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Dates to Remember

June 15	ExploraTalk-Costa Rica
June 25	Potluck-ONDA
June 30	Trail Maintenance WP
July 7	Board Meeting

Complete current schedules at:

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Summer Schedule

There is no potluck in July and August and no Board meeting in August. The July/August Bulletin will go in the mail July 14. There is not a separate August Bulletin. Any Bulletin submittals that pertain to August and early September activities need to arrive by July 3, the July Bulletin deadline.

Canyoneering

Story and Photo by Steven McManigal



STEVE, ELLEN AND JUSTIN JOHNSON INVITED me to join them last summer to hike and repel in the slot canyons (canyoneering) of Zion Canyon National Park. There are 43 hikes in Zion National Park and about 27 canyoneering trips. A couple of the hikes qualify as either a hike or a canyoneering trip depending on how you access the hike. We did three canyoneering trips (Orderville, Mystery and Pine Creek canyons) and three hikes (Subway Canyon, Angels Landing and Observation Point).

Many of the canyoneering hikes require some swimming. Mystery Canyon requires about 17 repels. One repel ends in a pool of water and requires a short swim out. Orderville Canyon has about three short swims and some good mud. Water conditions vary from year to year, as some years are just wetter than other years.

The previous year Steve and Justin Johnson did the full Zion Canyon Narrows hike. It is 16 miles of slogging and walking down the Narrows Canyon, in the Virgin River, over slippery rocks. The Narrows has a significant flash flood danger so check the weather report before you hike it.

If I had to pick a favorite hike it would be Observation Point, followed by Angel's Landing. Angel's Landing gets more hikers and attention because the trail is so exposed that it's downright scary. Observation Point gives the visitor a better overall view of the park and its geology. Both hikes are paved.

A lot of the hikes, although spectacular, are paved and require only comfortable shoes, food and water. Hiking the Narrows requires water shoes and a walking stick. While you can rent water boots and walking sticks at Zion, my advice is bring your

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The President's Message:

Website Inquiries (or Junk?)

OUR OBSIDIAN WEBSITE IS A MARVELOUS TOOL for sharing all kinds of information about our club. More and more people are using the website to find out WHO we are, WHAT we do, what adventures we have scheduled, and to look at pictures, stories and statistics of our past adventures.

The website is a two-way communication tool, giving people and groups the opportunity to send us a wide variety of inquiries and requests. Even though many of these are worthy causes, perhaps even supported by a majority of our members, most of them can be classified as electronic junk mail. The few that you read about in the *Bulletin* are just the tip of the iceberg. There are many others to review, sort and evaluate. Most do not survive the DELETE button.

Here are a few examples of requests we often don't respond to:

- Fund raising efforts of all sorts, such as asking us to organize a hike to raise money for someone's charity.
- Requests to join each of the myriad outdoor organizations.
- Requests to participate in various community or commercial fairs or rallies.
- Political activities of all sorts – support for an issue, a cause, or a ballot measure.
- Companies that want us to distribute their catalogues and brochures to sell products and services.
- Government agencies informing us of things that our members can volunteer to do such as trail maintenance.
- Requests to share information with our members about commercial adventure tours or destination resorts.
- Students writing theses asking for data on our activities.
- Groups asking if our members would like to volunteer or work part time for a minimum wage at 'socially rewarding' jobs.

Jim Pierce, Obsidian Board President

Welcome!

New Members

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In the Media

OBSIDIANS WERE MENTIONED in the Register Guard Discovery Magazine, Friday, April 20th. If you missed reading about Jim Pierce and van camping, Obsidians hiking to local waterfalls, or Peter Green showing Janet Jacobsen how to navigate on Spencer Butte with a GPS, check out the website:

www.registerguard.com/web/special/discovery

Board Nominees

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE met May 3 and May 10 to nominate three candidates for the Obsidian Board of Directors for a three year term beginning January 2011. The names of Matt Bell, John Jacobsen, and Nancy Whitfield were presented at the June 2nd board meeting. The Nominating Committee believes that these three people offer experience, commitment, and different perspectives.

The election will take place at the Obsidian Annual Meeting in October accordance with the Constitution.

Nominating Committee:

*Jim Duncan, Jim Pierce, Barb Revere,
Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen*

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Board meetings are held at 6 pm the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting, and no meeting in August.

Committee Chairpersons

Byways-By-Bus..... Liz Reanier
Climbs..... Larry Huff
Concessions..... Lyn Gilman-Garrick
Conservation/SciEd... Pat Bitner/Joella Ewing
Entertainment..... Laurie Funkhouser
Extended Trips..... Jim Duncan
Finance..... Stewart Hoeg
Librarian/Historian..... Lenore McManigal
Lodge Building..... Doug Nelson
Lodge Grounds..... John Jacobsen
Membership..... Barb Revere
Online..... Wayne Deeter
Publications..... Joanne Ledet
Publicity..... Elle Weaver
Safety..... Jim Pierce
Summer Camp..... Lana Lindstrom
Summer Trips . Brian Hamilton/Scott Hovis
Trail Maintenance..... Matt Bell
Winter Trips..... Paul Flashenberg

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Meet the Committee Chairs:

Pat Bitner, Conservation & SciEd Co-Chair



SOON AFTER SHE MOVED FROM MARIN COUNTY, California to Eugene in 2002, Pat searched the Eugene community for local organizations involved in outdoor activities and environmental issues. Learning of the Obsidians, she found the bus group just right as a means of exploring Oregon and the Northwest, her new home. She served as a Bus Committee member for several years, and is now in her second year as Conservation Science & Education co-chair with Joella Ewing.

Pat's activities before moving to Oregon include being a 40-year Sierra Club member and leading hikes in Marin County and in the Sierras for the Sierra Club and the Berkeley Hiking Club. She has been an Audubon Society member for over 25 years, active in California as a ranch guide at Audubon Canyon Ranch and here in Eugene was Conservation Chair for Lane County Audubon Society for five years. In addition to her involvement in environmental issues, she volunteers at the Hult Center, Osher Lifelong Learning Center, League of Women Voters

and Friendship with Cambodia. Spending time with her daughter and grandson here is a vital part of life and she is so happy they chose to live in Eugene.

