which I hope to include in this bulletin. Members: Don Baldwin, Ron Bauer, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, RoseMary Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Bette Hack, Dora Harris, Marjorie Jackson, Verna Kocken, Kathy Madden, Ron Madden, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Karen Seidel and Bobbye Sorrels; nonmember Judith Phelps.

Extended Trips:

Wildflowers and Waterfalls Galore

By Lana Lindstrom

THE MAY 27-29 TRIP TO THE COLUMBIA GORGE was a smashing success! We totally lucked out on the weather; the wildflowers were at their peak, and the waterfalls were gushing. And of course, the company was great!

Our accommodations were at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center on the historic Columbia River Highway in Corbett. We stayed in two separate houses with meals served in a large building which was originally Julius Meier's private home (as in former governor and Meier and Frank). The facility has been owned by the First Presbyterian church of Portland since 1950.

Everyone arrived by 11:00 am and shortly thereafter, we departed for our first hike. We set up a shuttle and hiked from Bridal Veil Falls to Angels Rest and then to Wahkeena Falls. The most numerous plants were the blue larkspur, delicate maidenhair ferns, and tiny star smilacina, all in their own unique ecosystems along the trail. The views from the Angels Rest promontory that overlooks the Columbia Gorge were outstanding. Descending steeply along Wahkeena creek were several stunning small waterfalls – just magical! Our knees were happy to feel the mist of Wahkeena Falls and to see the parking lot.

Photo by Lana Lindstrom



The next day, we split into two groups. Four of us hiked Dog Mountain and were rewarded by fields and fields of giant balsamroot flowers. Tucked in between the yellow flowers were blue larkspur, purple lupine, droopy brownish yellow fritillaria, orange paintbrush, and other smaller flowers. This is the quintessential wildflower hike of the Gorge and we drank in the views. Afterwards, we stopped in Stevenson and rewarded ourselves with excellent ice cream.

The rest of the group hiked the Eagle Creek trail. To maintain an easy grade through this rugged canyon, the builders blasted ledges out of sheer cliffs. Some of the trail is quite narrow with step drop-offs; cable handrails provide reassurance. Yellow monkey flowers and maidenhair ferns were out in full force. Some folks turned around at beautiful Punchbowl Falls, but most of the group continued on to High Bridge, a 6.6-mile roundtrip hike.

The last day, a few folks returned home directly, but most of the group wanted one last taste of waterfalls and wildflowers. Most of us went on a hike from Horsetail Falls, underneath Ponytail Falls and up to Triple Falls. This delightful trail passes behind Oneonta Gorge (a must do hike in late August); tiny candy flowers and pink geraniums are the predominant flowers. Three folks hiked a loop around Latourell Falls which plunges 250 feet over the lip of an eroded lava flow.

Whew, it was a full three days of hiking! Participating in this adventure were Paul Flashenberg, Ed Lichtenstein, Sandra Larsen, Chris Christensen, Norma Lockyear, Mary Holbert, Joanne Ledet, Jim and Sharon Duncan, Peter Rodda, Vincenza Scarpaci, Stewart and Kathy Hoeg, Anne Bonine, Mari Baldwin, Bonnie Richman, Richard Hughes, and Lana Lindstrom.



Photo by Stewart Hoeg

UPCOMING



Upcoming Bus Trips

NEWBURG AND HERBERT HOOVER HOME

Date: Thursday, August 27

Leaders: Verna Kocken, Liz Reanier

Cost: \$38 members, \$40 Non

Reservations & checks to Barbara Flanders 747-9803

LET'S VISIT NEWBURG. Leave from Shopko at 8am, then stop at Bellfountain Park for a coffee break. We then visit the Lafayette Schoolhouse Antique Mall. On to Camp Tillicum for lunch. Camp Tillicum is sponsored by George Fox University and is used in part as an Elderhostel. There we can see the local school house which is celebrating its 100th year. Then to George Fox University for a tour of the campus to learn the history of this Quaker settlement. We will proceed to the Dr. Henry J. Minthorn House, Herbert Hoover's home for several years.

