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Dates to Remember

January 24	Sullivan Potluck
January 28	ExploraTalk
February 1	Bulletin deadline
February 5	Board Meeting
February 9	Bus Rally

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 Register-Guard – Outdoors – Tuesday

Annual Bus Trip Rally

Place: Lodge
 Date: Sunday, February 9
 Time: 1 PM to 3 PM

New Obsidian President, Matt Bell

Janet Jacobsen

MATT BELL, THE 86TH PRESIDENT OF THE OBSIDIANS, is the youngest president and the first with a 17-month-old child, Oliver, who is the youngest member in our club. Matt is serving his second term on the board and has been Trail Maintenance Chair since 2010.



Matt grew up on a farm near Gervais, 13 miles north of Salem. He and his siblings spent time outside exploring in the forested areas and nearby Willamette River. Matt said, “I was so little when I started making trails that my brothers and I were only allowed to use sticks to clear the paths through blackberries.” He has worked at filbert tree pruning, garlic planting/harvesting, hops harvesting/drying, cherry picking/loading, and grass seed swathing/combine harvesting. He also worked for Morse Brothers in Harrisburg making concrete beams for bridges. In the years when he had free time, he backpacked. He had several close encounters with bears and was swarmed by butterflies at Separation Lake. His favorite (to date) camping spot is on the rim of Le Conte Crater.

While a student at the U of O, he wanted to know about our club. He went on different Obsidian activities, including a 2005 hike to Battle Axe on the worst road nightmare ever in the author’s car. He went on his first trail maintenance trip in

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Obituaries

Jerry Casby 1935-2013

FORMER MEMBER **JERRY CASBY** passed away in late October after a long illness. He first joined the club in 1983 and participated in 14 trips while a member. He also led several trail maintenance trips. His last trip with the Obsidians was in 1997 with the bus group, to tour the Marine Discovery Museum in Newport.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Melinda Bruce, children and grandchildren.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the Nov. 10th issue of The Register-Guard.

John A. Cecil 1927-2013

THE **OBSDIANS LOST A DEDICATED MEMBER AND FRIEND** when John Cecil passed away suddenly at his home in Bend on Nov. 22. John first joined the Obsidians in 1973 and participated in almost every activity. He did 12 climbs, led numerous trail maintenance trips (even helping rebuild a bridge), led over 100 trips, went to three summer camps and was club president in 1984. With a background in printing, John produced the *Obsidian Bulletin* in the days before there was word processing and the internet. He continued his dedication to the *Bulletin* even after moving to Bend, and would personally deliver the hand-produced master copy to the printer in Eugene every month. But after being the editor for 17 years, he retired his pencil and glue stick and passed the editing on to others. John had a long history of printing and served as a printer's apprentice in his native England. After coming to the U.S., John and his family found their way to Eugene where he worked as a printer for *The Register-Guard* for 22 years.

John is survived by three sons and their families.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the Dec. 3rd issue of The Register-Guard.

Robert Moffitt 1927-2013

BOB **MOFFITT FIRST JOINED THE OBSDIANS IN 1947** and was a member until 1952, then rejoined the club in 1968 and was a member until his death on December 7, 2013. He participated in 60 activities with the club, primarily with the climbing group. He earned his 3-peak and 10-peak awards, going on a total of 13 climbs, and leading three of those climbs. Bob also attended two summer camps. Before earning his medical degree, Bob got his Bachelor's Degree in Forestry and was a smoke jumper and fire lookout in the Cascades during the summer.

Bob is survived by Clara, his wife of 60 years, and their five children. A Celebration of Life will be held on January 18, 2014 at the Willamalane Center.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the Dec. 19th issue of The Register-Guard.

William F. Morse 1921-2013

BILL **FIRST BECAME A MEMBER IN 1979** with a climb of Mt. Baldy and went on five trips before letting his membership lapse in 1980. He rejoined the Obsidians in 2004 and went to summer camp, which was held that year in Sequim, WA. His last trip with the club was a bus trip to Oregon City in 2012. During his years of membership Bill would act as driver when his wife Lois would lead trips for the club. Bill and Lois were generous contributors to the Lodge remodel. A bench on the main trail of Mt. Pisgah was been erected in Bill's honor.

Bill is survived by his wife of 69 years, three children and their families.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the Dec. 10th issue of The Register-Guard.

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November 2006, and discovered that trail maintenance was like a repeat of adventures from his childhood. He joined the Obsidians in February 2007 and became the Trail Maintenance chair in 2010. He has participated in 64 trail maintenance activities, leading 52 of them. He led his first trail maintenance at Amazon Headwaters in February, 2008. He has also gone on climbs, hikes, and led 13 snowshoe trips, where he has a reputation for 6:00 AM departures.

Matt graduated from the U of O with a BA in Business Administration in 2004, and an MBA in 2009. He is the Lead Content Analyst and Product Coordinator at the Oregon Career Information System, a nonprofit connected with the College of Education, that supports career development needs of Oregonians. He and his wife Betsy have one child, Oliver.

