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Dates to Remember

Nov 19	Potluck—EMR
Dec 1	Board Meeting
Dec 17	Potluck—Grace

Complete current schedules at:
www.observians.org or
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Don't Forget!

There will be **no** December *Bulletin*. Have a wonderful holiday season and we will be back in January.

Dues Are Overdue

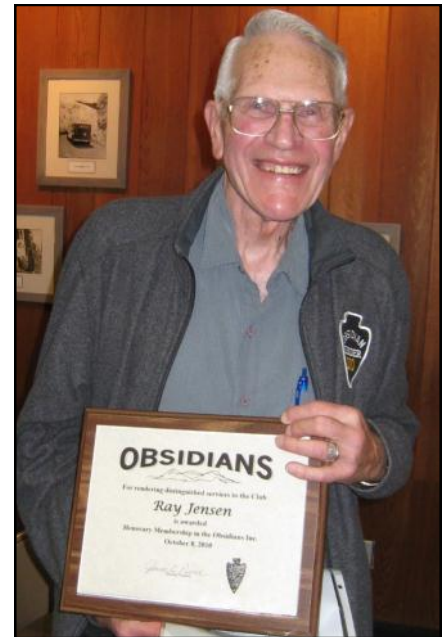
Membership dues were due November 1. If you haven't paid them yet, you're late.
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Annual Meeting

By Joanne Ledet Photos by John Jacobsen

THE FUN AND FACTUAL 2010 ANNUAL MEETING was attended by almost 30 interested members on October 8th. The evening started with coffee and cookies and an opportunity for members to socialize. The visiting could have gone on for some time but it was time for business so President Jim Pierce gaveled the meeting to order promptly at 7 pm.

After the introduction of board members Jim gave his President's report. Jim was pleased to report the club is in fine shape. The building itself is in good repair and the grounds are looking better all the time. The outside has been enhanced by the completion of the ceramic mural designed by Dallas Cole and installed by Scott Wylie. Financially the club is on solid ground – quite remarkable when the general economic climate is nothing but gloom and doom. While membership is down slightly, enthusiasm is up. The Get Acquainted hikes, inspired and led by Janet Jacobsen, have been a huge success and have started to generate new members. Participation in winter trips and in extended



Ray Jensen becomes Honorary Member

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Winter Trips Time

by Tom Musselwhite

WITH THE TIME FOR WINTER TRIPS SOON APPROACHING, my mind started scurrying around thinking about a winter trips kickoff of some kind. Workshops, of course, I think as I thumb through my vertical file of maps, those most recently used near the top. I know where the compass is . . . what about first aid and accident reports? Then I skim through the list of leaders . . . I'll send them all an email. Hmmm, I think, as I realize I'm probably the most inexperienced leader on the list. Add in lots of other activities through the holidays and busy lives, and we can simplify by not having a winter kickoff. Good enough for that.

A strong assortment of challenging trips is already being offered by experienced trip leaders across this winter trips season. With a total of 37 trips listed at this time, the schedule has 14 cross country ski trips, 11 snowshoe trips, 7 mountain or coast hikes, and 5 urban hikes led by a total of 24 leaders.

The new online signup system is due to go live most any time now, maybe by the

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IN MEMORIUM

RICHARD BENTSEN

1925-2010

RICHARD BENTSEN passed away peacefully at his home recently. Richard and his late wife Mary, both joined the club in 1988 and they attended five summer camps. Richard was especially active with the Byways By Bus group, and he participated in 40 bus trips. He also led four trips, and his most recent activity with the club was a trip to NW Trek Wolf Haven in 2007.

REMEMBERING DICK

By John Jacobsen

DICK BENTSEN WAS ONE OF THE FOUR MUSKETEERS (Dick, Bob Dark, John McManigal and I) that tended the Lodge grounds in the early 90s. The usual work party involved a couple hours at the Lodge keeping the place spruced up and then it was off to McMenamins 19th Street to cool off – a great routine. Dick was an avid distance runner, but at the Lodge one of his pet projects was getting all the rain to run off our grounds in an orderly fashion. Back then the drives and parking areas of the Lodge had quite a collection of bumps and potholes. Over the years he managed to turn the drives of the Lodge grounds into what you still see today: well-drained, pothole-less and smooth-riding. The drains he dug and maintained with only hand tools, remain intact today. I am reminded of Dick every time I turn into the Lodge and enjoy a bounce-free, pothole-less drive.

Editors Note: See the October 3, 2010 issue of the Register Guard for a more extensive obituary.

BEN KIRK

1913-2010

BEN KIRK was an Obsidian member from 1998-2005 and participated in numerous bus trips. Ben was still involved with the club even as a nonmember as his last bus trip was in 2008.

Editors Note: A more complete obituary may be read in the October 18, 2010 issue of the Register Guard.

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Annual Meeting & Awards

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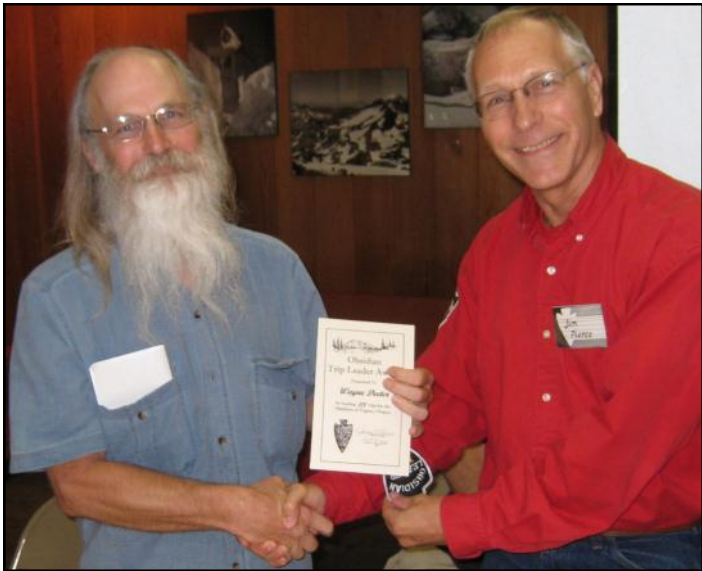
trips has increased. Jim thanked all the committee chairs for their dedicated service during the year.

That was the cue for each committee chair to give their summary of the year's activities. There were 19 different reports and after listening to their activities during the year, one cannot help but get an appreciation for the dedication and commitment of each chairperson and their members. It is through their hard work that the club functions so smoothly and provides so much for all interests and abilities.

On the nuts and bolts side of the evening the following members were elected to serve on the board from 2011-2013. They are: Nancy Whitfield, John Jacobsen and Matt Bell. Congratulations to all three! A constitutional amendment was approved unanimously which allows committee heads to approve legal contracts for normal committee operations.

One of the highlights of the evening was the naming of Ray Jensen as an honorary member. Ray has been a stalwart of the bus committee for years and is known for leading

- | Awards | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2010 Leader Awards: | |
| 100 | Wayne Deeter |
| 50 | Sandra Larsen |
| 50 | Jim Pierce |
| 50 | Marshall Kandell |
| 50 | Liz Reanier |
| 25 | Margaret Prentice |
| 25 | Bob Huntley |
| 25 | John Mowat |
| 25 | Jim Duncan |
| 25 | Dallas Cole |
| 2010 Trip Awards: | |
| 200 | Rick Ahrens |
| 100 | Julie Dorland |
| 100 | Pat Esch |
| 100 | Sue Wolling |



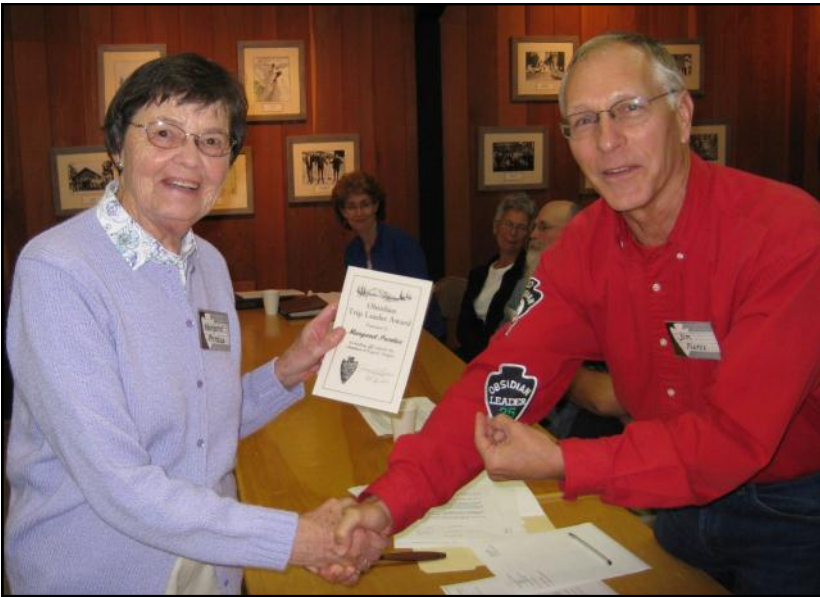
Wayne gets 100 Leader Award from President Pierce

many informative and well organized trips. Many of his trips have been within Oregon but quite a few have extended beyond our borders. Ray has been awarded a 200 trip patch not only for his bus trips but also for participating in hikes and summer camps. A well-deserved honorarium. The other highlight of the evening was the awarding of patches. See insert list for a complete list of those who have reached a milestone. Those present received their patches from President Jim.

Following some general announcements the meeting concluded around 8:30 with an invitation by Jim Pierce to all members to attend the 2011 Annual Meeting.



Pat gets 100 Trips Award



Margaret gets 25 Leader Award from President Pierce



Underfunding National Treasures

By Pat Bitner Photo by John Jacobsen

CRATER LAKE IS OREGON'S ONLY NATIONAL PARK. Its sapphire surface is contained by the caldera of ancient Mt. Mazama. On a clear day – unforgettable! During its relatively short summer season, the park hosts half a million visitors. In winter, snowshoes and cross country skis dominate its trails. The deepest lake in the U.S., and the ninth deepest in the world, it is unique in its origin as the result of the eruption of ancient Mt. Mazama. Crater Lake has no streams feeding it and is re-filled only from precipitation in the form of snow and rain. The park was established in 1902 and is the sixth oldest national park in the U.S.