FALL COLOR TRIP TO SISTERS

Date: September 22, 2009 - Tuesday

Leader: Ray Jensen **Cost:** \$28 members, \$30 Non

Reservations & checks to Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

THIS TRADITIONAL FALL COLOR OUTING will travel via McKenzie View Drive, through the Mohawk Valley to Sweet Home. Then along the South Santiam River to Sisters for lunch on your own. We'll have two hours for shopping. We should see lots of red color at the higher elevations near the Santiam Pass. We'll be back to Eugene by 5:30pm

TRINITY ALPS - WEAVERVILLE

Dates: September 30 to October 3, 2009, Wed - Sat

Leader: Ethel Allen and Barbara Beard

Cost: \$380 members, \$388 non-members

Reservations & checks to Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

THIS TRIP WILL TAKE US through wild and scenic country in Northwest California. Come with us as we travel stage coach roads and visit stage coach hotels. At the historic town of Weaverville we'll stay in the Victorian Inn and will have time to explore the town the next morning.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' UPCOMING

Marbled Murrelet Survey

COME HELP WITH THE 4TH ANNUAL Marbled Murrelet survey

Location: Cummins, Ten Mile, and Yachats landscape, including the Central Coast Murrelet Important Bird Area.

When: **July 14** - Survey training starts at 6:30 pm at the Yachats Commons. Survey site selections and directions (maps) will be distributed at the evening training. **July 15** - Morning survey at upland sites starts at 4:53 - 6:53 am and near shore surveys (6 coastal sites) start at 10 - 11 am. Picnic starts at 12. Site to be determined.

Camping available at the numerous campgrounds in or accommodations in Yachats. Please RSVP your participation or if you need more information contact: Paul Engelmeyer, Audubon Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary 541-547-4227, pengelmeyer@peak.org

WREN Events

Holly McRae at hmcr@wewetlands.org or 683-6494.

July 14 Wetland Wander at west end of Royal Ave. 9-10 am

There are so many great wildlife viewing opportunities at the height of summer at Fern Ridge Reservoir! Join us for this easy-paced guided nature walk at the west end of Royal Avenue.

August 11 Wetland Wander at Stewart Pond 9-10 am

August is a great time to see dragonflies and damselflies! Meet at the Stewart Pond overlook off of Stewart Road for this wander. Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various West Eugene Wetlands sites each 2nd Tuesday of every month.

August 15 Family Exploration at Golden Gardens 9-2 pm

Explore Golden Gardens Park with your family! WREN staff and volunteers will supply bug nets, field guides, and binoculars for families to explore the area. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy independent discovery. Golden Gardens is a 146-acre natural area park located in Eugene's Bethel neighborhood, at the intersection of Golden Gardens Street and Jessen Drive, north of Barger Drive.

Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Peg Douthit-Jackson (541) 747-1504

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Trees, Forests and Ecosystems, Saturday July 18, 8am-10am.

Take a guided walk of the Arboretum plant communities with forester Rich Kelly. Meet at the Visitors Center. (RSVP, 747-1504). Non-members: \$5.00, Members: by donation.

Wet Feet & Cool Treats, Saturday August 1, 1pm-3pm. For

kids and families. Explore the aquatic world of the Arboretum with guide Tom Bettman. Kids and families will hike the river and water garden trails and catch live critters. Cool off after the hike with homemade ICE CREAM!! Meet at the Visitors Center. (RSVP 747-1504). Non-members: \$8.00, Members: \$5.00.

Yoga on the Mountain, Saturday August 15, 9am-noon.

Need vitality, joy and stress relief? We will hike to the top of Mt. Pisgah and practice yoga on the summit. Instructor Susan DeHart leads this class for people of all abilities. Everyone welcome. Bring a mat. Meet at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Visitor Center. Non-members: \$9.00, Members: \$5.00

Hot Summer Trip Tips

Sat., July 18 – Browder Ridge – Hike, moderate. This is a lovely wildflower hike in the Old Cascades south of the Santiam highway. Leader Brian Hamilton plans to travel into Browder Ridge via a less well-known route, approaching from the west on the Browder Ridge Trail. You'll then finish this one-way hike on the Gate Creek Trail (the more commonly used trail). Flowers abound this time of year and you'll marvel at the views from the top. 9mi., 2100ft.