Since he became involved with Obsidian trail maintenance, Matt has developed a close relationship with the Eugene Parks and Open Space staff to plan the monthly work projects. Matt spearheaded the Obsidians adopting the Ridgeline Trails between Fox Hollow and Willamette including Spencer Butte. He takes a leadership role in showing volunteers how to dig, muck, plant, shovel, prune, build trails, choose the right stone for a wall, and even how to steer the motorized wheelbarrows. He once led a bucket brigade with 20 volunteers carrying gravel up the west trail.

When the big storm hit in March 2012, he and his committee members led additional work projects to help the city clear the trails. He designed and instituted the new trail maintenance patch awarded to trail maintenance volunteers at annual meetings. He also has presented humorous awards to volunteers acknowledging their hard work.

Matt received the Eugene Parks Foundation Hero Award on April 27, 2012. The words on the trophy state *Best Lead Role Eugene Parks Foundation 2012 Community Hero Matthew Bell and The Obsidians*. Elle Weaver, past president, wrote "For all of us who regularly use the Ridgeline Trail, we sincerely appreciate all the sweat and effort that goes into keeping the trails open and attractive. It's one of Eugene's jewels. Congratulations, Matt and the Obsidians."

In his trail maintenance trip reports, Matt describes volunteers as hardy, undaunted, impressive, indomitable, and enthusiastic. He once wrote, "We got a lot done but there is definitely more to do." He can't do it alone! Join Matt to make this a successful year for all Obsidian activities. Ask Matt or any of the committee chairs how you can contribute. Sign up for a trail maintenance project. He promises good weather and snacks for participants. The next trail maintenance is Saturday, January 25. Contact Matt at trails@obsidians.org

Congratulations and thank you, Matt.

December Board Notes

December 4, 2013

By Susan Wanser

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Susan Wanser, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were: Oliver Bell, Anne Bonine, Don Colgan, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Brian Hamilton, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Shellie Robertson, and Jorry Rolfe. The Board approved the minutes of the November 2013 meeting.

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 (Tom Musselwhite): The summer trips season has ended with 55 leaders completing 155 trips of the 180 trips scheduled this summer. The 830 members and 279 nonmembers paid \$1,658 in trip fees.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): Winter trips has completed 5 hikes so far this season, with 28 members and 5 nonmembers.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing in November and there will be no outings in December. November trail maintenance had ten participants: nine members and one nonmember. 2013 trail maintenance participation included eleven outings in Spencer Butte Park and two outings with the Forest Service. There were 132 total participants including 111 members and 21 nonmembers working an estimated 434 hours.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): Bus committee members are finalizing plans for the December 10 Holiday Luncheon at the Lodge. We will meet again on December 16 to continue work on plans for 2014. The 2014 extended bus trip will be April 6 -12 to Death Valley National Park.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Matt Peterson of the US Forest Service will explain road plans for the Willamette National Forest and seeks our input on Dec. 17.

Publication (Lou Maenz): The *Bulletin* was sent to 235 people. There will be no December *Bulletin*.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Sixty-two people attended the fascinating presentation by Erin McKittrick and her husband Hig about their many amazing journeys throughout Alaska both before and after the addition of two children to their family.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Currently there are 512 Members. Reminder emails and letters will be sent out to those who have not renewed.

Publicity (Jorry Rolfe): The flyers and monthly events calendar are updated on the website as of December 1. Many thanks to John Jacobsen for sorting out the details, and to Sharon Cutsforth and Kathy Hoeg who sent in the well-done flyers for the potluck and the bus trips. Also, to Darko who posts our monthly calendars around town and on *Craigslis*t. Chairs are encouraged to look at their web pages and see if the information is current, since our publicity flyers continually refer members and guests to the web page for details and/or online signup.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 1,953 photos in 152 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery, up from 1,857 photos in 145 albums in November.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): The committee prepared a proposed 2014 Obsidian budget.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the trips and activities which appeared in the November *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Leaves, fir needles, more leaves, more fir needles, branches fallen down and even more leaves—I think they are all cleared from the drives and parking areas unless we get a big wind storm.

Ad Hoc Construction (John Jacobsen): During November we finished the metal roof, windows/doors, eyebrow roof, and insulation and have the Obsidian storage building completely and securely enclosed. The insulation contractor took over a week to complete what we thought would be a day job. At this point, with the storage building being weather tight, we are not in a rush to finish. The electrical work, interior sheathing, gutters and paint/finishes remain to be completed. Planning on the interior shelving, racks, etc. is under way, but work on that component will probably not get rolling until after the holidays. Gutter work has yet to be bid. Paint/finishing is being put off until spring when the weather is more conducive to that activity. To date we have spent \$41,212. I am still projecting coming in with a final cost under the \$50,000 approved by the Board. The costs of the shelving, racks and other interior layout work is not included in the costing above since I anticipate doing that work with the \$6,000 transferred from the Summer Camp Fund to the Contingency Fund for use on the construction but not part of the original \$50,000 approved by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Colgan was elected as Vice President for 2014 and Stewart Hoeg presented the 2014 Budget.