We are justly proud of our park, but we should also be aware of continuing funding problems in the National Park system, which have forced cutbacks in staff and in maintenance at Crater Lake. Other threats include logging proposals such as Bybee and the D-Bug by the Forest Service, which

would log right up to the edge of the park boundary, and within the proposed Crater Lake Wilderness. A private company recently attempting to obtain permits for helicopter flights over the caldera was, thankfully, unsuccessful.



The proposed Crater Lake Wilderness would protect 450,000 acres both within and without the park and would create a 75-mile long protected corridor of habitat for wildlife along the southern Cascades. According to Oregon Wild, the wilderness proposed does not include any residences. The support of our Senators

and Representatives is crucial for the wilderness to become a reality. Please make your voice heard when the time comes for public input.

Although the United States is currently in economic recession, our priorities must continue to place the preservation of Oregon's unique natural beauty at the top of the list. We only have one world; there will not be another Crater Lake.

Winter Trips Time

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time you read this. If you haven't tried it out yet, now is a good time to see how easy it is to sign up for a trip. The online signup sheets actually look a lot like the ones at the Y. Among the features you will recognize is the place where you enter *have transport* or *need transport* and mark the *can carry* box with the number of passengers you can take.

Drivers are in high demand, especially for winter trips, when road conditions are not always the best. Scheduling trips is a good thing, getting there is even better.

Snowshoe trips most often seem to end up on the short end

of the transportation piece. Here's something you might want to consider when scheduling a winter trip: I suggest you work out obvious transportation crunches before the time of departure. Trip information such as participants, drivers, etc, will be online until shortly before the trip. A few phone calls could save people having to cancel for lack of a ride.

Hopefully, the winter schedule will be online by the time you get your bulletin. Check it out. There's still plenty of room for more trips to be scheduled. Just send in the trip name and leader info to wintertrips@obsidians.org to get your trip added to the great winter lineup we've got started. And remember to take advantage of the new online signup system to easily and conveniently schedule your winter trips. Happy trails!

We're Up



THE OBSIDIAN ONLINE TRIPS SYSTEM IS UP. Trips scheduled from November 15 on will be available for online signup about 2 weeks before their go date. Initially there will only be one or two trips available to sign up for online, but don't despair, the Winter Trips Committee is busy scheduling and more trips will be forthcoming. We elected to start the online trip system at the same time that the Winter Trips Committee takes over from the Summer Trips Committee for a couple reasons: First, it is a convenient breaking point to switch signup systems and secondly, and probably more importantly, we wanted to start up the online system at a time when our activity level was lower and hopefully it will be easier for us to work out any bugs that may crop up and deal with any startup issues.

A link is available on the Obsidian home page (www.obsidians.org) to access the login for online signup. Nonmember guests may also sign up online, but they will

need to register with us first in order to get a user name and password. Guests can access the registration link on the same login page.

With the advent of the ability to sign up online, the signup sheets at the Y are a thing of the past. Members or guests, who might not have access to the web, will need to contact the leader to get signed up.

An e-mail was sent on November 2, 2010 to all Obsidian members for whom we have an e-mail address with their user name and password. We had a number of bounce-backs due to incorrect addresses or closed accounts. Also several people had spam blockers which did not allow our e-mail notification through. If you are a member and you did not receive your user name and password or if you experience problems of any kind or have questions feel free to contact me. johnwjacobsen@comcast.net - 343-8030

John Jacobsen – Obsidian Online Committee

Dallas Cole Visit

By Janet Jacobsen

A VAN WITH 14 VISITORS rolled into the Obsidians Lodge parking lot on Thursday, October 28. Stepping out of the van was member Dallas Cole, leading a group of her fellow residents from the Mary's Woods Retirement Community in Lake Oswego, on an excursion to visit her sculptures in the Eugene area.

They stopped at the Obsidians Lodge to see her *The Obsidian Spirit* mural and eat their box lunches. Jim Pierce, Vi Johnson, and John and Janet Jacobsen were on hand to provide hospitality and answer questions about our club. Obsidians related articles, sketches, and photos about and by Dallas were on display for her friends to enjoy. After lunch Dallas discussed the process working with clay and Scott Wylie, artistic mason, shared the vision of how it went together.

The big surprise was when Jim Pierce awarded the 25-leader patch to Dallas. To conclude the event, Obsidians attempted to sing a song composed at her President's Tea in 1986. The tune is Clementine.

Oh, Dallas, Oh, Dallas,
You have made us a work of art.
We thank you for so many things
From the bottom of our heart.

After many thank yous, Dallas' guests climbed back in the van and headed for the Hilton Hotel to see her 1982 mural, *The Procession*.



ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

October 8, 2010

by Kathy Hoeg, Secretary

President's Message - Jim Pierce

I can only begin to tell you how proud I am of our fine organization. We have a great Board, excellent Committee Chairs, loads of hard working Committee Members, about a hundred outing and event Leaders, and an Army of Participants. How about that for a TEAM!

Each year this dedicated Team puts on hundreds of Obsidian events. There are thousands of participants . . . well, some of us are counted more than once.

Treasurer's Report - Stewart Hoeg

In contrast with the rest of the economy, the Obsidians' financial outlook remains bright. As of September 30th our balance sheet had financial assets exceeding \$145,000, including a Capital/Contingency fund of \$28,400 and \$15,600 in the General Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Stewart Hoeg

The Obsidian Finance Committee was responsible for putting together the 2010 budget, recommending investments for the Endowment Fund and Contingency Fund and the rebuilding of the Contingency/Capital Fund. In addition, the committee audited the General Fund and the Extended Trips Fund. Thanks to committee members Dan Christensen, Jean Coberly, Lana Lindstrom, Liz Reanier, Stephen Brander, and Chairman Stewart Hoeg.

Summer Trips - Brian Hamilton

2010 Summer Trips Committee Members: Brian Hamilton, Co-Chair, Responder to emailed questions, Leader Contact, Scott Hovis, Co-Chair, Leader Contact, Walt Dolliver, YMCA Bulletin Board Coordinator, Kathleen Floyd, Leader Contact, Mary Hamilton, Leader Training Coordinator, Daphne James, Leader Contact, Sandra Larsen, Leader Contact, Joanne Ledet, Leader Contact, Helen Martz, Leader Contact, Valerie Metcalfe, Leader Training Coordinator, Tom Musselwhite, Leader Contact, Schedule Coordinator, Responder to

emailed questions, Elle Weaver, Trip Report Reviewer, Media Contact Coordinator, Martha Welches, Leader Contact, Lyndell Wilken, Leader Contact, Safety Committee Representative. Janet Jacobsen has been picking up checks and sign-up sheets at the Post Office mailbox and preparing monthly reports to the Board.

Summer Trips Committee Activities: 1) Scheduled and coordinated trips occurring from April 1 to November 15. 2) Recruited 73 Trip Leaders, including 7 new leaders. 3) Organized a Summer Trips Kickoff Social/Leader Training Session (May 7). 4) Distributed Leader Packets. 5) Coordinated with Publicity Committee to publish information to: the Obsidian Website, the Y Bulletin Board and Newspapers. 6) Submitted articles to the Bulletin. 7) Worked to ensure that trips are conducted safely and efficiently.

Trips Status through October 5, 2010: 138 trips scheduled through October 4, 2010 (114 hikes, 15 bike trips, 4 water outings, 5 others). Included are 8 Get-Acquainted Hikes that attracted 109 guests. (29 trips were rescheduled. 23 trips were cancelled due to weather, lack of sign-ups, etc.). 119 trips completed and reports turned in. 917 participants (561 members, 356 non-members).

Winter Trips - Tom Musselwhite

Winter Trips 2009-2010 Season Totals (Nov. 15, 2009 – March 31, 2010): 50 trips: 27 hikes, 10 Cross-Country Ski, 12 Snowshoe, and 1 Snowshoe/Cross-Country Ski.

Total Participants for 2009-2010 Winter Trips Season: 349: 279 members, 70 nonmembers.

Members of the 2010-11 Winter Trips Committee: (pending Board approval) are Tom Musselwhite (Chair), Elle Weaver (Publicity and Trip Reports), Chris Stockdale (posts trips to the Register-Guard and Eugene Weekly), and Trip Recruiters: Judy Ness, Valerie Metcalfe, Brian Hamilton, Daphne James, Joella Ewing, Karla Rusow, and Judy Terry. As of Oct 8, we have 21 Winter Trips confirmed.

Climbs - Larry Huff

It was another successful year for climb-

ing with the Obsidians. We had 15 events that all succeeded in reaching their goals of introducing the community to the fundamentals of climbing and the benefits that accompany this activity, like safety, leadership, camaraderie and breathtaking views of the Oregon Cascades.

The annual basic mountaineering class kicked off the season and as always brings the Obsidians and Eugene Mountain Rescue together.

We had a total of 14 climbs this year, a low year for total climbs but a great year for participation. We had 64 members and 21 nonmembers participate this year. The Climbs Committee extends their thanks to the climb leaders.

Highways and Byways By Bus - Liz Reanier

Obsidians and their families and friends make up our ridership. I thank one and all for your continued support and help in finding new riders. We are sorry to acknowledge the deaths of several of our faithful riders. We started our trip year exploring West Eugene, celebrated Bette Hack's 90th birthday with a lunch at King Estates, enjoyed our 6-day trip to Harrison Hot Springs (100 miles east of Vancouver, B.C.), and still have two day-trips this fall.

Thanks to Oregon California and Washington Coachways for their help in reducing charges, which has kept us from cancelling trips. We have experienced a lower ridership this year, but have remained financially in the black.

We start this month with planning for the 2011 trips. We will consider the number of trips, the length of trips, and the timing for each trip. Interested people are welcome to share ideas for trips.

Summer Camp - Lana Lindstrom

There was no official Summer Camp in 2010, although a number of folks have referred to the Sequim Extended Trip as such. Unfortunately, there won't be a Summer Camp in 2011 either.