Sat., July 25 – Collier Cone – Hike, difficult. This hike is a loop in a volcanic landscape west of North and Middle Sisters, starting from the Old McKenzie Highway. This is some of the most beautiful country in the Three Sisters Wilderness. The views from high points are unbeatable and include all the northern Oregon Cascades, so it can't help but be spectacular. Rated difficult due to distance and elevation gain: 14mi., 2700ft.

Sun., July 26 – Crescent Mountain – Hike, moderate. I'll be your leader on this beautiful mountain meadow hike, known for spectacular bear grass displays in July. The trail is relentlessly up, though not especially steep. Our primary purpose is the mountain meadowland we'll walk through, but views of the Santiam Pass area and south to the Three Sisters will entertain us throughout our lunch stop at the destroyed lookout on the summit. This hike can be an 'out-and-back', or a 'one-way' car shuttle hike, depending on the conditions of the Maude Cr. Bridge and/or being able to work the car shuttle. Either way, this is beautiful country and worth the considerable climbing effort. 9mi., 2200ft.

Thurs., Aug. 6 – Emeralds vs. Dust Devils – Baseball, easy. This might be your last chance to watch a game in Civic Stadium, so come and join leader Ed Lichtenstein and get out to the old ballgame. The first burger is slid onto the bun at 6, the first beer is poured around the same time, and the first pitch is delivered at 7. Our reserved tables are bunched together for socializing and you can continue to watch the game from there, or spread out into the stadium seats. The trip price of \$19 includes your ticket and all you can eat & drink: burgers, hotdogs, side dishes, watermelon, beer, wine and soft drinks.

Sat., Aug 8 – Aufderheide Drive – Bike, difficult. One of the prettiest drives in the area, this trip is fabulous at a bicyclist's pace. The route is usually 'out and back' and, whether you start in Westfir, or Blue River, you travel along a lovely river valley before climbing to the summit at Skookum Creek. Lyn Gilman-Garrick and Sharon Ritchie lead this trip with total miles at 48; though no elevation is listed, count on using your granny gears as the Lane County Bicycle Map lists the total gain at about 2200ft.

Sat., Aug. 8 – Vivian Lake – Hike, moderate. A wonderfully scenic tour awaits those who sign on for this trip: 4 waterfalls–

Salt Cr., Diamond Cr., Fall Cr. I & II. You do lunch at beautiful Vivian Lake, where you'll take in the view of Mt. Yoran and surroundings of Diamond Peak. The leader is Joanne Ledet. 8mi. 1600ft.

Wed., Aug. 12 – Lowder Mountain -- Hike, moderate. Meadow after meadow of beautiful wildflowers greet hikers on this trip southwest of Cougar Reservoir. The climb is moderate and the views are extravagant, so join leaders Sharon and Jim Duncan for this terrific trip. 5.6mi., 900ft.

Sat., Aug. 15 – Row River Trail – Bike, moderate. Thirty miles of almost uninterrupted bike travel: no cars, no trucks, no horns, and no petroleum fumes. Add river, lake and good company and you'll sign up right away with leader Guy Strahon on this uniquely relaxing bike trip near Cottage Grove. 30mi., 100ft.

Sat., Aug. 15 – Tam McArthur Rim – Hike, difficult. Plan to sign up for this hike led by Doug Nelson in mountains SW of Sisters. The ridgetop is so near Broken Top and South Sister, you'll want to reach out and touch. Wildflowers will still be on display, as winter lingers on this high ridge. 8mi., 1400'

Sun. Aug. 16 – Wolf Creek—Poodle Creek Century – Bike, difficult. I can only quote leader Doug McCarty: "The

ride starts in the south hills and follows Fox Hollow over Bill's Bench to Lower Fox Hollow (south), then right on Territorial Rd., left and up the big Wolf Creek hill, down to Siuslaw River Rd., left to Lorane, down to Poodle Creek Rd., cross highway 126 into Noti, then Vaughn Rd. to Territorial again, then Crow Rd. and finally zigzagging to Bailey Hill Rd. at Lorane highway." 100 mi., 5000 ft.