Matt Bell presented the 2014 Committee Chairs as follows: Ad Hoc Construction, John Jacobsen; By-Ways by Bus, Liz Reanier; Climbs, Brian Hamilton (temporary); Concessions, Patty MacAfee; Conservation, Science, & Education, Joella Ewing; Entertainment, Susan Wanser; Extended Trips, Chris Stockdale; Finance, Stewart Hoeg; Lodge Building, Doug Nelson; Lodge Grounds, John Jacobsen; Librarian/Historian, Lenore McManigal; Membership, Elle Weaver; On-Line, Wayne Deeter; Publications, Lou Maenz; Publicity, To be determined; Safety, Pat Esch; Summer Camp, Lana Lindstrom; Summer Trips, Tom Musselwhite; Trail Maintenance, Matt Bell; Winter Trips, Anne Bonine; Youth, vacant.

The Board approved Janet Jacobsen to contact the U of O to obtain access to materials that the Obsidians donated to the University of Oregon Library Special Collections Archives in order to create a digital record of those materials for the Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was decided that the next Board meeting will be on January 8 at 6 PM. The meeting adjourned for food at La Oficina.

January Board Notes

January 8, 2014

By Susan Wanser

President Matt Bell called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were: Don Colgan, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, Tom Musselwhite, Shellie Robertson, Susan Wanser and Elle Weaver. Also present were: Anne Bonine, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Patty MacAfee and Doug Nelson.

The Board approved minutes of the December 2013 meeting.

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 (Tom Musselwhite): Proposed members are Tom Musselwhite, Don Colgan, Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Tom Giesen, Brian Hamilton, Joanne Ledet, Lana Lindstrom, Judy Terry, Elle Weaver, Lyndell Wilken and Jim Woodard.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): Winter trips completed five hikes. Proposed members are Anne Bonine, John Cooper, Judy Terry and Elle Weaver.

Climbs (Brian Hamilton): The Climbs Committee has begun planning the 2014 Climb School. Tentative dates for classes are Thursdays, April 3 and 10 for the classroom sessions at the Lodge and field sessions on Saturday, April 5, Sunday, April 6, and Saturday, April 12. Proposed members are Brian Hamilton, Dave Beardsley, Sue Carey, Wayne Deeter, Danni Harris, Doug Nelson, Alexander Palen, Shellie Robertson and Dalen Wilhite.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): We haven't had an outing yet this year. The schedule of local outings has been tentatively approved by EPOS. Proposed members are Matt Bell-Chair, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore and Todd Larsen.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): Eight bus trips were successfully completed in 2013 with a total of 230 riders. Proposed members are Liz Reanier, Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Ray Jensen, Verna Kocken, Lenore McManigal (Auditor), Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Janet Speelman, Dick Speelman and Mary Ellen West.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Proposed members are Lana Lindstrom, Don Doerr, Steve Johnson, Chris Stockdale, Nancy Whitfield and Elle Weaver.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): Proposed members are Chris Stockdale, Jim Duncan, Pat Esch, Lana Lindstrom, Helen Martz and Nancy Whitfield.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Seventeen people attended the December 17 ExploraTalk and \$17 was collected. Proposed members are Joella Ewing, Tom Giesen, Jennifer Haynes, Tom Musselwhite, Mike Piehl and Dave Predeek.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Proposed members are Susan Wanser, Joella Ewing, Carol Fairbanks, Laurie Funkhouser, Judy Garwood, Sheila Guilder, Kathy Hoeg, Yuan Hopkins, Lana Lindstrom and Mary Livingston.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Proposed members are Elle Weaver, Sharon Cutsforth, Laurie Funkhouser, Kate Parrish and Diane Schechter.

Publicity (Mary Hamilton): Proposed members are Mary Hamilton, Brian Hamilton, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolf and Darko Sojak.

Concessions (Patty MacAfee): Proposed members are Patty Mac Afee, Barbara Aten and Keiko Bryan.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Proposed members are Wayne Deeter, Jan Anselmo, John Jacobsen, and Shellie Robertson.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Proposed members are Stewart Hoeg, Barb Bruns, Dan Christiansen, Lana Lindstrom, Stephen McCaffrey and Liz Reanier.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the trips which will appear in the January Bulletin, have already been recorded. The records of Members who have died recently have been sent to the *Bulletin*.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): Proposed members are Doug Nelson, Brian Hamilton, John Jacobsen and Cat Nelson.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Proposed members are John Jacobsen, Max Brown, Sue Carey, Rob Castleberry, Wayne Deeter, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Chuck Gibson, Dick Hildreth, Scott Hovis, Brenda Kameenui, Gary Kirk, Ken Kodama, Joanne Ledet, Craig Molitor, Doug Nelson, Mike Piehl, Dave Predeek, Chris Shuraleff, Randall Sinnott, Sam Tracer, Jim Whitfield and Tom Woxell.

Safety (Pat Esch): Proposed members are Patricia Esch, Anne Bonine, Brian Hamilton, Verna Kocken, Tom Musselwhite, Nancy Whitfield and Lyndell Wilken.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the 2014 Budget as submitted by Stewart. Stewart explained how the carpooling rate is calculated and the Board has agreed to leave the carpooling rate at \$.09/mile for 2014.

The Board approved all Committee Members as presented by the Committee Chairs at the meeting or by email.