Summer Camp Committee members are: Dan Christensen, Don Doerr, Jim Duncan, Jim Pierce, Nancy Whitfield, and

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Lana Lindstrom, Chair. Sincere thanks to Dan Christensen, Jim Duncan, and Effie Neth who, in addition to me, scouted potential sites in Oregon, Washington, and California.

Extended Trips - Jim Duncan

2010 was a great year for Extended Trips, made possible by our dedicated trip leaders who organized and led four widely different and very interesting trips. All were fully subscribed.

Many thanks to the trip leaders; we couldn't do it without you! And thanks to committee members Lana Lindstrom, Chris Stockdale, Marianne Camp, Valerie Metcalfe, and Jim Duncan.

We already have two camping/hiking trips on the schedule for 2011 and plan to add more.

Trail Maintenance - Matt Bell

The trail maintenance committee consists of Matt Bell, Chair, and Rob Castleberry, Ed Lizewski, and Peter Green, Committee Members. This year we have so far averaged one trail maintenance outing per month.

Year-to-date -- Outings on Spencer Butte: ten; Total Participants: 88 total, 49 members and 39 nonmembers. Total Estimated Volunteer Hours: 273.75.

Historian's Annual Report - Janet Jacobsen (for Lenore McManigal)

So far this calendar year - from January 1, 2010, to this date, I have recorded 187 trips - bicycle, bus, hikes, climbs, trail maintenance, extended trips. The member logs were updated in December 2009 and posted on the website. The data was used to help recount to determine the 2010 trip and leader awards.

We now take time to remember those members who have died since the last Annual Meeting. The members with whom we explored mountains, lakes, streams, and trails -- members with whom we shared the excitement of the out of doors. We will miss them. Here is the list of members and former members who have died since the last Annual Meeting. Members: Richard Bentsen, Ingrid Carmichael, Bob Dark, Catherine Jones, Beth Kodama, Dot Leland, Sharon Ritchie, Nola Shurtleff. Former Mem-

bers: Carol Armstrong, Vernon Barkhurst, Ruth Bascom, Larry Cash, Zotty Cash, Florence Douglas, Marie Loomer, Jim Ritchie, Kathleen Schlenker, Selma Vangnes, Hawke Williams.

Entertainment - Laurie Funkhouser

It has been a fun season. A summary of the monthly potlucks follows: Dec 18: Baja Ha-Ha, David Becker, Jan 29: Exploring Oregon's New Wilderness Areas, Bill Sullivan, Feb 26: Eastern Europe, Lana Lindstrom, Mar 26: Cuba, Rick Ahrens, Apr 23: Mystery Canyon in Zion, Steven McManigal and Steve Johnson, May 21: Devil's Staircase, Dave Tvedt, June 26: Oregon Natural Desert Association, Devon Comstock, Sept 24: History of the Obsidians, Rick Ahrens.

Thanks to the devoted members of the committee: Chuck Wager, Yuan Hopkins, Susan Wanser, Patrice McCaffrey, Stephen Brander, and Kathy Hoeg.

Conservation, Science, and Education - Tom Musselwhite (for Pat Bitner and Joella Ewing)

The Conservation and Science/Education Committees joined forces this year to become one committee, and the chair of each became co-chairs.

So, with all that, we've held five Explora-Talk programs so far this year that were attended by a total of 180 people.

In addition, we held three conservation/education oriented hikes and a recent canoe trip on Coyote Creek. Also, we participated in the Fall Beach Clean-up, and Lyn Gilman-Garrick led an extended trip in September to the Steens Mt. area, with resource people providing information to enhance the experience.

Committee co-chairs are Pat Bitner and Joella Ewing. Members are Tom Musselwhite and Lyn Gilman-Garrick.

Concessions - Lyn Gilman-Garrick

We have three members on the Concessions Committee: myself, Kathleen Floyd and Sharon Duncan. 2010 was an exciting year for our committee. We added several items to our inventory, including fleece vests, women's tee shirts, visors, beanies and note cards. In the spring, we held a contest to find photos for the note cards and received many beautiful entries. We chose four and selected two more from the archives.

Membership - Barb Revere

Members of the 2010 Membership Committee were: Bea Fontana called late renewers and helped revise the Application and Renewal Forms. John Jacobsen managed the database, put the Membership Directory into shape and helped revise the Application Form and Member Renewal Form. Janet Jacobsen called late renewers and also greeted new people at Lodge events, oriented them to the Lodge and the potluck process and introduced them around the crowd. Also, Janet's Get Acquainted hikes have brought many new faces into our midst. Charlene Pierce is the artist behind the Lodge Event Name Badges. Also calling late renewers were committee members: Moshe Rapaport, Margaret Prentice, Helen Martz and Julia Richardson.

The Membership Committee revised the Membership Application adding three new questions: 1) How the applicants heard about the Obsidians. 2) A 2nd query asks if the applicant would like to be called to volunteer. 3) We also asked for suggestions from new members.

As of Sept. 1, Total membership was 493: Active: 440, Associate: 25, Honorary: 2, Life: 18, Junior: 8. Total new members accepted in 2010 is 22.

Publications - Joanne Ledet

The staff of the *Bulletin* made several significant changes during the year. First, it was decided to no longer issue a December *Bulletin* due to that particular month being historically a slow news month. Second, we mailed *Bulletins* to all the membership in February and September so that online members did not have to download the membership directory and membership form. The *Bulletin* was still available online for those months. Over 100 members normally receive their *Bulletin* online and around 310 are printed per mailing.

I would like to thank the following staff for their dedicated efforts during the year: Bea Fontana, Ken Frazer, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Beth Roy and Ethel Weltman. Thanks to Jean Coberly for stepping in to assist when needed. Lou Maenz and her crew deserve thanks for assembling the *Bulletin* each month and getting it mailed to the members. And a special thank you to all members who have volunteered to write an article or

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provided ideas for a feature that would appeal to the readers.

Publicity - Elle Weaver

We continue to be a member of Travel Lane County, which posts our website for newcomers and visitors. Walk-With-Me, a local walking group, publishes quarterly newsletters. Our updated trip schedule is being posted at the Ridgeline trailheads. Brochures are posted at REI and the Y. Membership forms are now being included with the brochures at the Y to encourage membership as guests sign up for trips.

The Get Acquainted Hikes have been a huge success! They have offered a great introduction to our club.

Many thanks for the generous support of committee members: Mary and Brian Hamilton, Janet and John Jacobsen, Margaret Prentice, and Chris Stockdale.

Online - Wayne Deeter

The Online Committee maintains the Obsidians website and e-mail system. The website continues to provide up-to-date information about the club and our activities, and provide e-mail list, scheduling and trip reporting services to other committees.

A major effort has been put into implementing an online signup system for trips. We plan to have it in operation for the upcoming Winter Trips season.

Lodge Building - Doug Nelson

There have been no major problems or issues concerning the lodge building in the past year.

In addition to all the regularly scheduled and special club events, we continue to provide meeting space for other non-profit groups, notably Eugene Mountain Rescue, and allow for rental of the lodge for personal use.

Our members take good care of their 'house.' Thanks to you all.

Lodge Grounds - John Jacobsen

The Obsidians Grounds Committee held approximately 15 monthly work parties for routine maintenance and upkeep on the lodge grounds since the last Annual

Meeting. We also had three special projects going on this year.

The first special project is the ongoing task of removing unsafe trees near the Lodge and oak habitat restoration on the Lodge grounds.

The second special project was the installation of the new Dallas Cole mural, *The Obsidian Spirit* which graces the entry area of the Lodge.

The third project was installation of a new sign at the entrance to our property and general cleanup of the entry drive.

I would like to thank the grounds committee members and others who have helped keep the grounds in shape and looking good, and for helping on the special projects.

The Lodge Grounds Committee for 2010 consisted of: Pat Adams, Rick Ahrens, Matt Bell, Max Brown, Wayne Deeter, Larry Dunlap, Joella Ewing, Dick Hildreth, Stewart Hoeg, Scott Hovis, Gary Kirk, Ken Kodama, Darlene Mancuso, Doug Nelson, Effie Neth, John Pegg, Dave Predeek, Chris Shuraleff, Darko Sojak, Sam Tracer, Martha Welches, John Jacobsen – Chairman

Safety - Jim Pierce

The 2010 Safety Committee consists of Jim Pierce, Pat Esch, Sue Sullivan, Lyndell Wilken, Verna Kocken, and Chris Stockdale. My thanks to this VERY dedicated Team.

We refurbished all the first aid kits for trips, climbs and Summer Camp.

The BIG Project has been reorganizing and rewriting the safety manual. We are 90% done with the reorganization. We still have some supplementary documents to write.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The nominees for membership on the Board for January 2011 through December 2013 were Nancy Whitfield, Matt Bell, and John Jacobsen. All three nominees were unanimously elected.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Janet Jacobsen read the following article which had been published in the September 2010 *Bulletin*.

Ray Jensen, bus guru, has been nominated for an Obsidians Honorary Membership. His name is synonymous with bus trips. He has promoted the objectives of

our club by exploring out of the way places and then sharing his enthusiasm on his well-organized bus trips. He has led and/or co-led trips to Newberg, Polk County, London, Paris, and Florence (Oregon), Olympic Peninsula, Trinity Alps, John Day Fossil Beds & Eastern Oregon Back Roads, Idaho & Montana, Eagles & More, Applegate Homestead, Palouse Country & the Snake River, Western Montana Lewis & Clark Trail, and Oregon Caves. It would be interesting to know how many people have gone on Ray's bus trips.

The club members present at this meeting were asked to vote, and the Honorary Membership was unanimously granted.

REVISION TO CONSTITUTION

Add a new Article VI of the Constitution and bump remaining Articles up: "Article VI - LEGAL CONTRACTS All contracts, deeds, waivers, and other instruments executed on behalf of the Club with an outside entity shall be pre-approved by the Board of Directors and signed by an officer of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may assign the execution and/or signing of the above instruments to appropriate Committees for ongoing and normal functions of those Committees as noted in the Bylaws. If a contract, deed, waiver and other instrument is executed that results in a financial obligation to the Club, Article VII - Finances below, may apply to the debt."