Joella Ewing, Conservation & SciEd Co-Chair

JOELLA EWING DECIDED AT THE TENDER AGE OF FIVE, YES FIVE, that she did not want to live in a place that had few trees and where the temperatures usually got well above 100 degrees. She left Texas and moved to Oregon in 1966 and has never looked back. She joined the Obsidians four years later and has served the club in many capacities over the years. She was Entertainment Chair during the time when the ladies cooked a pancake breakfast on Mother's Day while the men worked up an appetite by going on a long bike ride. Joella and others decided that was an upside down concept, so the breakfast was changed to Father's Day. She was the *Bulletin* editor in the days when everything was typed on a typewriter and printed on a mimeograph machine. Remember those? She has been a board member, secretary of the board, and served on Summer Trips, Nominating, Science and Education and Summer Camp committees. Summer camp attendees could always rely on seeing a smiling Joella, ready with coffee as we stumbled to breakfast.



In her non-Obsidian life Joella is married to Jack, also an Obsidian, who has been an active hiker and climber. She taught special education for 12 years, was activities director for Good Samaritan Nursing Home and worked as an aide for Rep. Peter DeFazio for 16 years, where she concentrated on issues relating to health care and aging.

Canyoneering

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own walking stick and hike the Narrows in old running shoes. The canyoneering trips require repelling equipment, a rope, a retrieval rope, sling/harness, hard hat, carabineers, etc.

The average daily temperature in July and August is 97 to 100 degrees, cooling down to about 60 to 68 at night. I didn't find the heat to be a problem. The average high in January is 52 degrees so the winter is also a good time to visit the park.

Reservations are required for some hikes because of Zion's Canyoneering Limits. Subway and Keyhole are limited to 80 people per day. Pine Creek and Orderville can have 50. Only 12 people are allowed per day in the following zones: Icebox Canyon, Lodge Canyon, Kolob Creek Canyon, Imlay Canyon, Heaps Canyon, Englestead Canyon, Echo Canyon, Behunin Canyon, Spry Canyon, and Mystery Canyon. We didn't have any trouble getting our required reservations.

We stayed at a private RV campground within walking distance of the park entrance. I recommend it over camping

in the park because the private RV campground has showers and a pool while the National Park campgrounds do not.

From late March to late October Zion Canyon is closed to private vehicles and is accessed via the Park shuttle service. After experiencing the shuttle service I wouldn't have it any other way. If cars were allowed in the Zion Canyon during the busy season it would be a permanent traffic jam.

Editor's Note: The McManigal family have a long history of involvement with the Obsidians. Steve sent along the following information about how he got started with the club at a very early age:

I went on my first Obsidian trip in 1964 when my father [John] led a day hike up Richardson Butte near Fern Ridge reservoir. Later that summer I went on my first over-nighter near Mink Lake and then spent a week at Table Lake Summer Camp. My most positive childhood memories are of my Obsidian trips, especially my first five summer camps. It's because of my Obsidian membership that I continue to enjoy great outdoor adventures.

BOARD NOTES

June 2, 2010

By *Kathy Hoeg, Secretary*

President Jim Pierce called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Lana Lindstrom, Wayne Deeter, Stewart Hoeg, Verna Kocken, Elle Weaver, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, and Kathy Hoeg. Also present were: Barb Revere, Lenore McManigal, Pat Bitner, Jim Duncan, Laurie Funkhouser, Brian Hamilton, Matt Bell, John Jacobsen, Scott Hovis, Doug Nelson, Tom Musselwhite, Nancy Whitfield, and Janet Jacobsen.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet. The Board approved payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Scott Hovis and Brian Hamilton): Fees for May: \$136 non members \$93 members. Two recent incident reports sparked a discussion of whether people should be informed when a report is written about them and whether reports should be written when the incident is very minor.

Winter Trips (Paul Flashenberg): No report. Jim Pierce proposed Tom Musselwhite as the new chair of Winter Trips. The motion was approved.

Climbs (Larry Huff): The climbing season is well underway. We have a new group of climb school graduates and have completed two graduation climbs led by Wayne Deeter to Middle Sister and Larry Huff to Diamond Peak. The participation: 7 members, 2 non members, fees collected \$51.

Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell): The May outing was canceled so that we could have a National Trails Day outing June 5th. A Bucket Brigade will work on the West Spencer Butte trail. National Forest and Wilderness Area Trail Maintenance -- several fellow Obsidians and Matt participated in the trainings in Westfir. The trail maintenance committee is hoping to determine a trail to adopt in the National Forests or Wilderness Areas. So if anyone knows of a trail that could use some work let them know. Year-to-date -- Outings on Spencer Butte: 4; Participants: 23 members; 16 non; Unique Participants: 27 total; 14 members; 13 non-members; Volunteer Hours: 140.

By-Ways-By-Bus (Liz Reanier): The one bus trip scheduled for May, Exploring Columbia River Gorge, Hood River and Back Roads around Mt. Hood, was cancelled.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): The Summer Camp Committee met on May 24 to begin planning for the 2011 camp. We discussed several possible sites. The committee is also looking for a leader(s)! The committee has developed a questionnaire which includes required attributes. Feel free to pass this request on to others!

Conservation, Science, & Education (Pat Bitner & Joella Ewing): 22 attended May 18 presentation. \$22 was collected. The next ExploraTalk will be Lana Lindstrom's presentation on Costa Rica on June 15. Tom Musselwhite will lead a conservation hike Monday, June 14, near Box Canyon.

Publication (Joanne Ledet): The Publication Committee has been mailing an average of about 300 *Bulletins* each month, and approximately 140 *Bulletins* are sent via the internet.

Entertainment (Laurie Funkhouser): Dave Tvedt provided a wonderful show on Devil's Staircase Wilderness. 41 attended, \$41 taken in. The next potluck is Friday, June 25, with Devon Comstock of the Oregon National Desert Association. Coffee was purchased at a cost of \$13.95.

Membership (Barb Revere): Board approved the application of one new member, John Moser. We have 495 members, compared to 538 in June, 2009; the delta is 43 members.