Sat., Aug. 22 – Chambers Lakes – Hike, difficult. Only the hardcore need sign up for this long hike with significant elevation gain. Leader Becky Lipton chose this trip because of the beautiful views and spectacular countryside you'll be walking through. All of the Sisters are on view and you visit lakes, creeks, rivers along the way. Snow stays late in this high country, so expect wildflowers, even in August. 14.2mi., 1800 ft.

Sat., Aug. 22 – Maiden Peak Saddle – Hike, moderate. Maiden Peak is one of the highest spots in the Waldo Lake area, with unsurpassed views of the Cascades; this hike to the saddle (1800 ft. lower) gets most of the benefit of the summit, with less sweat. Join leader Daniele Delaby on this trip in the Willamette pass area. 8.5 mi., 1000 ft.

Sat., Aug. 22 – North Fork Siuslaw—Bike, moderate. This ride begins in Florence Old Town, but you'll quickly leave the city traffic behind for a quiet ride on the North Fork and Upper North Fork of the Siuslaw River. Leader Stewart Hoeg describes it best: "It is often warmer and sunnier (than the coast) and... sheltered from offshore breezes. It is a stream grade, so a very gentle climb to the lunch spot...with a gentle downhill on the way back. You ride along quiet waterways and small farms sur-



rounded by coast foothills and lots of greenery.” Last year’s ride had a surprising and safe black bear encounter. After the ride, you’ll stop for goodies at a mutually agreeable spot. 37 mi., 500 ft

Thurs., Aug. 27 – Vivian Lake – Hike, moderate. Starting with beautiful Salt Creek Falls, this hike has many sights to wow you. Fall Creek has waterfalls and cascades to draw you on to Vivian Lake itself. Diane Jeffcott leads this trip of 8 miles and 1600 ft.

Fri., Aug. 28 – McKenzie Pass Geology – Hike, geology discussion, easy. Obsidian and geologist Peter Rodda leads this trip over the Old McKenzie Highway by car, with several short walks included. It’s a great way to learn about and understand the geological features of Oregon’s volcanic landscape. You’ll learn about old lava, new lava, how the lava cooled and much more. Everyone who goes on the trip raves about the enjoyment and learning opportunities. Don’t miss it. 3 mi., 200ft.

Fri., Aug. 28 -- Rosary Lakes – Hike, easy. This hike goes north on the PCT at Willamette Pass and climbs to a string of three lakes, sparkling in their valleys at the foot of Maiden Peak. Views of Diamond Peak and Odell Lake await you on this trip led by Chris Cunningham. 5.4 mi., 600ft.

Tue., Sep. 1 – Shasta Loops/Blackberries – Hike, easy. A hike in an area of Eugene you may have never been to. The architecture is mostly new, but eclectically varied, so is the hilly terrain and you’ll see deer, peacock and wild turkeys - and mmmm, the blackberries are great! Bring containers, or gobble, gobble! 4 mi., 400 ft.

Thurs., Sep. 3 – Rockpile, Minto Lakes – Hike, difficult. In the words of leader Dan Christensen: “This very demanding loop hike climbs up the east side of the Cascades to two beautiful alpine lakes, Rockpile and Minto, on the crest of the Cascades. Great views of a number of mountain peaks are available along the hiking route. This hike has been done by the Obsidians only once in the last 10 years or so.” Beautiful views and a capital “W” workout, too. 13.4 mi., 2600 ft.

Fri., Sep. 4 – Orchard Point – Bike, moderate. This beautiful ride covers the rolling hillsides west of Eugene. You’ll ride through farms, rural neighborhoods and orchards, curiously enough. At the Point you’ll have your lunch next to Fern Ridge Reservoir before returning to town. 24mi., 200ft.