AWARDS

Janet Jacobsen announced the following awards and presented patches and certificates. **2010 Leader Awards:** 100: Wayne Deeter; 50: Sandra Larsen, Jim Pierce, Marshall Kandell, Liz Reanier; 25: Margaret Prentice, Bob Huntley, John Mowat, Jim Duncan, Dallas Cole.

2010 Trip Awards: 200: Rick Ahrens; 100: Julie Dorland, Pat Esch, Sue Wolling.

BEACH CLEANUP AWARDS

Beth Roy, *most significant find* -- a banded dead bird that she gave to the authorities, Wayne Cleall, *heaviest load* -- 40-pound bag, Bonnie Richman, *most ingenious clean-up invention* -- a sifter/colander to remove small plastic bits from the sand.

OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

October 2010

By *Kathy Hoeg, Secretary*

President Jim Pierce called the meeting to order. Board Present: Lana Lindstrom, Wayne Deeter, Stewart Hoeg, Elle Weaver, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, and Kathy Hoeg. Also present were: Matt Bell, Jim Duncan, Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Brian Hamilton, John Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Tom Musselwhite, Doug Nelson, Barb Revere and Nancy Whitfield.

Treasurer's Report: Approved payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Brian Hamilton): Since our last report to the Board in September, 26 trips have been completed: Members: 120, Fees: \$112; Nonmembers: 121, Fees: \$201; The Get-Acquainted Hikes continue to be successful in attracting interested participants.

Winter Trips (Tom Musselwhite): Tom Musselwhite proposed these members of the 2010-11 Winter Trips Committee -- Tom Musselwhite (Chair), Elle Weaver (Publicity and Trip Reports), Chris Stockdale (posts trips to the Register-Guard and Eugene Weekly), and Trip Recruiters: Judy Ness, Valerie Metcalfe, Brian Hamilton, Daphne James, Joella Ewing, Karla Rusow, and Judy Terry. As of October 12, 2010 Winter Trips has scheduled 27 trips for the winter season.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): Statistics: Month of October -- Outings on Spencer Butte; 3 members; 5 non. Estimated Volunteer Hours: 24.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): We scouted several possible locations for Summer Camp 2011 and unfortunately, came up empty-handed. So instead, we will have several mini-camps, otherwise known as Extended Trips. Members of the committee are: Dan Christensen, Don Doerr, Jim Duncan, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Pierce, and Nancy Whitfield.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Pat Bitner & Joella Ewing): September was busy for our committee. 83 attended the September ExploraTalk on Steens Mt. and mustangs. Only \$63 was collected because a large number of people attended as a result of the RG featuring the program in a side bar on page one

of the Oregon Life Section, and they elected to ignore our basket. Ten people collected garbage on the Beach Clean-up. Nine people canoed on Coyote Creek after a talk by an Oregon Fish and Wildlife biologist. The Steens Mt. extended trip was a success.

Publication (Joanne Ledet): The Bulletin staff welcomes articles from members who care to write a feature related to the mission of the club and that would be of interest to the membership.

Entertainment (Laurie Funkhouser): Rick Ahrens presentation - *The History of Obsidians* - was educational and entertaining. Approximately 65 people attended the presentation with matching receipts (\$65.00). Next program - Friday, October 22 - Sandor Lau will be presenting the *Behaviors of the Backpacker* based on his trek across New Zealand with some local commentary. Sandor's presentation has been presented on public television. I would like to obtain approval from the Board for \$200 budget to purchase a new projection screen. I believe this purchase will be over budget. Also, I will be submitting a reimbursement request for \$47.99 for a small coffee maker. (Note: I have submitted an application for a rebate of \$10.00 which would make the purchase \$37.99; I will provide the club the \$10.00 rebate upon receipt).

Membership (Barb Revere): Barb Revere submitted three reports: Current membership numbers; Changes/Additions; and Membership History Totals. There are currently 506 members: 452 Active, 25 Associate, 3 Honorary, 8 Junior, 18 Life. There were seven new applicants approved by the board.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): It's been a quiet month for the Concessions Committee. We hope to have set up again at the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 8th.

Online (Wayne Deeter): The online trips system is nearing completion, or complete enough to implement it for scheduling and signup for the coming Winter Trips season. The Online Committee met with the chairs of the Summer and Winter Trips Committees, the Membership Committee, Janet Jacobsen, and Jim Pierce to review the online trips sys-

tem and to deal with questions of policy. The following was decided: We will switch to the new online trips system cold-turkey with the start of Winter Trips. Trip participants who are unable to get to Internet access or unwilling to use online signup will need to contact the leader.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): Repaired front door lock. \$39.50

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Fir Removal/Oak Restoration Project: We hired a tree climber to come and remove the unsafe branches that were hung up - cost \$150. Sam Tracer finished up splitting all the remaining rounds. We rented a commercial chipper and were able to chip up the branches and debris from the trees that were taken down this summer. Rental cost: \$149.50, thanks to Pat Adams, Larry Dunlap, Effie Neth and Gary Kirk for helping out.

Several general work parties were held to catch up on the summer's spurt of blackberries, weeds, and what-not.

Safety (Jim Pierce): No new work on the Safety Manual. The first aid class is scheduled for three Mondays in November -- November 1, 8, and 15.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Duncan reported that the two plaques have been installed next to the Dallas Cole Mural.

Jim Pierce reported that Dallas Cole and a group of her friends will visit Lodge on October 28 to see the mural.

NEW BUSINESS

Laurie Funkhouser said that the current wall projection screen has a noticeable horizontal line or scratch, and she recommended that we buy a new one, which would cost about \$200. The expense would cause the Entertainment Committee to be over budget for the year. The Board approved an overage to her budget of up to \$300 in order to buy a screen.

Lyn Gilman-Garrick said that the memorial gathering for Sharon Ritchie will be on October 30 at the Lodge. Unanimously approved waiving any rental fee.

Stewart Hoeg informed the Board that the club has been named as a beneficiary in the will of Catherine Jones.

NOVEMBER BOARD NOTES

November 3, 2010

By Kathy Hoeg, Secretary

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Brian Hamilton): The Summer Trips season is winding down. Since the October Board meeting, 14 trips were completed. Participants included 77 members fees \$98 and 47 nonmembers fees \$189 for a total \$287.

Winter Trips (Tom Musselwhite): As of October 31, the Winter Trips Committee has scheduled 40 Winter Trips by 26 trip leaders.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): We had 1 trail maintenance outing this month on the Spencer Butte West Summit Trail. We planted 88 sword ferns and 3 big leaf maples. Statistics for October -- outings on Spencer Butte 1; total participants 13 total; 7 members; 6 nonmembers; estimated volunteer hours 26. Statistics Year-To-Date -- outings on Spencer Butte 10; total participants 101 total: 56 members; 45 nonmembers; total estimated volunteer hours 299.75.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): The committee met at the Lodge on October 26, to consider trip offerings for 2011. Proposals were discussed informally and a decision made to meet again on December 6 to review and formalize the proposals. The proposal will be presented at the rally February 27. The mountain barbecue held at Waldo Lake on September 21 had 24 riders.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Pat Bitner & Joella Ewing): October 26 ExploraTalk was attended by 18 participants and collected \$18 during the slide show on raptors by Kit Lacy of the Cascade Raptor Center. Co-Chair Joella Ewing presented comments at a press

conference in support of efforts to protect Crater Lake from various threats. Co-chair Pat Bitner wrote a conservation article for the *Bulletin* on those threats to Oregon's only national park.

Entertainment (Laurie Funkhouser): The October Potluck was attended by 48 people with receipts of \$46. The next program will be a presentation by Eugene Mountain Rescue on November 19th.

Membership (Barb Revere): There are currently 517 members: 462 Active, 26 Associate, 3 Honorary, 8 Junior, 18 Life. There are 6 new applicants: Barbara Atin - trips, Don Cross - trips, Beckie Jones - trips, Donald Klinghammer - trips, Debbie Tyler - trips, Kathleen Willett - trips.

Publicity (Elle Weaver): On October 16th, Doug Nelson and Elle Weaver participated in the Health and Wellness Expo sponsored by Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth. At least 30 people stopped by our table and asked about our activities, especially hikes and climbs.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): We set up our booth at the October 22nd potluck and sold \$159 in merchandise. The vests were particularly popular. We plan on being at the November 19th potluck as well.

Online (Wayne Deeter): The new Winter Trips schedule is now available online. The Online Committee is pleased to announce that the online trips signup system is now operational. Currently, two trips are available for signup with this system. Trips become available for signup two weeks before their date.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Lenore is up-to-date on recording members' activities on activity sheets.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): Expenditures for the Building Committee for October: Paper towels for restrooms - \$27.99.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Fir Removal/Oak Restoration Project - Sam and Pat expect to get going on the next round of fir removal. Five work parties were held during October. Thank you to Dave Predeek and Dick Hildreth for their help. Cole Mural - Scott Wylie got the sealer on the mural about mid-October. The sealer did an incredible job of punch-

ing up the whole thing. Bills \$48.64 for a No Trespassing sign for the gate.

Safety (Jim Pierce): The Safety Committee has started to develop Safety guidelines for specialized outings: snow trips, climbs, bus trips, bike outings, maybe even water trips? The first aid class started Monday, Nov. 1. It was filled to capacity with 20 participants.

OLD BUSINESS

Stewart Hoeg reported that the settlement of Catherine Jones' estate is moving along but has not been finalized yet.

There was a discussion of where to have the usual after-Board-meeting dinner in December. Kathy Hoeg will talk to more restaurants, and Jim Pierce will pick one.

NEW BUSINESS

Stewart Hoeg nominated the following for Board officers for 2011: President - John Jacobsen, Vice-President - Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Secretary - Kathy Hoeg, Treasurer - Stewart Hoeg. John Jacobsen said that he will be contacting people to fill the committee chairperson spots.

There was a discussion of how the club will use the YMCA bulletin board in the future, now that we have an online signup system. Janet Jacobsen has volunteered to continue posting the list of upcoming trips on the board. Matt Bell suggested that we put up posters advertising our main activities -- summer trips, winter trips, potlucks, ExploraTalks, trail maintenance, Get Acquainted hikes, bus trips, etc.