Publicity (Elle Weaver): The committee was contacted by the manager of the North Face store in Woodburn and invited to participate in their 'Get Outdoors Weekend' which was held on May 22 & 23. Brochures, schedules, activity articles from the bulletin, etc. were sent to be displayed. The YMCA held its Active Older Adult Day on Wed., May 26th. Thanks to Chris Stockdale and Dan Christensen for taking the time to share club information and answer questions as people stopped by. Expenses: Postage of \$18.10.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick):

Sold \$40.00 in merchandise at the May 21 pot luck and we purchased 4 new women's vests from ID by SewOn for a total of \$108.00. We also met to take pictures of our new merchandise for the Obsidians web site.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There was a notable increase in traffic to the Obsidians website following the Open House/Mural Dedication and several articles in the media. It amounted to approximately two to three times the level prior to the events. During the fourth week afterwards, it tapered back down to previous levels.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the trip reports as of May 31, have been recorded on the participants' activity sheets, and each trip report itself has been filed in the 2010 trip report book.

Safety (Jim Pierce): We added a SAM splint to one of the climbs kits. Thanks to Chris Stockdale for her persistence. The first aid class has been scheduled for November 1, 8, and 15. The committee has finished the first draft of the revised Safety Manual. Expenses for May are \$15.92.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Duncan reported the results of the ad hoc committee's work on an attribution plaque for the Dallas Cole Mural. He has talked with Dallas and gotten suggestions from her on wording, materials, and placement. She would like to use leftover tiles and slate as part of the installation. Jim showed the design of the 7" x 9" bronze plaque, which will cost \$400.50. The mason's charge to install it has not yet been determined. The Board approved the design of the plaque and an expenditure of up to \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee nominated three candidates for the Board of Directors: Matt Bell, John Jacobsen, and Nancy Whitfield.

Doug Nelson reported that John and Lenore McManigal will be using the Lodge for their 60th anniversary party. In consideration of their many years of service to the Club, the Board approved a motion to waive the Lodge rental fees.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

Old Baldy/Coburg Hills

April 24, 2010

Leader: Gary Kirk

6.2 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER MEETING AT SEHS AND ARRANGING CAR POOLS, we met at a gravel lot just past the bridge over the McKenzie. I had Tom Happy be the lead car, and wait just a bit, in case Matt (our Nature Conservancy guide) didn't have the gate open. After everybody arrived, Matt gave a short but excellent talk about the mission of TNC, and the ways they are going to affect the area. Maps and diagrams helped visualize the large scope of the restoration project. Then I did a short bit, but mostly wanted to get going, to be on top of Baldy by 12:00 for lunch. We walked down to Trail Gate; Matt had said we could go up that way, and then over to a road and up, so we got to show the cliffs of the East Caves. But we did not get to use the Kirk Memorial Trail to see the climbing routes, as there are peregrines possibly nesting in the rocks. As the group was going through the boggy area, Carol Stern fell and bruised her hip. She continued to hike, but it was soon apparent that it was really slowing her down. As the hike had just started and a lot of steep cross-country hiking was yet to come, she thought it best if she returned to the cars. If she had continued, I also worried it might get worse, and require a rescue. Bob Foster went back with her, and Tom Happy went with them with the gate key to let them drive home. So it was worked out, though I know they were disappointed a lot. We continued up and added a little extra dis-

tance to the hike, as I had not had a chance to scout out the route, due to the peregrines. But we ended up, after a bit, on the regular route. We soon were slowly heading up the ridge, in and out of meadows; lots of flowers, a few deer, and wonderful views. Eventually we got to the Coburg/Marcola Wagon Road. The road has been improved and graveled to be used by TNC for removal of the trees that will be cut to improve the oak savanna. Here Tom Happy rejoined us. We went up the road to where the summit trail crosses and headed up. When we got to the 'Steep', I gave my little talk about the value of the 'rest step' and locking your knee to reduce calf muscle strain. Then I had Tom Happy lead the more eager hikers up the 'Steep' while I served as sweep (and rested) to the top. It worked out perfectly, and I did not have to push myself (old age & trickery). On top at 12:00, in breezy weather, but with good valley views, lunch was served and everyone relaxed. By 12:30 everybody had eaten and rested well, so with packs on we headed north down through the butterfly flyway (TNC cut out all the small firs between the two meadows, so the butterflies would not be buffeted by the wind) and into the meadow between Baldy and the Towers. Here Matt showed the group the Kincaid's lupine, which is the food source for the Blue Fender butterfly. He explained how they are gathering seeds to later grow more lupine to spread around. We slowly worked our way down the hill into the lower meadow across the wetlands, and then headed into the woods, following a cross-country trail I had marked a few weeks ago with small strips of orange plastic tape, which I removed as I got to them. We got to the Main Caves (where years of Obsidian climbing schools were given) and had a quick tour. Now it is too mossy to have people climb about, but it is still impressive. Back to the trail and down the hill some more, into the meadow and the creek crossing, where Jan Jacobsen decided to show the correct way to fall in. She did it with great skill and panache. She was fine, but wet. I showed everybody the Whale and how important it was in the Obsidian climbing schools. Then it was basic down the trail to the parking area. Thanks to all the excellent hikers, Tom Happy



Typical April view of Eugene and Spencer Butte from Old Baldy. April 24th Old Baldy/Coburg Hills hike. - Photo by John Jacobsen

(sweep), John Jacobsen (assistant sweep), and Matt Gibbons for sharing his knowledge. It was a leader's delight today. Members: Bob Foster, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Gary Kirk, Chris Molly, Charles VanDeusen and Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Jane Happy, Tom Happy, Ben Sechiek, Dave Sechiek, Carol Stern and Jim Zajac.

Ridgeline/Baldy Loop

April 30, 2010

Leader: Norma Lockyear

4 miles, 950 ft. (Easy-Moderate)

THREE OBSIDIANS GATHERED ON MARTIN STREET in light rain that changed to cool and partly sunny later. We headed up the Amazon headwaters trail to Fox Hollow and then on to Dillard Road trailhead. After walking 1/4 mile on Dillard Road we climbed up Mt. Baldy and down to Spring Boulevard, then turned left on the trail leading to Old Dillard Road and down to Amazon and Martin streets. Spring flowers and blooming dogwood were enjoyed. Hikers were members Janet Jacobsen, Dick Hildreth and leader Norma Lockyear.