The Board discussed numerous concerns that have been voiced about leaders' abilities and responsibilities.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There is a proposed PUD to include 20 homes on 12 acres with Hendricks Park serving as the northern border and the Ribbon Trail serving as the eastern border.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on February 5 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at The Bier Stein.

Slowly but Surely

John Jacobsen

OUR INCREDIBLE TEAM OF **OBSIDIAN VOLUNTEERS** is closing in on completion of the new storage garage near the Obsidian Lodge. The structure was weather-tight by Thanksgiving, so all involved could breathe a bit easier knowing we were no longer in such a rush. That was lucky, since the follow-up work which we had contracted (insulation and electrical) has taken weeks rather than the days planned for. But slowly and surely the contractors completed their work, and by the New Year we are waiting to get the final electrical inspection. Once we have the electrical blessed, the interior sheathing can proceed, after which we will be ready for final inspection.

Then it will be time to figure out the shelving, racks and other interior storage requirements and hopefully get going on that construction soon thereafter. The exterior finish application is being delayed until spring when the weather is warmer and drier.

It has been really fun to be around the Lodge when someone comes by that hasn't seen our new storage garage yet. Almost without exception they are amazed at how good the new building looks and how well it fits in with the Lodge and the grounds. Credit for designing our new building so that it fits in so well goes to Obsidian member, volunteer and professional architect, Brian Hamilton.



Trip Reports & Other Activities



Hikes

Fall Creek
September 14, 2013
Leader: Jane Hackett
Hike: 6 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

FALL CREEK WAS A GREAT HIKE. We left Eugene in gray and misty weather, and by the time we reached the Lowell Bridge we were in the sun. We enjoyed the sun and the walk along the creek. We lunched under a bridge near a babbling brook. It was a great day. Members: Roberta Chord, Trenton Edwards, Jane Hackett, Dick Hildreth, Verlean McCoy, Brian Popowsky, Lamonte Smith, Jean Stover. Nonmembers: Alan Curtis, Judy Sinnott.

Tamolitch Pool to Clear Lake
October 26, 2013
Leader: Becky Lipton
Hike: 10 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

NINE EAGER HIKERS LEFT EUGENE deeply blanketed in fog and headed up the McKenzie Highway for a fall treat. We quickly broke out of the fog and into sun not far up the highway. The trail was brilliantly lit by the golden fall lighting, interesting mushroom shapes abounded, and the changing landscape and water features were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Sun bathing and water dippers occupied us at lunch. Members: Keiko Bryan, Jennifer Haynes, Dick Hildreth, Becky Lipton, Patty Morrow, Nola Nelson, Brian Popowsky. Nonmembers: Caroline Forell.

North Fork Willamette
October 27, 2013
Leader: Jane Hackett
Hike: 7 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

EIGHT OF US LEFT EUGENE ON AN OVERCAST DAY and headed to Westfir to hike the lower three miles of the trail. The hike could have been longer, but the top two-thirds of the trail was roped off for logging (for a change, I checked this hike out on Saturday when it was very sunny and beautiful, and made this discovery). We all enjoyed this easy low elevation hike along the river. The end of the trip was especially nice, as the Westfir B&B agreed to make a pot of coffee and invited us in to sit by the wood stove and warm up. Hik-

ing back to the cars involved some rain, so this B&B treat was very welcome. Members: Don Cross, Jane Hackett, Holger Krentz, Laurie Marshall, Judy Sinnott, Richard Sundt. Nonmembers: Grant Jenkins, Kathy Wheatley.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte
October 30, 2013
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

BLUE SKIES AND SUN helped us welcome May Fogg back from her thirty-day walk on the El Camino in Spain. May said that the rock scramble on top was harder than anything that she encountered on her pilgrimage. On the way down, we had time for our two forestry experts, Craig Molitor and Bob Johnson, to identify trees and then test the leader. Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Bob Johnson, Craig Molitor, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young.

Middle Fork Path/Dorris Ranch
November 1, 2013
Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 8 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THE NEW MIDDLE FORK PATH WAS DEDICATED a week before our hike. The Willamalane description reads, "The four-mile-long, ten-foot-wide pathway now runs from Clearwater Park all the way to Dorris Ranch, opening up a previously inaccessible stretch of the Middle Fork Willamette River." The new section has fencing and connecting concrete blocks to prevent erosion, protect sensitive areas and private property. The sun appeared as we hiked east. On the way back, we took a forest trail through the ranch and orchards. We welcomed soon-to-be member Barbara Gunther. Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Ruth Romoser. Nonmembers: Barbara Gunther.