Sun., Sep. 6 – Cottage Grove – Culp Creek – Bike, moderate. The first 15 and last 15 miles are on the Row River trail (see description July 15). In between are 9.5 more miles, out and back, riding creekside along lovely Brice and Culp Creeks. The canyon walls are steep and ferny, but your uphill and downhill route is gentle and scenic. Join Stewart Hoeg on this great trip in the foothills just east of Cottage Grove. 49 mi., 700 ft.

Sun., Sep. 13 – Green Lakes – Hike, moderate. This hike off the Cascade Lakes Highway, leads climbers into South Sister; it is also one of the prettiest hikes I have ever taken. Your route follows lovely Fall Creek and its rocky banks, clear pools, immovable boulders, and lacy falls. Surrounding you is a high lava ridge, which you ultimately climb, to astounding views of South and Broken Top, not to mention the Green Lakes themselves. It is not unusual to find small icebergs floating in the lakes, even in August. Daphne James leads this 8.8 mi., 1100 ft. trip.

Sun., Sep. 13 – Four in One Cone – Hike, moderate. This is a fun and unique trip. You walk first on a forest trail that rims an almost barren lava flow; its edges heave above you. You then climb above the lava flow and up one of the many cinder cones spewed out, all-in-a-row, by North Sister. You get awe-inspiring, up close views of North Sister, the Belknaps and Mt. Washington. 8.5 mi., 1500 ft.

Sun., Sep. 13 – Oregon Military Road – Hike, moderate. This is actually a couple of hikes and one stop at an interesting historic site. First you’ll hike to and around Indigo and Chuckle Springs. The pools formed at each spring are cool oases in the much warmer surrounding area. The hike that connects the springs follows the Middle Fork of the Willamette. The second hike is through Paddy’s Valley and covers some interesting changes in vegetation. Throughout the day, leader Jim Duncan will point out portions of and discuss history of the Old Military Wagon Road that once kept miners and loggers supplied from Roseburg. 5 mi., 400 ft.

Sun., Sep. 13 – Scott Mountain – Hike, difficult. Several lakes line the route to the summit of this mountain high above the Old McKenzie Highway, which should be finally open late this summer. All the lakes are swimmable and the views just about knock your socks off, so wading is an option too. 10 mi., 1300 ft.

Speaking of hot summer activities, five stalwart grounds crew members recently completed the hand excavation of the steps to ease access to the rear storage areas at the Lodge on a 90+ degree afternoon. From the left, Doug Nelson, Gary Kirk, Stewart Hoeg and John Jacobsen. Jim Pierce, another stalwart hot weather digger, snapped the photo.



AT THE LODGE



Potluck, September 26

Welcome Potluck

THE SEPTEMBER POTLUCK is a 'Welcome' event, welcoming back folks after the summer and welcoming new and prospective members to the Obsidians. An entertaining slide presentation of club and volunteer activities will be shown. Highlights of Summer Camp will let you relive or hear for the first time the wonders of Mt. Lassen and Camp Ishi.

Laurie Funkhouser, Entertainment Chair

**September Potluck
Friday, September 25th, 2009
Obsidian Lodge
Potluck, 6:30 pm Program, 7:30**

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with plates, utensils and cups... plus \$1 to help cover club expenses.



SciEd Tuesday September 15

Condon Chimney Swifts

SWIFTS RETURN TO THE OLD Condon School chimney on Agate Street each April and September during their migration. For about a month each spring and fall, at first a few, and then thousands of swifts circle the chimney for about a half hour at dusk before swirling into the chimney in an amazing whirlpool, providing dramatic tornado-like entertainment for spectators, who always wonder, "How do they all fit into such a small space?"

On September 15th Obsidian Rick Ahrens will answer our questions about the swifts when we meet at the Lodge at 7 pm for a half hour presentation. Then we'll proceed 'before show time' to Condon School on Agate Street at the 18th Ave. intersection. As with all Obsidian outings, you are urged to dress appropriately for the weather. We hope you will join us for a truly amazing experience.