Brice Creek

May 1, 2010

Leader & Photo: Joanne Ledet

6.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)



At Trestle Creek Falls

THE ORIGINAL PLAN was to use a car shuttle and walk downstream from the upper trailhead for a hiking distance of 8.5 miles, but with just seven hikers, a car shuttle was not practical. So we chose Plan B which was to still start at the upper trailhead, take the loop route to Upper Falls, walk downstream for a distance and then come back to the upper trailhead using the lower trail. Since there had been some heavy rain the previous five days, we were rewarded for the efforts of a steep climb to Upper Falls with a thunderous waterfall, one of the heaviest flows I have seen. We paused to enjoy the sight, then walked behind the falls and continued on down the hill. We walked

downstream until we reached Lund Park, where we stopped to have an early lunch. Since it had been a little cool and drizzly, we enjoyed our lunch in the sun and a momentary break from the light rain. After lunch we continued downstream for about a mile, enjoying the calypso orchids and the remaining trillium as we walked. When we reached a high point of the trail and a good view of the creek, we decided this was a good turn-around point. On the way back, some of us took a side trip to Trestle Creek Falls. It too, was a torrent of water and we paused to take pictures. Enjoying a 6.5-mile hike were Obsidians Daniele Delaby, Carol Petty, Sarah Praskievicz, Suzanne Steussy, Chuck Wagar and leader Joanne Ledet, and nonmember Kathy Wilkowski.

Sweet and Beaver Creeks

May 9, 2010

Leader: Barb Revere

5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

TEN OF US CELEBRATED MOTHER'S DAY with our mother (Earth)! Early May in the Coast Range usually means wildflowers, so we were dismayed to see the Lane County Sheriff's 'press gang' out grooming the trail at Sweet Creek. They were doing it Marine Corps style, giving a three-foot wide buzz cut to both sides of the trail. Ferns and flowers fell to their weed-whackers and chainsaws. Our only chance to see flowers were a few sad, lopped off blossoms that the rake wielders left behind. The Beaver Creek trail was 'groomed' too. The waterfalls were beautiful, though. So was the weather and our group had a great time together, enjoying Mother Nature and the many families out celebrating Mother's Day. Our group included one mother-daughter team, Norma and Carol Lockyear. We thank them for sharing their celebration with us. Six nonmembers joined the hike and learned all about the wonderful organization that is the Obsidians! A quick stop at Alphabit topped off the day. Rain spatters greeted us in west Eugene, but we hiked dry all day under a bright overcast. Both trails were in excellent condition, except for the 'bad haircuts'. Members: Walt Dolliver, Norma Lockyear, Barb Revere, Bonnie Richman and Suzanne Steussy. Nonmembers: Gary Elliot, Janet Elliot, Carol Lockyear, Jim Merkner and Joanne Whitfield.

Arlie/East Ridgeline Trail

May 11, 2010

Leader: Mari Baldwin and Pat Esch

5 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A FINE COOL AND CLOUDY DAY for our adventure into the mess of trails, roads and open country that passes for the East Ridgeline Extension. Starting at the Mt. Baldy Ridgeline parking lot, we hiked to the LCC end of the extension, had lunch on a hilltop, and returned via a loop route. There were oak savannas and forest, great views, tadpoles in the road puddles, a hawk overhead and over-abundant poison oak to keep us alert. Members: Mari Baldwin, Pat Esch, Bob Foster, Anne Montgomery and Ruth Romoser. Nonmembers: Leslie Graymer, Don Kindt and Carol Stern.

McKenzie River Trail

May 11, 2010

Leader: Sandra Larsen

7.8 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

WE STARTED FROM AMAZON COMMUNITY CENTER with one

car of four people. There was a little mist on the windshield as we neared our destination. We started from the McKenzie Bridge Ranger Station with the threat of rain but completed our trip without a shower. Our destination was Belknap Springs and along the way we spotted many calypso orchids, some dogwood and a few trilliums. The trail was muddy in spots, but nothing obstructing our hike. At the springs we ate under cover as again we had a fine mist. After lunch we strolled around the grounds admiring all the flowers and the property in general. It is a lovely spot and well-maintained. In warmer weather one can bring a swim suit and swim all day for \$12. This trip can also be done by LTD bus. We had a congenial group that conversed about a variety of topics--mainly food. Members: Daniele Delaby, Sachiko Iwasaki and Sandra Larsen; nonmember: John Moser.

Trials Country Bird Walk

May 13, 2010

Leader: Anne McLucas and Rick Ahrens

3 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

HIKING THROUGH VARIED TERRAIN alongside two creeks, through forests and an oak savanna, we encountered a variety of birds and flora: several kinds of warblers, winter wrens, spotted towhees, grosbeaks, jays, hummingbirds, etc., and at the end of the hike a hawk that had just caught a vole. Anne McLucas and Jim Gillette (who owns the property and made the trails) led and Rick Ahrens explained. The congenial group included members Rick Ahrens, Walt Dolliver, Pat Esch, Bob Foster, Jim Gillette, Cathy Irwin, Anne Dhu McLucas and Bonnie Richman, and nonmembers John Hartman, Sally Knox and Carol Stern.

Sweet Creek Falls

May 14, 2010

Leader: Joella Ewing

2.5 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)

ONLY THREE OF OUR ORIGINAL SEVEN were able to make the trip, but what a glorious day we had. The weather was pristine. The many cascading falls danced and sparkled in the sun. The trail was dry and in good condition. The company was very congenial. Members: Joella Ewing and Barb Sutherland; nonmembers: John Moser.

CASA Hike

May 15, 2010

Leader: Jim and Sharon Duncan

3.5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THIS ANNUAL EVENT IS A FUND RAISER for Court Appointed Special Advocates, an organization that advocates for abused and neglected children in the Lane County Juvenile Court. It was a beautiful Saturday morning as we joined several hundred runners and walkers at Skinner Butte Park for a jaunt along the Willamette River. At the end of the walk we enjoyed coffee and fruit provided by the organizers. Participants, all members, were Margaret Prentice, Sharon Duncan and Jim Duncan.

Heceta Head Hike

May 15, 2010

Leader: Patricia Soussan

7 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF NINE HIKERS gathered at Washburne State Park after the drive from Eugene, ready to hike along the sandy beach to the Hobbit Trail. It was a little cold due to the wind but as soon as we started up the trail we were sheltered in the trees and the elevation gain soon warmed us up. The views along the coast to the north were superb and quite a few photos were taken. We ate lunch at Heceta Head Lighthouse where some of the group found warm spots in the sun while others admired the ocean views and looked at the sea lions and seabirds which included Brandt's cormorants and common murre. We returned by way of the forested China Creek trail. Members: Jane Allen, Joella Ewing, Tom Musselwhite, Lamonte Smith, Carol Petty, and Patricia Soussan. Nonmembers: Geri Thomas, Linda Hovey and Eric Grape. Thanks to the drivers and participants for a very enjoyable hike.