Cascadia and House Rock
November 3, 2013
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Photographer: Holger Krentz
Hike: 6 miles, 650 ft. (Easy)



IF YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO READ MY TRIP REPORT, view Holger Krentz's photo journal in the gallery on the Obsidian home page. Leaves covering the trail, slime mold on tree trunks, and a plethora of mushrooms provided colorful landscapes for an almost dry day of hiking historic trails. We left Eugene at 8:00 AM and headed for Sweet Home and Cascadia Park, where we hiked to Lower Soda Creek Falls, Soda Springs, and along the Santiam River. Nancy Whitfield shared her childhood experiences and guided us to unexpected places. Rain threatened at 12:15 while we were enjoying my pumpkin apple muffins with apple butter, so we packed up and drove ten miles up Highway 20 to the Santiam Wagon Road trailhead. The two-mile House Rock Loop took us by a waterfall and the historic rock cavern where pioneers took shelter. Back at the cars around 2:00, the heavy rain gave notice that it was time to head back home. We thank Bill Sullivan for his trail and historical descriptions in his *100 Hikes in Central Oregon Cascades*. Members: Anne Bonine, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Susan Sanazaro, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Barbara Theus, Kathy Marciniak.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte
November 6, 2013
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE SUN TEASED US through **THE CLOUDS** with thoughts of a strong dose of vitamin D. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Craig Molitor, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young.

Eel Creek
November 9, 2013
Leader: Jane Hackett
Photographer: Holger Krentz
Hike: 6 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

THIS IS THE TWENTY-NINTH TIME I have led the Eel Creek

Hike, which I consider the best of the dune hikes. It is well worth the two hour and fifteen minute drive to the Dellenback Trailhead south of Reedsport. The broad expanse of



dunes offers spectacular hiking and views. The weather was perfect. We were relieved to find a dry trail through the deflation plain. Last year, we waded through water up to our knees. There was no sign of civilization on the beach except for the two ultra-light planes, which flew over while we ate our lunch. A stop at Florence for pumpkin spice pecan coffee drinks gave us a lift for our drive home. Thanks to Holger Krentz who posted photos on the Obsidian *Members Only* gallery. Members: Joella Ewing, Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Cindy Rust, Michelle Tambellini, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Diane Kurz.

Amanda Trail
November 9, 2013
Leader & Photographer: Jim Pierce
Hike: 6 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)



WE CHANGED THE HIKE TO A ONE-WAY SHUTTLE TRIP. Despite recent rains, the trail was very pleasant. We hiked up Cape Perpetua on the Amanda Trail and down on the south side to the Visitor Center. Even in November, we saw seven different wild flowers, six kinds of ferns and a dozen types of colorful funguses. Members: Barbara Aten, Chuck Eyers, Tom Giesen, Lisa Grissell, Jim Pierce, Susan Sanazaro, Tom Woxell.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

November 13, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

WE THOUGHT FOR SURE that we would break out of the clouds into the sun once we reached the top. It was another rerun of *Obsidians in the Mist*. Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Craig Molitor, David Reinhard, Rick Sanford, Tommy Young.

Pinard, Moon, and Spirit Falls

November 15, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen, Asst: Craig Molitor

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3 miles, 630 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS SEVENTY MILES ROUND-TRIP from Cottage Grove to the trailheads for the three waterfalls. Walking downhill in the lush forest to each waterfall, it was eerily quiet until we heard the sounds of cascading water. Boy Scouts constructed the trail to Spirit Falls and asked *that* the falls be named for the spirit of scouting. Old maps do not show the Pinard Falls trail built in 2007. After our hikes, it started to rain with some slushy snowflakes near Moon Falls at 3,040 feet. I recommend Sullivan's book *100 Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades* for clear directions, especially to Moon Falls. We stopped at the Cottage Grove Ranger Station (open week-



days) for a free map and brochure. Members: Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Craig Molitor, Susan Sanazaro.

Tahkenitch Dunes

November 16, 2013

Leader: Jonathan Jost

Hike: 7 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

THE GROUP SET OUT AT 10:30 AM in overcast, calm conditions. Proceeding in a clockwise direction, we hiked through the wooded section (encountering some light showers) and stopped for lunch at the high ground just prior to entering the dunes. The weather improved, the sun occasionally breaking through, and the threat of rain passed, so the group agreed to return via the beach rather than following the poles through the dunes. All in all we had a pleasant hike, we had pleasant weather, and we enjoyed several stops along the way to observe the mushrooms, salamanders, shells and driftwood. Members: Jonathan Jost, Susan Sanazaro, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Lynn Stearney.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

November 20, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

BY THE TIME WE REACHED FOX HOLLOW TRAILHEAD, we were warm with expectations of sun and a view. Hats and gloves were needed on top where it was ten degrees colder and bits of ice were clinging to the rocks. Bob Johnson served hot chocolate to go with my muffins while we stood shrouded in a cold cloud. Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Bob Johnson, Craig Molitor, Tommy Young.

Alton Baker Park/Whilamut Area

November 24, 2013

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 6 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS SUNNY! We started at the Nobel Peace Park in honor of twenty-four U.S. winners and then meandered our way to the waterfalls at Autzen Stadium and eventually Island Park.



The highlight was viewing two new art projects on the north and south embankments of the Canoe Canal under the Whilamut Passage Bridge. *Transportation Crossover*, honoring the Kalapuya culture, is a river scene etched into concrete. On the other side are fifteen stone tiles symbolizing

the life cycle of the blue camas flower. Our return trip took us by the Willamette River sparkling in the sunlight. The walk took two hours and fifteen minutes. Members: Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Kathy Wheatley.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

November 27, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)



AFTER THREE WEDNESDAYS OF DISMAL CLOUDS at the top, we finally had a Chamber of Commerce kind of day with sun, blue skies, and views of snow-capped mountains. Thanks to our Butte Top Beverage Service, Bob Johnson, for the hot drinks. Holger pointed out a sundog, a “colored patch of light to the left of the sun, 22 degrees distant and at the same distance above the horizon as the sun, and in ice halos”. Members: Lisa Grissell, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Bob Johnson, Holger Krentz, Tommy Young.