Laurie Funkhouser reported that she has purchased a new bulb for the digital projector and a line conditioner, which has put her at the limit of her 2010 budget. She will postpone the purchase of a new projector screen until 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Pierce reported that Dallas Cole's group came to see the mural and the Lodge on October 28 and had a wonderful time. Dallas also received her 25 Leader patch then.

Stewart Hoeg reported that there have been approximately \$1,200 in donations to Food For Lane County in memory of Sharon Ritchie.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

Fuji Mountain-Upper Island Loop

September 25, 2010

Leader: Lyndell Wilken Photo: Chris Stockdale

16 Miles, 2,949 ft. (Difficult)

THIS WAS A GLORIOUS HIKE experienced by Jan and Rich Anselmo, Dick Hildreth, Chris Stockdale, Sarah Praskicvicz and Lyndell Wilken. Perfectly clear skies and in the 70s. Our first stop was at Birthday Lake which was bathed in sunshine with a tinge of fall color on the fringes of the lake. Fuji Mt. was the lunch destination and the views of the Sisters and Waldo Lake were all one could hope for. We could have stayed on top for hours taking in the surroundings but the 16-mile trek beckoned us onward to Upper Island Lake. Our efforts of doing a longer hike were rewarded by the presence of an eagle swooping across the lake. We proceeded through large trees and open forest along the South Waldo Trail where we found two Cy Bingham tree blazes from 1905. The final part of our journey took us through Pot Hole Meadow which was full of late afternoon sunshine. Everyone completed this fall hike feeling blessed by all that we had seen.



Lyndell, Sarah, Jan, Rich, and Dick on Fuji Mountain

Opie Dildock Pass

September 29, 2010

Leaders: Sam Miller & Chris Stockdale

Photo by Sam Miller

15 miles, 2,400 ft. (Difficult)



LOOKING FOR AN ALL-STAR HIKE that combines distance, variety and outstanding scenery? Then be sure to include the Opie Dildock loop in your list of must-do hikes! This 15-mile scenic walk begins and ends at the Obsidian trailhead in the Three Sisters Wilderness. Temperatures in the 70s, blue skies, spectacular views and good company were the order of the day for this trip. Co-leaders Chris Stockdale and Sam Miller were joined on this outing by Sue Wolling and nonmember Jane Dods.

McKenzie Trail and Sahalie/Koosah Falls

October 1, 2010

Leader: Chris Cunningham

4 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

WHAT A DAY TO WALK THE WATERFALLS LOOP, along the McKenzie River. The sky was blue, and the weather was in the high 60s, a perfect hiking temperature. The trees are changing into their orange and yellow attire, such a startling contrast against the deep green, mossy banks and gray-black basalt banks. Besides the Sahalie overlook, we stopped at a variety of other viewpoints to take photos of this ever-glorious landscape with two splendid waterfalls. We took the required detour at the junction for Carmen Reservoir, where workers are repairing the bridge. The walk around the reservoir added an unshaded but pleasant half-mile to our trip. We walked up the path to Koosah, and had an early lunch near a ledge overlooking the smaller falls. We continued to the cusp of Clear Lake. On the

way home, we ended the trip with a refreshment stop at Tako-da's. Members: Chris Cunningham and Pete Peterson.

Waldo and Betty Lakes Loop

October 2, 2010

Leader: Chuck Wager

Photo: Susanne Twight-Alexander

10.5 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)



ALL WENT WELL, EVEN WITH A SLIGHT SHOWER on the drive up. The sun broke through and we had pure sunshine all day along this loop with 10.5 miles of good hiking variety. A geocache was observed along the way and there were no mosquitoes. One of the hikers commented of Betty Lake, "What a beautiful place!" The trip included two hikers with new member applications. Hikers were Obsidians Sachiko Iwasaki, Nola Nelson, Sara Praskievicz, Susanne Twight-Alexander, Jim Whitfield and leader Chuck Wager; nonmembers were Jonathon Jost and Frank Patton.

Grizzly Peak

October 2, 2010

Leader: Elle Weaver

10 miles, 2,700 ft. (Difficult)

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL HIKE IN THE FALL. The trail initially follows Pamela Creek through a forest with moss covering most of the ground. We stopped at Pamela Lake for our first glimpse of Mt. Jefferson, then started our uphill trek through the brightly colored vine maples. Although the viewpoint at 5,200 feet gives a majestic shot of Mt. Jefferson, sitting on the rocks at the top offered a splendid view of the mountain and of Mt. Hood in the distance. Hikers included members Brad Bennett, Lana Lindstrom, Chris Stockdale, Sue Wolling, Elle Weaver (leader) and nonmembers Frank Chemotti, Diana Masano, and Kate Parrish.

Get Acquainted Hike Ribbon Trail

October 9, 2010

Leader: Janet Jacobsen Photo by Jim Pierce

2.30 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

RAIN DIDN'T STOP TWENTY-TWO VISITORS from showing up with lots of enthusiasm for the Get Acquainted Hike. One commented, "If you live in Oregon, you have to hike in the rain." Since most of the folks work during the week, they appreciated a

Saturday hike. Most had not hiked the Ribbon Trail. We stopped to talk with the volunteers working on an access trail from 30th that will take mountain bikes to the EWEB trail west of the lodge. Thanks to members Jim Pierce, Joanne Ledet, and Margaret Prentice for answering questions and making everyone feel welcome. This is the 9th Get Acquainted Hike with a total of 124 nonmembers. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Jim Pierce, Margaret Prentice, and Janet Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Jacque Davis, Mary Gent, Sheila Guildler, Kaitly Heflin, Mark Horney, Ryan Hovland, Beckie Jones, Donna Locke, Lisa Marcus, Diana Mardane, Andrea Mason, Anjali Mauro, Deborah Mauro, JM Mauro, Julia Mauro, David Meld, Faye Primka, Sharon Reed, Lin Treadwell, Debbie Tyler and Kathleen Willett.



North Matthieu Lake

October 10, 2010

Leader: Jane Hackett

6 miles, 880 ft. (Moderate)

AND AGAIN RAIN DID NOT DAMPEN four nonmembers' enthusiasm for a hike in the Cascades that did not offer any views. When it wasn't raining, it was misty. Lisa Schiller and Liz and Jeff Jones had participated in the Get Acquainted Hikes. Joe Sanders, a member of Portland Trail Club, is new in town. This great group of hikers did not complain about the rain, wind, and/or mist! Members: Jane Hackett and Suzanne Sanazaro. Nonmembers: Jeff Jones, Liz Jones, Joe Sanders and Lisa Schiller.

Eagles Rest/Ash Swale Shelter

October 10, 2010

Leader: Don Colgan

12 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

I WAS IMPRESSED THAT A HEARTY GROUP OF SEVEN HIKERS would show up on a very rainy Sunday morning to do this trek. We took three cars from the Amazon LTD station up Highway 58 to the trailhead near Milepost 21. Conditions varied from slightly drippy to a downright deluge. Most of the trail up Goodman Creek, along a gradual climb, is in a beautiful Douglas fir forest. As we approached the shelter the skies really opened up! This made the three-sided structure a welcome sight indeed. We dried off (sort of) and ate lunch while the rain poured down. Five of the seven hikers were satisfied to call this the halfway point, foregoing the mile up to Eagles Rest. Only Lynn Meacham and Brent Hottle chose to tackle the peak. They were rewarded with the satisfaction of completion but no view to

speak of. The return hike was fairly uneventful. We arrived back at our cars wet as rats but happy to have spent a sodden Sunday in the great outdoors of this fine state. Participating in this adventure were members Don Colgan, Lynn Meacham, Ernst Schwintzer, Juliana Cichy, and Becky Lipton; and nonmembers Brent Hottle and Don Cross.

Brice Creek

October 12, 2010

Leader & Photographer: Jim Pierce

5.5 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

WHAT A WONDERFUL, SUNNY DAY FOR A HIKE. The fall colors at Brice Creek were set against the flood of green: conifers, ferns and mosses.

We did the 5.5-mile one-way hike with a car shuttle. The leader stopped to admire so much that we got behind schedule. Thankfully, the trail was not yet muddy. The water level in Brice Creek was low, so the waterfalls were beautiful. We stopped for a sunny lunch on the rocks a mile before Lund Park and skipped stones. If the outside world had not been calling, I think we could have spent all day there. Half the group added a hike to Lower Trestle Creek Falls while the drivers were shuttling. Members: Bonnie Richman, Mary Morrison, Lou Maenz, Ginny Reich and leader, Jim Pierce. Keeping them company were nonmembers Barbara Aten, Lynn Frost, Sheila Gilder, Don Klinghammer, Vicki Levine, Connie Pierce, Roger Reich and Debbie Tyler.

Mt. Baldy/Fox Hollow Trail

October 16, 2010

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

4.6 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

ALL AGREED IT WAS A PERFECT FALL DAY FOR A HIKE. Patrick Bronson, Beckie Jones, Lynn Treadwell, Debbie Tyler and Kathleen Willett who were on my Get Acquainted Hike last Saturday were excited to hike another section of the Ridgeline Trail that was at the end of Spring Blvd. The steep trail down to the Baldy parking lot has been rerouted with well-graveled switchbacks and a very short loop to a viewpoint. On our return, we were able to take the lower trail from Fox Hollow and the lower, easier trail up to Baldy. The loop trails made the trip more interesting. We pointed out the bright red poison oak to Betty Grant who just moved to Eugene. Our wildlife moment came when we watched several deer leaping gracefully across the road in front of our car. Members: Wayne Cleall, Dick Hildreth, Yuan Hopkins, John Moser, Beth Roy, Susan Sanazaro, Suzanne Steussy, and Janet Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Silvia Breeden, Patrick Bronson, Betty Grant, Beckie Jones, Connie Pierce, Lonnie Treadwell, Lynn Treadwell, Debbie Tyler and Kathleen Willett.



Along Brice Creek with one big tree.