Kentucky Falls

May 16, 2010

Leader & Photo: Joanne Ledet

6.5 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)



THE FIVE HIKERS SHOEHORNED INTO ONE CAR and left Lowe's parking lot promptly at 8:00 am. As we drove the mountain road on the way to Kentucky Falls, we enjoyed the expansive views both to the east and west, even though we had to look beyond the massive clear cut right next to the road. We were ready to hike by 9:45 and set a brisk pace down the trail. We stopped to enjoy Upper Kentucky Falls, impressive with a good amount of water coming over the falls and cascading on down the creek. At the bottom we were rewarded with two equally

impressive waterfalls, Lower Kentucky Falls and North Fork Falls. After carefully picking our way across slippery rocks to a clearing and a park bench, we took a short break to rest and take in the view of the two waterfalls. Since it was too early for lunch and because it was such a nice day, we decided to extend the trip beyond what was originally planned. We walked for about a mile down the trail that parallels the Smith River. The trail was a new experience for four of us, and we were all glad we decided to take this extra trip. The foliage was lush, almost to the point of being overgrown in places, and the trees were a departure from the usual Douglas fir. We saw more cedar trees and some hemlock, and most were covered with heavy moss. We could tell this area gets a fair amount of moisture, not only because of the moss, but we all noticed the increased humidity. Coming back to the junction with the main trail we stopped for lunch, then continued uphill for the return home. Even after a short break at a roadside stand near Walton, we were back in town around 3:30 pm. Enjoying a beautiful day were Obsidians Walt Dolliver, Yuan Hopkins, Suzanne Steussy, and leader Joanne Ledet. Non-member John Moser completed his third trip with this hike and will soon become a member. Welcome John!

Castle Rock

May 23, 2010

Leader & Photo: Chris Stockdale

11.4 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)



AAAH - SPRINGTIME IN OREGON! The group gathered at SEHS speculating whether it would be hiking in snow since snow had been falling down to 2,500 feet. Bets were laid as to how much we would find on top of Castle Rock (altitude 3,808 feet). Luckily, after a rainy and cold week, we managed to snare one of the few dry days for this hike. After meeting up with Jan and Rich Anselmo at the trailhead (they had driven over from Oakridge), we headed up the 5.7-mile trail. For much of the distance, the trail is in lush forest before encountering steeper and drier terrain. The last portion is in open rocky meadows which usually have a carpet of wildflowers. Not this year – obviously the recent cold weather had stalled the emerging blooms. Although clouds obscured any view of the Sisters from the old lookout site on the summit, we still had superb views of the surrounding hills and valleys. We could see fresh snow on many of those hills but nobody won a bet since there was no snow at all on Castle Rock. Our ‘weather’ luck held until we arrived back at our cars when a fairly brief but heavy shower passed over. This is a good, strenu-

ous hike for early season to help you get into shape. Although you gain 2,600 feet, the trail is well-graded with numerous switchbacks and no killer climbs. Members included Jan and Rich Anselmo, Marianne Camp, Lynda Christiansen, Dick Hildreth, Daphne James, Becky Lipton, Martha Welches and leader Chris Stockdale; nonmembers were Diana Masarie and Don Cross.

Rooster Rock

May 22, 2010

Leader: John Pegg

6.6 miles, 2,300 ft. (Moderate)

“WHAT IF NO ONE SHOWS UP?” Deb asked as we got ready for the Rooster Rock hike. A good question since the forecast was for an 80% chance of rain and it was raining hard outside. But Obsidians are used to the rain. As Sarah said, “If you wait for a good day in Oregon, your hiking opportunities are pretty poor.” Everyone showed up and wanted to go, so we did. The Rooster Rock trail is in the Menagerie Wilderness out of Sweet Home on the Santiam River. It is a fairly steep hike, gaining about 2,300 feet and ending at an old lookout site. The rewards for the hike this time of year usually include views of other rock pillars such as Turkey Monster, Rabbit Ears, and Chicken Rock, and blooming rhododendrons, but on this day were not there. The scattered showers turned to hail and then to snow. At the top it looked like December and you could barely see Rooster Rock through the blowing snow, which coated the trees and the trail. After a quick drink and bite to eat, we quickly headed down. But it was great exercise and we were all a little proud of ourselves for our perseverance. Everyone was very prepared for the conditions and no one got too cold or wet. Hikers were Obsidians Sarah Praskievicz, Chuck Wagar, Suzanne Steussy, Deb Carver, and John Pegg, and soon-to-be Obsidian Marie Stringer.



Backpacks

Blacklock Point, Coast

May 7-9, 2010

Leader: Scott Hovis

7 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

EVIDENTLY BLACKLOCK POINT missed a lot of the rain we had this spring. Trails are often filled with large puddles, but this weekend there was relatively little in the way of muddy conditions. Creek flows, however, seemed normal. The beach here has coarse sand; it doesn't compact like other shore lines, so you sink more and it makes the walking more strenuous. We met a lot of bugs at the trailhead, but at the coast there were few insects. The winter tides changed the mouth of the Sixes River again. It also brought in a fair amount of plastic. Ugh! We saw many kinds of birds and seals at Sixes River. Members: Brad Bennett, Paul Brown, Charles Durham, Scott Hovis, Daphne James and Ed Lizewski. Nonmembers: Dylan Ferguson, Rosie Tresenriter and Jackie Wagoner.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance

April 24, 2010

Leader & Photo: Matthew Bell

2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)



With a grunt and shove another rock succumbs to Matt.

UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS and an injury to Christer LaBrecque, we were not able to participate with the City on this month's outing. But, with their approval we were able to continue our work widening and making the upper reaches of the trail passable for power-wheelbarrows. We brought our own tools and some of the club's tools as well. Three of this month's participants were also High Cascades Forest Volunteers and their expertise proved invaluable. We worked hard moving rocks out of the trail and building a ramp of stones to make the trail passable for power-wheelbarrows. We also took a lot of breaks as an entire sorority hiked the Butte for a mother-daughter event. It was one of the busiest days we've ever seen on the Butte. The work included widening a very precarious switchback corner. We made it as far as we could without further direction from the City. We'd like to thank Rick McMonagle for his help this weekend and also welcome him as a new Obsidian since this was his third outing this year. Participants: Ron Robinson (nonmember); Ed Lizewski, Rob Castleberry, Rick McMonagle, and leader Matt Bell (members).