Joella Ewing, SciEd Chair



September 4, 5, 6, 2009

Volunteers Needed

THE EUGENE CELEBRATION FALLS on Labor Day weekend this year. The Obsidian booth will be open on: Sat., Sept. 5, 11:00 - 7:00 and Sun., Sept. 6, 11:00 - 5:00. Please contact Elle at 485-0817 ellewea@comcast.net if you can volunteer to help staff the booth. Thank you! Thank you!

Elle Weaver, Publicity Chair



Obsidian Blood Drive

MARK MONDAY, AUGUST 3 on your calendar for the next gathering of the Obsidian blood donors. A regular group has made a commitment to take the time to give a life-saving pint of blood and more donors will be very welcome. I have reserved the hours of 4:30-6:30 pm for the group at Lane Memorial Blood Bank's donor center, 2211 Willamette Street. Just call 484-9111 to make an appointment. Although appointments are recommended, feel free to walk in. Colds cuts, cool drinks and great company will be our thanks to you.

If you haven't donated blood before and are not sure if you are eligible or have other questions, check the blood bank's website www.lmhb.org or call 484-9111 and speak with one of the nurses.

Chris Stockdale



Obsidians Night Emerald's Baseball

PROBABLY OUR LAST CHANCE to enjoy historic Civic Stadium. Another night of good baseball (vs Tri-City Dust Devils) and good food (hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, watermelon), good drinks (soft drinks, beer), and good company--other club members.

When: August 6, Thursday night.

Cost: \$19; includes ticket, food/drink, and the \$1 trip fee.

How: Sign up at the YMCA - usual place. But then you must mail your \$19 fee, by July 15 to:

Ed Lichtenstein, 3385 Bardell Ave, Eugene, 97401
683-0688 or annpl@comcast.net

Checks: Payable to Ed Lichtenstein (not to the Obsidians).

Ed Lichtenstein, Obsidian Baseball Coordinator

Trail Maintenance



UPCOMING TRAIL MAINTENANCE at Spencer's Butte will be on Wednesday, July 22th, Wednesday, Aug 26th and Wednesday, Sept 30th. Time for all: 5:30 - 8:00 pm. If interested, please email trails@obsidians.org to get on Peter's updates of future work parties and to be notified about the meeting place for the work projects.

Peter Green, Trail Maintenance Chair



Potluck Ideas?

HELP THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE with new ideas for potlucks. Is there a favorite local extreme sportsperson you think would be interesting to hear at a potluck? What's happening with the Ridgeline Trail? Mt. Pisgah? Heard of someone who took a wonderful adventure? Share your ideas. Contact: entertainment@obsidians.org

Laurie Funkhouser, Entertainment Chair

Classifieds

For Rent

YACHATS RENTAL - A block from beach and walking trail. Many day hikes in the area. Two story house with ocean views. See www.jamacabin.com for photos and rental rates. For discounted Obsidian single room rates with breakfast contact Jennifer at jjobaer@gmail.com or 431-0767.

For Sale

WOOD - Seasoned and split at the Obsidian Lodge. You haul. \$140/cord fir and \$170/cord oak. Contact John Jacobsen, Grounds Chair at 343-8030 or johnwjacobsen@comcast.net

Obsidian Calendar

July

- 11 Sat - Cottage Grove—Lorane, Bike 43m D, Ritchie.342-8435
- 11 Sat - Olallie Mountain, 7.2m 1200' M, S.Miller.....484-4586
- 12 Sun - Bunchgrass Ridge, 10m 1000' D, Stockdale.....767-3668
- 12-14 Sun-Tue - Mt. Jefferson, Climb, W.Deeter954-0924
- 12 Sun - Three Pyramids, 4m 1800' M, B.Revere543-3514
- 18 Sat - Browder Ridge, 9m 2100' M, B.Hamilton343-6550
- 20-26 Mon-Sun - Summer Camp - Lassen, Lindstrom. 683-1409
- 22 Wed -Spencer Butte, Trail Maintenance, Green.....510-1151
- 25 Sat - Collier Cone, 14m 2700' D, B.Hoyland.....338-9881
- 26 Sun - Crescent Mountain, 8.8m 2200' M, Revere543-3514
- 30 Thu -Double Mt. Pisgah, M, Christensen343-8941