Clear Lake

October 21, 2010

Leader: Patty MacAfee

5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THE BEAUTY OF CLEAR LAKE inspired members Keiko Bryan, Janet Jacobsen, Patty Macafee and nonmember Donald Klinghammer to compose two Japanese Haiku poems:

Aki Hikari (translated Fall Light)

Bright colors fading
 Backdrop red, canoes gliding
 Yellow light framing.

Leaves, yellow, sunlight
 Canoes, red, gliding, silent
 Water reflecting.

Spencer Butte Site Visit

October 23, 2010

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

2.2 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

OUR HIKE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET UP WITH PARKS AND OPEN SPACE STAFF who would be available along the trail to Spencer Butte Summit to answer questions and point out trail and habitat concerns. The staff hopes hikers including readers of this report will fill out a survey at www.eugene-or.gov/SBsummit about the five options for the summit. On the way up the trail, Jesse Cary-Hobbs and Christer Labrecque pointed out recent trail building techniques that could be used on the proposed Option 4 reroute. When we reached the treeline, another staff person discussed sensitive habitat and pointed out how li-

chens and other plant life on rocks were being trampled. Following the white dots on rocks, we met Jeff Krueger who described Option 4: a 300-foot reroute. It has much going for it including a view to the south, more sunlight, and stable bedrock. (Jeff's historical photos of the soil loss on Spencer Butte are in the *Obsidian Bulletin*, June 2009.) On top, Phil Richardson answered our questions and encouraged everyone (including you who are reading this report) to fill out the survey. I think that most of us agreed with the staff that Option 4 had many advantages to help restore habitat on the butte. Staff gave me materials to use on my next Spencer Butte hike. Option 4 would need to be funded with grants. We thank the well-informed staff who made our hike so interesting. I'm sure they were as happy as we were that it didn't rain. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Bob Graff, Beckie Jones, Kathleen Willett. Members: Matt Bell, Pat Esch, Janet Jacobsen, Suzanne Stuessy, with Dave Predeek joining us on top. On their 3rd trip, Beckie and Kathleen had their membership applications ready to sign.



Bicycle Trips

Mid-Willamette Valley Bike Loop

October 3, 2010

Leader: Lyn Gilman-Garrick Photo by Art Sather
45 miles, 0 ft. (Difficult)

TWENTY-THREE OF US GATHERED IN BROWNSVILLE for a bike ride through the farmlands of the mid-Willamette Valley to honor our friend and hiking companion, Sharon Ritchie, who passed away on September 18th of head injuries sustained in a bicycling accident. We dubbed it the *First Annual Sharon Ritchie Coordinated Commemorative Bike Ride*. Because Sha-

ron's biking outfits were always color coordinated, everyone was asked to wear at least one article of clothing which matched their bikes. Walt Davis and Art Sather won the grand prizes: the admiration of all their fellow cyclists. Walt was dressed in red from head to toe to match his Co-Motion and Art was dressed in solid black to match his recumbent Easy Rider. In addition to all of us being nattily dressed, Darlene Mancuso brought brightly colored strips of tulle which we attached to our helmets and bike bags and bikes. We were a festive parade of color as we biked past the brown fields of mown hay. Toward the end of the ride, we stopped at Thompson's Mills State Park for cider, pumpkin and zucchini breads and home-made chocolate cookies to toast and remember friends old and new, past and present. Members: Bill Aspegren, Barbara Bruns, Walt Davis, Pat Esch, Paul Garrick, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Richard Hughes, George Jobanek, Lana Lindstrom, Darlene Mancuso, Joyce Sanders, Art Sather, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry and Peggy Windle. Nonmembers: Dennis Carey, Curtis Erickson, Paula Erickson, Ruthy Kanagy, Chris Laurion, Lewis Luchs, Frank Reimer and John Wellwood.

Detering Orchard

October 16, 2010

Leader: Patricia Esch

28 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)

EIGHT CYCLISTS HAD A COOL BUT SUNNY-AT-TIMES DAY for our ride to Detering Orchard. The terrain was flat through the quaint town of Coburg and the farming country of North Coburg Road. At the orchard, we had a picnic table among piles of pumpkins, and some of us feasted on apple cobbler and ice cream BEFORE lunch! Yum! Plenty of people and kids lent a festive air and provided entertainment while we soaked up the sun's warmth. We returned via Powerline Road and Coburg Bottom Loop. The four members were Pat Esch, Joyce Sanders, Martha Welches and Peggy Windle and the four nonmembers were Sandra Feren, Art Kearny, Joe Sanders and Mary Tripple.



First Annual Sharon Ritchie Coordinated Commemorative Bike Ride - did you say coordinated?



Byways By Bus

End of Summer BBQ - Waldo Lake

September 21, 2010

Leader: Barbara Beard

THIRTY-FIVE BUS TOUR RIDERS PLUS ONE BUS DRIVER headed out toward the east on Highway 58, to explore and picnic at Waldo Lake. The weather was perfect: a little nippy at the 5,400-foot elevation mark, just enough to wear a jacket and enjoy sitting around the camp fire. Highway 58 is always a splendor of wonderful sightseeing, from the covered bridge across Dexter Lake, to the magnificent Salt Creek Falls with Diamond Peak in the background.

We took the back road through the main town of Oakridge, seeing the high school and sports field areas, the post office, and several churches. Oakridge is larger than it appears as you drive through on the highway, some areas almost looking like a ghost town. Logging is on the decline in that area and a hard-hit economy in recent years has taken its toll on the town. Along the back way we stopped to see the salmon hatchery, and enjoyed our coffee break in their beautiful picnic area. A brief visit to the museum, walking the grounds, viewing the hatchery ponds and watching the spawning process was not enough time to take it all in. The hatchery will be a must-see with a tour guide another time.

Then it was on to Waldo Lake, with an unexpected stop at the tunnel where a road closure is in effect to make repairs in the tunnel area. A bus-load full of camping chairs, grills, and food were unloaded quickly, fires lit, and the cooking began. Many had a good chance for an hour of hiking in the crisp clean air, exploring great trails along the lake. After three hours of cooking, we consumed hot dogs, BBQ chicken, and hamburgers, plus homemade lemonade (with the coldest, freshest water in the world), potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, and corn on the cob. By the time we got to the s'mores, we were all feeling a little full! We began our trek from the lake down to beautiful Willamette Pass, stopping for a walk and view of the magnificent Salt Creek Falls. It was a gorgeous sight, with a spray of mist in your face. There was lots of water for this time of year.

We ended our day with a great root beer snack at the Oakridge A&W where we were welcomed by the marquee sign WELCOME OBSIDIANS. The following riders had a great time relaxing and enjoying a BBQ picnic on the last day of summer. Members: Tom Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Ron Bauer, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Marylee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, RoseMarie Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Jeanette Forsman, Dora Harris, MaryAnn Holser, Marjorie Jackson, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Margaret Prentice, Virginia Prouty, Liz Reanier, Julie Snell, Dick Speelman, Janet Speelman and Christy White. Nonmembers: Judy Ademcyk, Virginia Cheadle, Bob Herman, Tom Holser, Nancy McCall, Kevin Nymp, Cassie Payne, Michelle Payne and Jean Reimer.

Fall Color Trip

October 20, 2010

Leader: Ray Jensen

AFTER LEAVING FOGGY I-5 AT THE CORVALLIS EXIT, for the rest of this day we basked in Indian summer weather - perfect except for limited autumn color. We traveled through Philomath to Wren, then north on Highway 223 for our usual coffee break at Beazell Memorial Forest. These 586 acres include a historic farm house, a restored barn now used for community gatherings, and miles of hiking trails. Then we traveled to the nearby Fort Hoskins Historic Park, also operated by the Benton County Parks Department, which is a nice setting overlooking the Luckiamute River Valley. It is a quiet empty place today, but has been an army post, and a busy mid-point of the Valley and Siletz Railroad, with lots of other activities.

Then we traveled through Pedee and Monmouth for a very nice lunch at J Bella Ristorante, with chef and owner Jennifer Goodman in charge. This is on Main Street in quaint Independence, which at one time was called the hop capital of the world. For decades the town languished, but is growing with 9,000 residents. At 1:00, we visited the Heritage Museum, located in an 1888 Baptist church. Director Peggy Schwartz told us about hops and that entire families camped here each fall to earn a few dollars picking them. Then on to Wings of Wonder at Buena Vista, a butterfly conservatory that is quite unique. Our host, Robert, talked for 20 minutes with visual aids which included synthetic wings, antennae, and oversize eye glasses. Robert is a big husky fellow, and looked ridiculous, but he was entertaining and informative. We toured their lab and greenhouse, a hot and humid environment of tropical jungle with many varieties of butterflies flying freely. We entered through a small chamber to prevent contamination and to protect the species. Also we visited a reptile room with huge pythons and more - quite spectacular.

Our last stop was at Hazelnut Hill which has become a regular stop for our bus trips. Rob and Sally Hilleshave harvested a bumper crop and added a night shift with three more employees to process the crop. Congratulations to this nice hard-working couple. Driver Joni Long was excellent in handling the large bus on the backroads of the Coast Range. She returned us to Shopko at 6:00 pm. Members: Ethel Allen, Alice Anderson, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, MaryLee Cheadle, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, RoseMarie Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Dora Harris, Margit Hollerud, Ray Jensen, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Margaret Prentice, Virginia Prouty, Liz Reanier, Julie Snell, Dick Speelman, Janet Speelman and Christy White.



Canoe/Kayak Trips

Coyote Creek

September 24, 2010

Leader: Tom Musselwhite

5.5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

NINE HARDY OBSIDIANS AND ONE NONMEMBER met in the Target parking lot on West 11th at 9:00 am and proceeded to the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area's Headquarters on Cantrell

Road. Resident wildlife biologist Wayne Morrow then discussed work in the wildlife refuge, fielded questions and led a tour through their facilities featuring the wonderful work performed by their volunteers. We saw photos of a good-sized bear that was captured on camera during a nighttime raid on the compound, and we viewed a variety of mounted specimens of wildlife from the area. After watching a shipment of pheasants unloaded into a holding pen, we proceeded to the Coyote Creek put-in and launched our assortment of canoes, kayaks, and one inflatable. From there we paddled down Coyote Creek, under West 11th Avenue and into Fern Ridge Reservoir. Wood ducks, egrets, two otters, and other birds and wildlife entertained us along the way. The weather was great for a fall paddle and all agreed the trip was a fitting end to the summer boating season. One note: as we neared Gilbert Island we discovered what appears to be a relatively new facility (complete with solar panels) sprouting among the rushes and surrounded by KEEP OUT signs. Participants were members Lana Lindstrom, Ken Kodama, Judy Ness, Clara Emlen, Dick Hildreth, Pat Soussan, John Moser, Joella Ewing, and Tom Musselwhite (leader); and non-member Nancy Hansen.