Canoe Trips

Siuslaw River Canoe and Kayak

May 8, 2010

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

RIDE THE TIDE: Two canoes and six kayaks started at Bender Landing on the North Fork of the Siuslaw at high tide and paddled down to the confluence. The various shades of green and reflections in the water were just spectacular, and we observed a small otter (or perhaps it was a large mink) swim rapidly across the river and run to its den. Once we reached the main Siuslaw River, the plan was to paddle upstream about a mile and circumnavigate Cox Island. However, we quickly realized that the current was strong and the wind was picking up. After a leisurely lunch on a sandy beach, we decided to paddle directly to Old Town Florence. Both GPS instruments agreed that the total distance on the river was 5.42 miles — isn't technology grand! Paddlers were Obsidians Bob Foster, Pat Esch, Judy Ness, Effie Neth, and leader Lana Lindstrom; and non-Obsidians included Carol Stern, Jarvis Thompson, Clarence Lysdale, Debra Savelle, and Roger Coulter.



Climbs

Middle Sister

May 8, 2010

Leader: Wayne Deeter

14.25 miles, 5,000 ft. (I-1)

AS THE FORECAST FOR SUNDAY LOOKED QUESTIONABLE, I changed this to a single-day climb. We were able to drive within 3/4 miles of the trailhead Friday evening, where we camped by the cars. It showered for a short time during the night, but stopped long before we started hiking at 3:50 am. We switched from snowshoes to crampons at 7,200 feet where the snow was firm. But it was only a small patch of firm snow—a little ways beyond the snow was soft again, all the way up to the top of the Hayden Glacier. The north ridge was in great shape. All that nasty rock and scree was totally covered with snow and rime and here the crampons were useful! We spent only about 20 minutes on top taking in the usual fantastic views—it was cold and windy there, and clouds were gathering in the west. The weather held off until we were back to the cars, but when we were driving away it did sprinkle a bit. Members: Sean Breslin, Wayne Deeter, Dave Jensen and Dan Koziol.

Spring Basin/Badlands

Story and Photo By Chris Stockdale

THE INAUGURAL OBSIDIAN SPRING BASIN Wilderness extended trip was deemed a great success by the 17 participants. Great weather, scenery, food and company all contributed to a weekend that offered plenty of activities to all levels of hikers.

Accommodations were at the Hancock Field Station (HFS), a science camp owned by OMSI (Oregon Museum & Science Industry) that is adjacent to the newly designated Spring Basin Wilderness. HFS is in the midst of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Clarno Unit, and has about 10 miles of trails extending from the camp that explore parts of the monument. Most participants were housed in small A-frame cabins that had

originally been part of the former Rajneeshian settlement in Antelope. Meals were served in a large dining hall, and upstairs from the dining area we could enjoy browsing through a variety of books and other informational pieces in the 'library' that was furnished with (unfortunately only a few) comfortable chairs. This was a popular place for after dinner relaxation. Since Hancock is about a 4-hour drive from Eugene (nearest town is Fossil, 15 miles further on), we broke the journey with a hike on the Grey Butte Trail that Bill Sullivan, in his Eastern Oregon hikes, calls "a secret back-door entrance to...Smith Rock State Park." This turned out to be a great leg stretcher along an easy trail that immediately had extensive views looking west to a grand vista of the Sisters and their neighboring peaks covered with new snow. After settling in at the Field Station, the group enjoyed a delicious dinner (the vegetarians and gluten-free diners were well catered to) and a brief introduction by the camp manager.

THE NEXT MORNING, after a substantial and varied breakfast, the group drove the 4 miles to the trailhead for Spring Basin. The trails are actually old jeep tracks that lead all over the rolling hills and valleys of this wilderness. After climbing to a great viewpoint that gave us a 360-degree view of the John Day River valley as well as the surrounding hills and valleys, some of us headed for another promontory while others decided to head back down to their cars. We had already seen blooming hedge-

hog cactus (although thanks to a very cold wind that was blowing hard, the blooms were still closed up tight), and brilliant yellow balsamroot, amongst several different plants. We had a very windy climb to our next viewpoint and huddled down amongst



rocks for a quick lunch. More of the group headed back down, while the remaining few decided to forge cross-country to climb the highest peak in the wilderness, Horse Mountain. This proved quite a challenge, but after scrambling up a narrow canyon we achieved the summit with the reward of extensive views and shelter from the wind. We also found more cacti that were fully open. This group figured it had hiked probably no more than 8 miles, but had climbed close to

3,000 feet and had experienced a rewarding day of hiking.

ON SUNDAY SOME OPTED TO HIKE THE LOCAL TRAILS around camp, looking for the advertised petroglyphs and a fossilized tree, while others went to explore the Pine Creek Ranch area that abuts Spring Basin. In 1999, the Warm Springs Tribes, with Bonneville Power Administration funding, purchased the 24,304-acre Pine Creek Ranch, 12 miles south of Fossil. The Tribes have embarked on an ambitious restoration program, including riparian planting, and controlled burning. The area covers much of the Pine Creek watershed, an area of about 42,000 acres. The area is home to 36 animal and plant species listed as threatened or endangered, and provides spawning and rearing habitat for one of the few native steelhead populations in the John Day River. This turned out to be a superb hiking area as we climbed gently up a wide canyon that took us into vast meadows leading up to the border with Spring Basin. We found ourselves close to Horse Mountain, only on the opposite side to the one we had climbed. The wind had dropped and we ate lunch basking in sunshine with views of the amazing Palisades rock formations of the John Day Clarno Unit and surrounding countryside. Later that day, ten of us headed for Bend and our optional day of hiking in the Badlands east of Bend, another newly

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Crater Lake

By Jim Duncan - Photo by Charley Wright



CRATER LAKE IN THE WINTER is a different and special place. The summer crowds are gone, and the wind-swept, snow-covered rim affords beautiful wintry vistas of the lake and surrounding Cascades. Twenty-seven Obsidians and friends took full advantage of beautiful weather and fresh snow to enjoy a wonderful weekend of snowshoeing and cross-country skiing on March 26 – 28.