Turkey Trimming

November 29, 2013

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 6.5 miles, 750 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A GREAT TIME WALKING UP AND DOWN HILLS and through the woods on the day after Thanksgiving. Starting at Amazon Community Center, we walked up to the Lodge, on the Ribbon Trail into Glenwood, and back through Hendricks Park. It was an excellent way to work off some of the calories we ingested the previous day! Although the sun was shining, it was cold enough that we had to exercise caution on several icy streets. It was a particularly convivial group, with most of us meeting a new friend or two during the hike. Members: Lynda Christiansen, David Hawkins, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, Jonathan Jost, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom, Sue Meyers, Ruth Romoser, Susan Sanazaro, Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Ruthy Kanagy, Lynn Stearney.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

December 4, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

DRESSED WARMLY FOR A COLD HIKE, we soon shed a layer

of clothing. We were able to walk around the spots of ice on the rocks to bask in the sun on top. The views of snow-capped mountains were crystal clear. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Craig Molitor, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

December 18, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE DAY OF OUR HIKE, the *Register-Guard's* front page featured a photo of Spencer Butte with the caption, “Island in the Sky”. Unfortunately for us, the island was shrouded with mist when we reached the top. We did wonder about the lost mittens, caps, and eye glasses on the trail. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Craig Molitor, Tommy Young.

Mt. Pisgah/Winter Solstice

December 21, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Dan Gilmore

Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Easy)



AFTER RECORD-BREAKING LOW TEMPERATURES, it was a surprise to have warm weather for the solstice hike. Eighteen of us, plus other random Obsidians, joined a crowd of people on top to await the solstice magic at 4:37 PM. It was another surprise when it started to rain right at sunset. There was no time to ponder meaningful insights for the beginning of winter. We quickly headed down the hill. Nine of us met up at Track Town for pizza. Members: Rick Ahrens, Mari Baldwin, Clara Emlen, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Lou Maenz, Dave Predeek, Jorry Rolfe, Cindy Rust, Susan Sanazaro, Diane Schechter, Randall Sinnott, Fumiyo Tao, Sam Tracer, Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Steve Cordon, Anna Gerner.



Bike Trips

McKenzie View-Bottom Loop

October 27, 2013

Leader: Guy Strahon

Bike: 30 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

FIVE HARDY, RESILIENT, INTREPID, MATURE BIKE RIDERS took off from the ShopKo parking lot (Coburg Rd.) for an autumn bike ride on Sunday, October 27th. The fall colors were beautiful, and leaves were gently falling from the trees as we rode out McKenzie View Road. By the time we reached Hill Road, the fog/mist had turned to falling rain. Being hungry as well as hardy, we rode on to Coburg for our lunch break at the Coburg Pizza Company. There we warmed up with hot beverages and warm food. The rain intensified and did not quit as we had hoped, so we bagged the ride. We rode back to ShopKo a little damp, but feeling proud of ourselves for having ridden 21 miles in less-than-perfect conditions. Members: Anne Bonine, Barbara Bruns, Don Orton, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry.



Trail Maintenance

Obsidian Limited Entry Area - Part Two

August 30, 2013

Leader: Todd Larsen

Trail Maintenance: 12 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

I MET UP WITH THREE OTHER VOLUNTEERS along with two forest service rangers for a quick pre-trip safety meeting at the ranger station early Friday morning. We then started our hike up to Sunshine Meadow and got over the lava before it was too hot. We encountered quite a few PCT thru-hikers as we worked on building check dams in the Sunshine Meadow user trail on Friday. As the day wore on, we also saw quite a few groups backpacking into the Obsidian area for the holiday weekend. On Saturday, we were joined by a couple more volunteers and another forest service ranger. We were able to make good headway on the trail with this many people! We were also taught how to make water bars since some areas of the trail were going to encounter a

lot of water. Sunday consisted of a quick hike up to Arrowhead Lake before heading back to the trailhead.

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance

October 26, 2013

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)



FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING we continued our work to improve the Ridgeline Trail up from the Willamette & 52nd trailhead. We again met up with Christer from EPOS and worked to add rock retaining walls, gravel, and clear drain features such as ditches, culverts and open drains. Clara and Roberta worked to clear the trailsides of overhanging vegetation. Jim and Dan operated the power-wheelbarrows that kept us supplied with gravel and rocks. A slight source of amusement was the breaking of the on-off switch on the City's newest power-wheelbarrow, which was made light-hearted by Dan's ability to get it running without the knob of the switch being on the machine. Tom worked to add a retaining wall to ease the slope of a climbing turn on a switchback and even Oliver tried to help level the foundations for the rocks. Members: Matthew Bell, Oliver Bell, Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeek, Jim Whitfield, Sue Wolling, Tom Woxell. Non-members: John Ballantine, Marie Labrecque, Betsy Bell, Leah Fischer, Rebecca Wolle.