Christer LaBrecque to construct various forms of drainage including rolling drain dips, outsloping trail, and packed earth water bars. We also used sticks and logs to brush out the trail sides to help keep people from walking on them. This was in preparation for October's outing during which we will replant the trail sides and hopefully begin the natural process of rehabilitating and revegetating along the West Trail. Participants included members John Jacobsen, Tashi Choden and leader Matt Bell, and nonmembers Bruce Dryden, Flo DeLaney, Hans Tschersich, Tom O'Brien.

Malheur and Steens Mountain Trip
September 27 - 30, 2010
Leader: Lyn Gilman-Garrick

BECAUSE I THINK MY TRIP REPORTS are often a little dull and repetitive, I asked everyone to write one line about the trip on a napkin while we were having dinner the last night at the Diamond Hotel. They could write anything they wanted; it didn't have to be favorable, just memorable. Here are their thoughts. Thanks everyone!

We stopped at the historic Riddle Ranch for a half hour visit and ended up staying a couple of hours. Very interesting history about 3 bachelor brothers who lived there over 100 years ago with their 40 cats.

The Buena Vista Overlook off of Highway 205 on the west side of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge . . . wildlife and marshes with the sagebrush slopes of the Steens in the distance.

Quaking aspens in full, glorious autumn colors. What a sight!

We camped at Page Springs Campground just outside Frenchglen and were awakened just before dawn by the hoots of not one, but two, great horned owls and heard the music of coyotes at first light. I couldn't imagine a better way to be awakened in the Steens.

When we looked over the east rim of Steens Mountain and a mile down to the Alvord Desert, it was spectacular. I had a similar emotion to when I looked into the Grand Canyon.

Camaraderie of friends old and new.

Vast geological formations and endless distances . . . so beautiful and breathtaking.

Stars galore, gorgeous moon rise, dramatic Milky Way.

Touring BLM wild horse corrals outside of Burns with Patty, the horse management specialist. Looking for wild horses on the South Steens Loop Rd.

Sitting on the back porch of the Diamond Hotel, watching the sun set behind the cottonwoods, relaxing with a cold glass of beer, reminiscing about the trip and waiting to be called to dinner.

What a great trip: fabulous scenery, good weather and great fellowship. Thanks to all who made the trip so memorable.



Trail
Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance
September 25, 2010
Leader: Matthew Bell

FOR THIS MONTH'S PROJECT our main focus was to improve the drainage of water away from the cobbled West Trail that we have been working to uncover. We worked with



Trail Maintenance on Spencer Butte

Sierra Nevada High

By Lana Lindstrom



Editors Note: Now that the snow has started to fall, you might want to consider adding this very special trip to your list of winter activities. Lana Lindstrom and friends took this trip last winter and highly recommend this location.

CLAIR TAPPAN LODGE IS A RUSTIC FACILITY nestled in the Sierra Nevada Mountains at the top of Donner Pass near Lake Tahoe. Built by Sierra Club volunteers at 7,000' in the 1930s, the area gets the most snowfall in that region.

The accommodations are basic: either dorm rooms or cubicles. We selected the cubicles and because we stayed there mid-week, each of us had her own cell – a 6 x 7 foot room which contained a bunk bed, a shelf, and a few hooks; we couldn't imagine 2 people sharing a cubicle, although several couples did. Flitter Bird alternated between sleeping in a warmer cubicle closer to the bathroom and one with slightly more floor space. The price was great – 5 nights of accommodations and 3 meals per day cost just \$200 per person!

Fortunately, there are common rooms to hang out in – a huge 'living room' with a fireplace, a library, and the dining area. In the evenings, we played games, read, or did puzzles. Beehive Needles spent hours knitting or quilting. Unfortunately, the ancient heating system wasn't adequate to keep the place warm, so we bundled up, even inside.

Breakfasts and dinners were served family style and were yummy – real mashed potatoes with fish and meatloaf, vegetarian lasagna, chicken, vegetables, and salads. Every break-

fast we had fresh fruit salad and oatmeal, plus either eggs, pancakes, or French toast. Like Obsidians Summer Camp, we made our own lunches before breakfast.

A highlight was meeting the other visitors staying at the Lodge, most of whom stayed for just a day or two. Most were from the San Francisco area – a Stanford professor of immunology, several current and retired teachers, an independent writer, and a wooden coffin builder were among the most interesting. After two quiet days, about 40 high school students descended for a 3 day field trip. Needless so say, the atmosphere changed!

The grounds include several miles of groomed trails, as well as a steep sledding hill – we just stepped out the door and away we went. Wild Woman spotted a porcupine and a coyote on her excursions! Another 'wow' moment was seeing and hearing hundreds of sandhill cranes flying overhead; we wondered where they would land for the night (NOT on 7 feet of snow, for sure!)

Two cross country and three downhill skiing facilities are within a few miles. Royal Gorge is the largest cross country facility in North America with almost 200 miles of trails, several warming huts, and even short tow ropes. We all enjoyed skiing the groomed trails; Omni Playgirl particularly loved the intermediate runs.

Would we recommend Clair Tappan Lodge to others – absolutely! For additional information, see:

www.sierraclub.org/outings/lodges/ctl

UPCOMING



Byways By Bus

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN SALEM

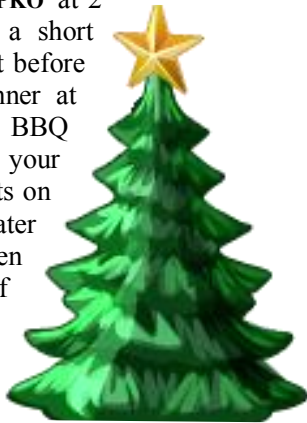
Date: December 7

Leaders: Barbara and Paul Beard.

Cost: \$42 members, \$44 nonmembers

Reservations/checks to: Barbara Payne 746-1964

WE WILL LEAVE SHOPKO at 2 pm for Salem, with a short stop at the Bush Gardens just before dark, and then an early dinner at Kwan's Chinese, or Outback BBQ & Steaks. Dinner cost is on your own. We will see a few lights on the route to the Elsinore Theater for a Christmas movie. Then there will be a driving tour of the Governor's mansion and hillside, and a walking and driving tour of the buildings located at the intersection of Commercial and Liberty.



EAGLES 'N MORE

Date: February 22-23

Leaders: Rick Ahrens & Liz Reanier

Cost: \$175 members, \$179 nonmembers

Reservations/checks to: Liz Reanier 687-1925

SIGN UP NOW!! Help assure that we have enough riders. This is the year for you to come to Klamath Falls to see the eagles and all the species Rick locates. Rick teaches you a lot, shares his telescope so you can see up close, and we have fun. We travel Highway 58, stopping at Oakridge for coffee. Then we head up the road to Klamath Falls with lunch at Applebees (paid). After lunch, we go out to the State Line Road to see what is around. Then we stop at the Klamath (lower) Interpretive Center. At dusk, we return to K Falls for our lodging at The Best Western Olympic Inn (dinner at your cost). It is an early rise to see the birds and a complimentary breakfast. We return to the motel about 10:30 for coffee and to check out. Then we go for a hike down on the river path. We will have lunch (paid) before heading back. Back to Eugene by 6 pm.



Eugene Natural History Society

All events are free in Room 100 Willamette Hall, UO campus

Friday, November 19, 7:30 pm

Where did all the aspens go, not to mention streamside vegetation and beavers and songbirds? Bill Ripple, OSU professor of forest science, ascribes the losses in Yellowstone National Park to the elimination of wolves.

Friday, December 10, 7:30 pm

The tropics will be a little closer when songbird enthusiast, Doug Robinson gives a talk on *Bird Ecology in Panama*.

Friday, January 21, 7:30 pm

Beginning in 2002, Dennis Jenkins, exuberant Oregon archaeologist, conducted new excavations in the Paisley Caves, South Central Oregon, recovering the oldest directly dated human remains (fossilized feces) in the Americas.



WREN

Wetland Wander: Meadowlark Prairie November 16th: 9:00 am-10:00 am

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various West Eugene Wetlands sites each 2nd Tuesday of every month. WREN will provide binoculars. Meet at Overlook on Greenhill Rd.

For more information call 683-6494 or email:

info@wewetlands.org

A Railroad Over Santiam Pass

By Richard Essenberg

VISIBLE ABOVE THE HIGHWAY OVER SANTIAM PASS around Hogg Rock are stoneworks that once held a railroad grade. This marks the farthest extension of a vision by 'Colonel' T. Egenton Hogg (possibly not his real name) to build a port at Newport rivaling Portland, and connect it by rail to the transcontinental rail system at Boise by crossing the Cascades through Santiam Pass.

Hogg was a Confederate naval officer in the Civil War, tasked with disrupting Union shipping on the west coast. He was captured after attempting to hijack a ship and sentenced to death (a precedent that has been used in recent terrorism trials). This was commuted to life imprisonment at Alcatraz, and after the war he was pardoned and released and went to Oregon.

He conceived the idea of the port and railroad, and finally found funding from English interests. This allowed him to construct a railroad from Corvallis to a new town he called Yaquina City, across the bay from Newport, which he couldn't access because of interference by Portland interests. Much of this railroad still exists and operates.

Hogg then started building east from Corvallis, and

reached Detroit and Idanha, up the Santiam canyon. His hoped-for land grants required train operation over Santiam Pass by a certain date in 1888. The failure of two contractors prevented the line from Corvallis getting that far in time. So Hogg started construction of 11 miles of isolated track around Hogg Rock, shipped a box car up to it and dragged it back and forth with mules to satisfy the letter, if not the spirit, of the requirement.