Organized by Beth Kodama with assistance from Sharon Duncan, this popular and successful extended trip was at least the 4th winter visit by the Obsidians to Crater Lake in the past decade. As usual, we stayed at the charming and historic Prospect Hotel, whose hosts, Fred and Karen Wickman, provided delicious buffet breakfasts and dinners on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Although many of us encountered rain as we drove towards Prospect, once we arrived the day was pleasant enough for short hikes to waterfalls and views of the Rogue River. Scott Hovis even managed to jump the gun by leading a small group for snowshoeing at the lake on Friday. Most of our group enjoyed a spaghetti dinner Friday evening and as we slept, around nine inches of new snow fell up at Crater Lake (Prospect is about 30 miles from Crater Lake rim).

Saturday was a beautiful, sunny but windy day at Crater

Lake, and our large group split up into several small groups for snowshoeing and skiing. One group skied along the rim, after which three of the group glided downhill on the Dutton Creek/Annie Springs trail. A group of snowshoers stayed close to the rim, enduring the strong winds blowing from the southwest. Another group retreated from the wind by snowshoeing the Hemlock trail in fresh deep snow. Later in the afternoon, many gathered in the Rim Center cafeteria for refreshments.

WE RETURNED TO OUR HOTEL FOR MORE REFRESHMENTS while sitting in the sun, after which we enjoyed another delicious dinner in the hotel's dining room. Some stayed up for games afterwards, while others called it a night. On Sunday, after another bountiful breakfast, we went our separate ways, some stopping to hike along the Rogue for views of waterfalls.

Many thanks to Beth Kodama and Sharon Duncan for organizing a spectacular trip. It was a congenial and enthusiastic group who thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful weekend. Participants included members: John Agnew, Mari Baldwin, Anne Bonine, Sharon and Jim Duncan, Pat Esch, Paul Flashenberg, Bea Fontana, Mary and Brian Hamilton, Scott Hovis, Daphne James, Beth and Ken Kodama, Judy Ness, Jack O'Donnell, Pat Soussan, Chris Stockdale, Elle Weaver, Nancy Whitfield, Sue Wolling, and Leslie and Charley Wright. Nonmembers were Sharon and Louis Luchs and Nancy and Bob Rathmann.

Spring Basin/Badlands

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-minted wilderness. The others headed back to Eugene. Unfortunately, a dramatic change in the weather caused Central Oregon to experience incredibly strong winds (I heard gusts up to 60 mph) so the next day's activities were curtailed abruptly after we had attempted to hike into raging dust and sand storms.

Overall, everybody agreed that the Spring Basin Wilderness

is a beautiful area that offers much to visitors. The Hancock Field Station makes an ideal headquarters as it is so close to everything. We found the staff to be incredibly friendly and helpful, and we all felt the food was delicious and varied. Many indicated interest in returning next year.

Participants were all Obsidians: Keiko Bryan, Marianne Camp, Pat Esch, Mary Holbert, Heather Home, Scott Hovis, Richard Hughes, Daphne James, Lana Lindstrom, Effie Neth, Karla Rusow, Chris Stockdale, Grace Swanson, Charlie Thomas, Charlie Van Deusen, Lyndell Wilken and Sue Wolling.

UPCOMING



POTLUCK

Friday, June 25:

Oregon Natural Desert Association

THE OREGON NATURAL DESERT ASSOCIATION (ONDA) is a 1,200-member, grassroots organization committed to protecting, defending, and restoring the health of Oregon's native deserts for present and future generations. Founded in 1987, ONDA is the only group working exclusively to protect Oregon's vast High Desert. Over the past 20 years, ONDA has earned many successes including the protection of Steens Mountain as the nation's first 'cow-free' wilderness in 2000, and the removal of livestock from both the Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge and the Wild and Scenic Owyhee River.

Devon Comstock of the ONDA will present us with volunteer opportunities in Hart Mountain, Steens Mountain, the John Day River and Central Oregon. These trips engage people in restoring Oregon's desert lands through tree planting, fence removal, closing old roads and wilderness inventory.

Laurie Funkhouser, Entertainment Chair



**June Potluck - Friday, June 25 - Obsidian Lodge
Potluck, 6:30 pm Program, 7:30 pm**

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

Conservation Hike

A CONSERVATION HIKE has been added to the summer trips schedule for Monday, June 14 near Box Canyon. Led by Tom Musselwhite, participants will look at old growth characteristics at the 4,000 foot level. We'll also look for scenic delights, including a spring that bubbles up from the roadside, several cascading waterfalls, beautiful mosses, interesting geology and search for a small lake near the end of the road. Sign up at the YMCA.

Get Acquainted Hikes

THE OBSIDIANS WILL SPONSOR two Get Acquainted Hikes for nonmembers from Hendricks Park to the Obsidian Lodge along the Ribbon Trail on Wednesday, June 16th at 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. The meeting place for the 2.5 mile hike is Hendricks Park parking lot. No sign up is necessary. Members are welcome also and are encouraged to bring friends who want to learn about our club.

Call Janet Jacobsen for information at:
(541) 343-8030 or jbjacobsen@comcast.net



ExploraTalk
Tuesday, June 15
7:00pm at the Lodge
Costa Rica

LANA LINDSTROM WILL SHARE HER PHOTOS from her most recent adventure, "Crisscrossing Costa Rica" from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the volcanoes to the beaches. This small country, with 0.1% of the earth's surface, has dedicated more of its land to national parks than any other country on the planet. Learn more about this beautiful, environmentally diverse Central American nation from an Obsidian world traveler, whose shows are always popular.

Pat Bitner, Conservation/SciEd Co-chair

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FRIENDS OF THE RIDGELINE TRAIL now have a webpage that includes photos and a link to the LCOG Ridgeline Vision and map:

<http://web.me.com/artfarley47/RidgelineFriends/Welcome.html>



Upcoming Bus Trips

Carousels of Salem and Albany Tuesday, June 22

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Liz Reanier

Come with us as we revisit childhood. We will spend most of the day at Salem's Riverfront park. Then to the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village housed in three historic homes. Gilbert was the inventor of the Erector Set and is considered one of the most multi-talented inventors of all times. Cost: \$42 (\$44), due June 8 to Janet Speelman.