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance

November 30, 2013

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE WORKED WITH JOSH OF EPOS to continue to revegetate areas near the West Trail. For the past few years, we have held plantings in November to try to fast track the recovery of the areas in between the switchbacks we lined with fencing. For this effort, we met at the Willamette & 52nd trailhead and hiked in to the switchbacks and began to



dig up sword ferns for transplanting. We loaded the ferns into the power wheelbarrows until they were too full to see over. We then returned to the trailhead and drove up to the main parking lot, hiked up the West Trail, and planted the sword ferns we'd dug up. We also planted twenty-five big leaf maples from the City's Native Plant Nursery and some additional sword ferns we collected from near the West Trail. We also placed some additional sticks and logs around the plantings to help protect them. The area looked much improved with the addition of mature sword ferns. Hopefully, this addition will continue the area's recovery. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeek, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Leland Hitt.

Summer Trips Roundup
September 24, 2013
Leader: Tom Musselwhite

WE STARTED OUT WITH A LOOK at trekker Chris Stockdale's lightweight, three-day/two-night backpack setup, and compared its contents to Sam Tracer's itemized list for his sixty-five pound bone-crushing pack. From there we moved from a *Roundup* to a *Round Table* and most everyone present took the opportunity to toss something into the Summer Trips discussion. A good event—worth doing again next year. Members: Alexander Ellis, Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Tom Giesen, Mary Livingston, Tom Musselwhite, Chris Stockdale, Judy Terry, Sam Tracer, Elle Weaver and Jim Whitfield.

Diamond Creek Falls Loop

Lyndell Wilkens

I F YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE, you might try the Diamond Creek Falls Loop, which is located just past the tunnel on Highway 58. The trail has been refurbished with new diamonds and signs, by trail adopter Scott Hovis and the High Cascades Forest Volunteer Winter Trail Program. The drive is shorter than going to the Willamette Pass area, and the Salt Creek Sno-Park just past the tunnel offers a place to park, with restrooms. You must walk back over the bridge that you drove in on to start the trail.

The trail follows the summer access road to Salt Creek Falls before veering left toward a creek crossing. One must cross the bridge over the creek to do the loop. If the snow is deep the bridge may be a challenge for some people as the snow depth can be above the bridge handrails. If you do cross the bridge you are on your way to the falls. There are several ways one can go. Some do an out-and-back by turning right at the Loop sign and returning the same way. Or, you can do a complete circle by going either right or left, as both ways will eventually get to Diamond Creek Falls. Distance is moderate at 4.5 miles round trip from the parking lot. The trail is marked with blue diamonds.

The Willamette Pass Winter Recreation map is an excellent resource and guide for the trip. The map features an inset of the Salt Creek area trails. Maps are available at the

Westfir ranger station (\$7) on Highway 58 during week days, or at REI (\$12) in Eugene.



Exploring Death Valley, Sierra Nevada & NE California



THIS SPECTACULAR BELOW-SEA-LEVEL BASIN combines the hottest, driest, and lowest points in North America. Steady drought and record summer heat make Death Valley a land of extremes, but each extreme has a striking contrast. Towering peaks are frosted with winter snow. Rare rainstorms bring vast fields of wildflowers. Lush oases harbor tiny fish and provide refuge for wildlife and humans. Despite its morbid name, a great diversity of life survives across this harsh but beautiful landscape. (Source: *National Park Service*)

Registration is now open for the April 6–12, 2014 bus trip to visit one of the natural wonders of the world—Death Valley and surrounding areas. As we travel south (and back home) from Eugene through the Cascades and NE California we will enjoy spectacular scenery, back roads, rugged mountains, exciting adventures, and of course, good food. All lodging fees, daily breakfast, tips, two lunches, admission fees, and coffee break the first day are included in cost of the trip.

Highlights of this trip led by Barbara & Paul Beard will be:

- A night at the beautifully remodeled 20-story Grand Sierra Resort Hotel in Reno and a night at the Furnace Creek Ranch at Death Valley.
- Tour of Scotty's Castle, in Death Valley, described as a window into the life and times of the Roaring '20s and Depression '30s.
- Sightseeing within Death Valley National Park to include Bad Water Basin and Stovepipe Wells. We will be accompanied by a park ranger guide who will give us special insight into the valley.
- Visit to Maturango and Twenty Mule Team Museums; learn the history of borax mining.
- Travel scenic Hwy. 395 with views of Mt. Whitney and Lake Tahoe.
- Lunch (included) at Heaven on Earth Restaurant, Azalea, OR, famous for plate-sized cinnamon rolls.
- All this and more in the comfort of a luxury motor coach with an experienced driver who has worked as a volunteer at Death Valley.

Complete details will be available at the Bus Rally, February 9, 1:00 PM at the Lodge.

Cost: Members \$850, nonmembers \$864. \$300 deposit due January 5, 2014 to guarantee your space. \$300 due February 5, and balance due March 15. Early registration is recommended.