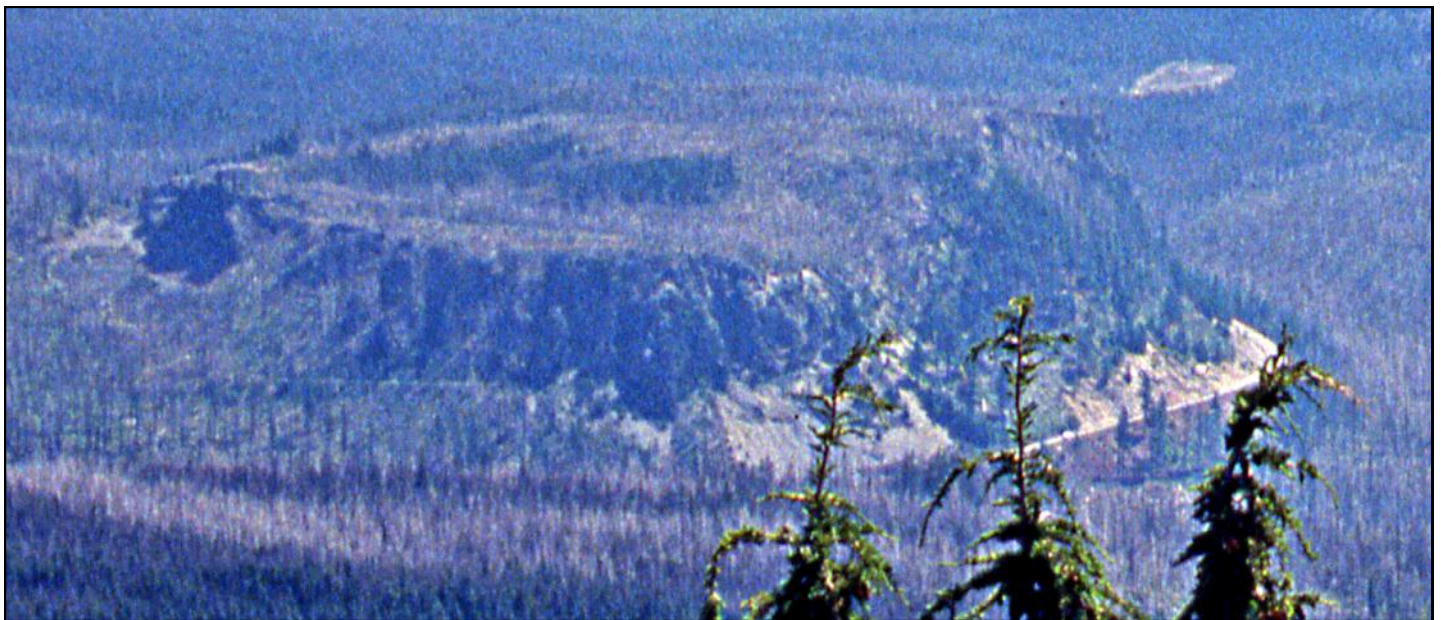
My sources don't say whether the government accepted this, but various financial reverses, some possibly caused by sabotage of his steamer from Yaquina City to San Francisco by the Portland interests, prevented any further progress. The railroad at the pass was never connected to anything further. Bill Sullivan's book on

history tells how to get to the roadbed, in case one wishes to explore it.

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AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, November 19th:

Eugene Mountain Rescue

AS OBSIDIANS, WE ARE ALL 'outdoor junkies'. We seek the challenges of climbing mountains, or the serenity of a hike in the forest to a mountain lake, or to a scenic viewpoint. We all assume that, at the end of our adventure, we will return home safely.

In Oregon, in any given year, roughly a thousand such adventures don't turn out as planned. Because of this, there are volunteer search and rescue groups active throughout the state that devote thousands of hours each year to finding and rescuing lost or injured people.

Tim Thoren and Robert Kaminski from Eugene Mountain Rescue will describe for us what happens when someone is reported missing in a wilderness setting. They will talk about the training that volunteers do to prepare for such emergencies, describe experiences from some recent rescues, and share some thoughts on how to avoid being the subject of a rescue mission yourself.

Sue Sullivan, EMR (and Obsidian)



November Potluck

Friday, November 19, 2010

Potluck, 6:30 pm Program, 7:30 pm Obsidian Lodge

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

POTLUCK

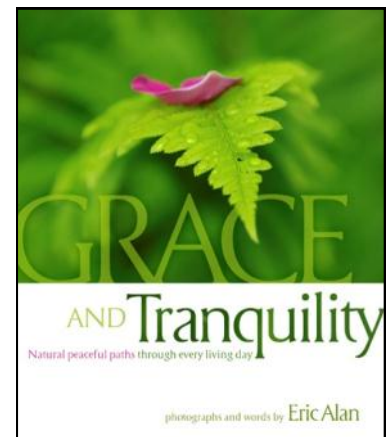
Friday, December 17th:

Grace and Tranquility



ERIC ALAN INTRODUCES HIS NEW BOOK, *Grace and Tranquility*, a combination of photography and prose, which will be released nationally in mid-June by White Cloud Press. A spin-off CD (also called *Grace and Tranquility*) merges his lyrics with the music of the remarkable band Gypsy Soul. Perfect timing for the holidays

Laurie Funkhouser, Entertainment Chair



December Potluck

Friday, December 17, 2010 Potluck, 6:30 pm Program, 7:30 pm Obsidian Lodge

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By an Anonymous Obsidian Personal Shopper

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For free assistance please contact the Obsidian Concessions Committee: Lyn at sales@observians.org or 345-5236

Lost?

WERE YOU ON THE FOUR IN ONE CONE hike in early September with Clare Tucker? The trip report has gone astray. If you were on the trip, please notify Brian Hamilton, Summer Trips, at summertrips@observians.org. We'd like to get our records updated. Thanks.

Brian Hamilton, Summer Trips Chair

It's Snow Time

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE will once again be at the annual Nordic Night at Berg's Ski Shop on Nov. 17th from 6 – 8 pm. Join them that night to check out the latest equipment and fashions, perhaps win a door prize and pick up a winter trips schedule. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about participating in snow activities.

Elle Weaver, Publicity Chair

Obsidian Calendar

November

15 Mon - N. Fk Mid Fork, Hike M, Musselwhite 461-3296
19 Fri - Eugene Mountain Rescue, Potluck
20 Sat - Ridgeline Trail, Hike M, Jacobsen 343-8030
27 Sat - Spencer Butte, TrMnt, Bell 503-884-8829

December

1 Wed - Bronze Sculpture Walk, Hike E, Jacobsen 343-8030
4 Sat - Midnight Lake, SSHoe M, Bell 503-884-8829
7 Tue - Christmas Celebration, Bus, Payne 746-1964
17 Fri - Grace and Tranquility - Alan Potluck
18 Sat - Three Mile Lk Tahkenitch, Hike M, Lipton 736-7498
18 Sat - Midnight Lake, Xski M, Wolling 345-2110
18 Sat - Fawn Lake, SSHoe D, Bell 503-884-8829
30 Thu - Waldo Lake Road, Combo M, Lindstrom 683-1409

January

1 Sat - Spencer Butte, Hike M, Jacobsen 343-8030
2 Sun - Fawn Lake, Xski M, Hamilton 343-6550
6 Thu - Ridgeline Trail, Hike M, Pierce 344-1775
8 Sat - Rosary Lakes, SSHoe M, Bell 503-884-8829
9 Sun - Circle Lake, Xski M, Wolling 345-2110
15 Sat - Brice Creek, Hike E, Pierce 344-1775
16 Sun - Birthday Lk-Fuji Shltr Lp, Xski D, Jensen ... 344-1363
22 Sat - Maiden Peak Shelter, SSHoe D, Bell 503-884-8829
22 Sat - Three Fingered Jack View, Xski D, Breslin
23 Sun - Maxwell Butte, SSHoe M, James 683-7488
23 Sun - Cone Peak, Xski D, Sayre 345-2370
27 Thu - Salt Cr and Diamond Cr Fl, SSHoe M, Pierce 344-1775
29 Sat - Odell Butte, Xski D, McManigal 503-635-9973
30 Sun - Hoodoo Bt - Potato Hill Lp, Xski D, Miller 484-4586

February

3 Thu - Maiden Peak Cabin, Xski D, Wilken 343-3080
5 Sat - Booth/Square Lakes Loop, Xski D, Hamilton ... 343-6550
5 Sat - Maiden Peak, SSHoe D, Bell 503-884-8829
5 Sat - Salt Creek Falls, SSHoe M, Breslin
6 Sun - Sweet Creek, Hike E, Pierce 344-1775
6 Sun - Iron Mtn, Cone Pk, S Pk Tour, Xski D, Goins 484-1018
11 Fri - Atomic Ranch, Hike, E Cunningham 344-0486
12 Sat - Bechtel Shelter, SSHoe M, Pierce 344-1775
13 Sun - Redtop Mountain, Xski D, Thompson 683-8942
19 Sat - Bechtel Shelter, SSHoe M, Camp 221-1866

Membership Dues: Best Bargain Around But, Are You Late?

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE HAS CHECKED THE RECORDS and noticed that quite a few of you have not renewed your 2010/11 membership yet. Yearly dues were due on Nov. 1, 2010. When you stop and think about it, Obsidians dues are one of the best bargains to be had. For a mere \$30 you get wonderful year-round activities, great lodge events and friendship everywhere you turn.

So please write and mail your check today. While you're at it, consider renewing at one of the premium levels: Silver, Gold, or Platinum, at \$50, \$100, or \$200.

Fill in anything on the form that has *changed* for you from last year: address, phone, email, etc. And please don't neglect to add a volunteer option at the bottom of your Renewal Form. Remember that our club is as great as it is because of all the volunteer hours put in over the last 80+ years. Don't let our side down!

Make checks payable to **Obsidians, Inc.** and send to:

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Thanks, Barb Revere and your Membership Committee





Along Brice Creek. See trip report Page 13. Photo by Jim Pierce

November/December



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