Butterfly Pavilion, Lunch at King Estates Tuesday, July 13

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Ray Jensen

Travel to Elkton for a visit to the Butterfly Pavilion. We will have our coffee break here, learn about the life cycle of the butterfly, and will have time to enjoy the adjoining gardens. Then to the King Estate Winery for lunch (included). The meal, the view and the grounds promise to be superb. On to the Travis Tyrrell Seed Orchard where they produce superior conifer seeds. Cost: \$59 (\$61), due June 29 to Barbara Payne.

Editors Note: Betty Hack will be joining this bus trip for a special occasion as she will be celebrating her 90th birthday. Help her celebrate her birthday by joining the bus trip, or by coming to King Estates either for lunch or cake. Cards and memories would be appreciated, but please, no gifts.

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MULTI-PURPOSE TOOL found on the Mt. June trail. Email zrickmcmonagle@gmail.com to identify and claim.

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WOOD - GREEN FIR at the Obsidian Lodge. Split, you haul. \$110/cord, or we can haul for \$40. Half cords available too. Contact John Jacobsen, Grounds Chair:

(541) 343-8030 or johnwjacobsen@comcast.net

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Obsidian Calendar

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- 9 Wed – **Larison Creek**, 10.4m 700' **D**, Colgan.....485-2787
- 11 Fri – **Skinner Bt Eaglets**, 1m 200' **E**, Essenberg...344-9197
- 12 Sat – **Artists Retreat—Coast**, 3m **M**, S.Hovis345-7788
- 12 Sat – **Mt. Thielsen**, Climb, W.Deeter954-0924
- 12 Sat – **Mt. Tom**, 5m 1000' **M**, C.Higgins995-8060
- 12 Sat – **Rebel Rock**, 15m 3300' **D**, L.Huff.....868-5391
- 12 Sat – **South Sister**, Climb, B.Hamilton.....343-6550
- 13 Sun – **Erma Bell Lakes**, 5m 500' **E**, Ewing.....344-9197
- 13 Sun – **Fish Lake**, Kayak, E. Sather.....822-0311
- 14 Mon – **Box Canyon**, 9m 1300' **M**, Musselwhite....461-3296
- 15 Tue – **Ankeny—B Vista**, Bike 33m **M**, Hughes....683-1409
- 15 Tue – **Costa Rica** - Lindstrom, **ExploraTalk**
- 16 Wed – **Get Acquainted Hike**, 2.5m **E**, Jacobsen ..343-8030
- 16 Wed – **Mt. Tom**, 5m 1000' **M**, C.Higgins.....995-8060
- 17 Thu – **Heceta Head**, 6.4m 800' **M**, S.Larsen687-2589
- 19 Sat – **Iron Mtn—Cone Pk**, 7.5m **D**, Jacobsen343-8030
- 19 Sat – **Opal Cr**, 7.2m 300' **M**, Barnes.....895-3704
- 20 Sun – **N Bank Deer Preserve**, 10m **D**, Stockdale .767-3668
- 22 Tue – **Salem**, Bus, J.Speelman.....344-3019
- 24 Thu – **Mt. Pisgah**, 5m 500' **E**, P.Soussan
- 25-27 Fri-Sun – **Mt. Jefferson**, Climb, Deeter954-0924
- 25-29 Fri-Tue – **Mt. Whitney**, Climb, Hamilton.....343-6550
- 25-29 Fri-Sun – **North Umpqua**, Raft, Duncan343-8079
- 25 Fri – **OR Nat Desert Assoc** - Comstock,..... **Potluck**
- 26 Sat – **Iron Mtn-Cone Pk**, 6.6m **M**, B.Lipton736-7498
- 26 Sat – **Mt. Pisgah**, 3m 1000' **E**, R.Murdock.....345-8305
- 26 Sat – **Sullivan Log Cabin**, 3m **E**, Sullivan.....683-6837
- 27 Sun – **Clear Lake**, 7.5m 200' **M**, D.Delaby.....688-4978
- 27 Sun – **Lawler Tr**, 11m 2600' **D**, Castleberry726-2412
- 30 Wed – **Iron Mountain**, 6.6m 1900' **M**, M.Camp...221-1866
- 30 Wed – **Spencer Butte**, Trail Main, Bell..... (503) 884-8829

July

- 1 Thu – **Horsepasture Mtn**, **E**, Gilman-Garrick345-5236
- 10 Sat – **Bunchgrass Ridge**, 10m **D**, C.Stockdale.....767-3668
- 10 Sat – **King Estate**, Bike 44 m **D**, Gilman-Garrick ...345-5236
- 12 Mon – **Roads End**, 2.8m **E**, B.Beard.....994-2337
- 13 Tue – **Butterflies**, Bus, B.Payne746-1964
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- 15 Thu – **Crescent Mtn**, 9m 2000' **D**, R.Smythe.....757-6357
- 17 Sat – **Cowhorn Mtn**, 8.5m 1850' **D**, Jacobsen.....343-8030
- 20 Tue – **Chucksney Mtn**, 10.3m **D**, Castleberry726-2412
- 22 Thu – **Mt. Pisgah**, 5m 500' **E**, P.Soussan.....
- 24 Sat – **Cottage Gr/Cedar Crk**, Bike **D**, Hoeg484-6196
- 24 Sat – **Lowder Mtn**, 5.6m 900' **M**, Duncan343-8079
- 24 Sat – **Rosary Lakes**, 9m 1000' **M**, D.Delaby.....688-4978
- 26 Mon – **Mt. Pisgah**, 3m 1000' **E**, R.Murdock.....345-8305

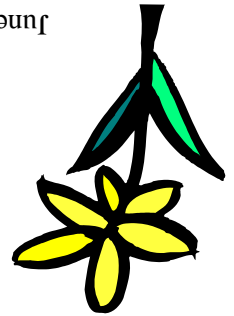
Times Are Changing

SPENCER BUTTE TRAIL MAINTENANCE is changing to its summer schedule, starting in June, it will be held the last Wednesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. So mark Obsidian Trail Maintenance on your calendar the following Wednesdays: June 30, July 28, Aug. 25 and Sept. 29. To get on the reminder e-mail list to be sent details about the work parties, contact Matt Bell: trails@obsidians.org



Approaching the Middle Sister. See the climb report Page 9. Photo by Wayne Deeter

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