August

- 1 Sat - Three Fingered Jack, Climb, W.Deeter954-0924
- 6 Thu -Eugene Emeralds, Lichtenstein683-0688
- 8 Sat - Aufderheide, Bike 48m D, S.Ritchie.....342-8435
- 8-9 Sat-Sun - Mt. McLoughlin, Climb, M.Slipp.....503-582-1100
- 8 Sat - Vivian Lake, 8m 1600' M, J.Ledet.....683-2603
- 11 Tue - Mt. St. Helens, Climb, B.Blumm343-8830
- 12 Wed - Lowder Mountain, 5.6m 900' M, Duncan343-8079
- 14-16 Fri-Sun - Jefferson Park, Backpack, D, Lipton736-7498
- 15 Sat - Row River Trail, Bike 30m 100' M, Strahon.....505-9084
- 15 Sat - Tam McArthur Rim, 8m 1400' M, Nelson736-6076
- 16 Sun - Mt. Thielsen, Climb, L.Huff.....868-5391
- 16 Sun -The Twins, 6.6 m 1600', M, J. Terry.....345-0720
- 16 Sun - Wolf Creek Century, Bike, D, McCarty342-6962
- 19-23 Wed-Sun - N Cascades, Hike/Car Camp, Pierce...344-1775
- 22 Sat - Broken Top, Climb, B.Hamilton.....343-6550
- 22 Sat - Chambers Lake, 14.2m 1800' D, B.Lipton736-7498
- 22 Sat - Maiden Peak Saddle, M, D.Delaby.....688-4978
- 22 Sat - North Fork Siuslaw, Bike 37m 500' M, Hoeg..484-6196
- 23-26 Sun-Wed - Mt. Shuksan, Climb, J.Pierce.....344-1775
- 23 Sun -Opie Dilldock, 14 m 2400', D, R. Romm484-5214
- 26 Wed -Spencer Butte, Trail Main., Green510-1151
- 27 Thu - Lafayette and Newburg, Bus, B.Flanders.....747-9803
- 27 Thu - Vivian Lake, 8m 1600' M, D.Jeffcott.....344-6447
- 28-30 Fri-Sun - Jefferson Park, Backpack D, Hovis345-7788
- 28 Fri - McKenzie Pass Geology, 3m 200' E, P.Rodda...343-3887
- 28 Fri - Rosary Lakes, 5.4m 600' E, C.Cunningham344-0486

September

- 1 Tue -Shasta Loop/Blackberries, E, Kandell.....345-8095
- 3 Thu -Rockpile/Minto Lakes, D, Christensen343-8941
- 4 Fri -Orchard Point, Bike, M, Pat Esch.....338-8280
- 6 Sun -Cottage Grove/Culp Creek, Bike, M, Hoeg.....484-6196
- 12-13 Sat-Sun -Middle Sister, Climb, B. Hamilton.....343-6550
- 12-13 Sat-Sun - Mt. Washington, Climb, L, Huff868-5391
- 13 Sun -Four in One Cone, 8.5 m 1500', M, Tucker.....344-8371
- 13 Sun -Green Lakes, 8.8 m 1100', M, D. James683-7488
- 13 Sun -Oregon Military Rd, 5m 400', M, J. Duncan....343-8079
- 13 Sun -Scott Mountain, 10m, D, S. Hovis345-7788
- 14 Mon -South Sister, Climb, B. Blumm.....343-8830
- 15 Tue -Swifts, R. AhrensSci Ed
- 18 Fri -Opal Creek, 5.5m 100', M, C. Cunningham344-0486
- 19 Sat -Brownsville-Sweet Home, Bike, D, Ritchie.....342-8435
- 19 Sat -Carl Lake, 13.4m 2200', D, B. Lipton.....736-7498
- 19 Sat -Vivian Lake, 8m 1600',M, C. Durham.....687-1085



Two morning Lodge visitors - Photo by John Jacobsen

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