Questions: Call Barbara Beard at 994-2337

Reservations & checks to: Barbara Payne, 39478 Walterville Lane, Springfield, Or 97478, 746-1964.

Bus Trip Rally

THE ANNUAL BUS TRIP RALLY WILL BE AT THE LODGE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014, FROM 1 PM TO 3 PM. Snacks and beverages will be available. The long bus trip this year will be to Death Valley, from April 6–12, 2014. Come to hear about this trip and many others. Leaders will be available to answer any questions about the trips. Sign up for the trips you want to take.

Upcoming Activities

Spring Skiing/Snowshoeing at Crater Lake

Friday–Sunday, April 4-6, 2014

Leader: Chris Stockdale

Cost: \$95 members, \$100 nonmembers



ONCE AGAIN, WE WILL BE HEADING TO CRATER LAKE for a weekend of playing in the snow, eating, drinking and socializing. For the second time, we will be staying at the historic Union Creek Resort where our group will have exclusive use of the lodge including the kitchen, living room with enormous fireplace, and game room. The comfortable, clean rooms are all equipped with wash basins, coffee makers, microwaves and mini-refrigerators. We will share bathrooms down the hall (showers and toilets). On Friday night you will have the option of eating at Beckie's Café across the road (good, inexpensive food) or preparing your own food in the kitchen. Breakfast and lunch are on your own, but you'll have plenty of room to store provisions in the large refrigerator. On Saturday evening we'll have a group dinner in the lodge.

Ski and snowshoe trips will be organized at the lake on Saturday; hiking options are available with the Union Creek and Upper Rogue River trails just across the road.

All participants will have their own bed; couples may request a king or queen bed; and no more than two people will be assigned to each room. Cost for this trip is \$95 members, \$100 nonmembers and includes accommodations and dinner on Saturday. Online registration will begin on January 15th and members will have exclusive signup ability until February 1st when registration is open to nonmembers. To reserve your spot, sign up online and send a nonrefundable deposit of \$15 (check payable to the Obsidians) to Chris Stockdale, 32665 W. Saginaw Road, Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Email: happyhiker2010@hotmail.com. Phone: 767-3668.

Frenchglen, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

May 16–18, 2014

Leader: Marianne Camp

AN EXTENDED TRIP LED BY MARIANNE CAMP has been scheduled for the May 16–18 weekend in Frenchglen, which is about 60 miles south of Burns, adjacent to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in southeastern Oregon. Malheur Wildlife Refuge is one of the most important freshwater marshes in the western U.S. Three major bird migration corridors within the Pacific Flyway converge here, creating a way station for all kinds of birds—waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, and birds of prey. Our very own Rick Ahrens will be participating on the trip as the resident naturalist. The focus of this trip is birding; bring your binoculars!

Trip participants will be staying in the historic Frenchglen Hotel, which was established in 1916 and is a popular destination for people from all over the world. Many historical sites are close by—the Alvord Desert is just an hour away and Steens Mountain is right outside the hotel's front door (snow levels will prevent driving to its top so early in the year).

The hotel's evening meal is served family style and is good downhome cooking. It will provide a nice setting for sharing the day's adventures. The most popular dessert is homemade marionberry cobbler a-la-mode. The hotel has eight rooms, each with double beds and shared bathrooms down the hall. A newer motel style addition has five rooms with queen beds and private baths. The cost of the trip will depend on your desired unit and occupancy. Breakfast and lunch are not included in the cost.



Prices, which include your room and dinners for both Friday and Saturday, are:

Double bed rooms, single occupancy, \$215; double occupancy, \$270.

Queen bed rooms (private bath) single occupancy, \$295; double occupancy, \$350.

Nonmembers, add \$5 each.

Signup begins January 15th for Obsidian members only;

nonmembers will be able to sign up starting January 31st.

Additional information regarding the logistics of the trip will be provided at a pre-trip meeting.

Questions: Email Marianne Camp at campmarianne@gmail.com

Strawberry Wilderness Summer Camp

August 1–6, 2014

Lana Lindstrom, Camp CEO

Cost: \$270 members



HIKING, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS, eating three meals a day prepared for you, and not even doing the dishes...for five straight days! And it's only about a 6.5-hour drive. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

Summer Camp this year is near the Strawberry Wilderness area in Central Oregon. We will be based at Lake Creek Camp (www.lakecreekcamp.com), a facility which is 35 miles southeast of the town of John Day. Attractions of this area include the beautiful U-shaped glacial gorges. If you don't already have a copy of Bill Sullivan's Eastern Oregon book, you may want to purchase one—he describes six hikes in the area.

This camp will be a bit different than our usual ones.

- It is only 5 days, starting on Friday, August 1 and ending Wednesday, August 6.
- Lake Creek has ten single room cabins, each with ten beds. They also have extensive grounds and a meeting/dining facility. Participants can choose to stay in the cabins (self-assigned) or in their tents or RVs. Regardless of where you sleep, everyone will use the bath houses which have flush toilets and hot showers.

- Lake Creek staff will prepare our breakfasts and dinners. They will also set out the fixings for lunch.
- There are no chores!

Because the facility charges a fixed cost per person which includes housing and meals, the cost of camp is more expensive than usual—\$270 for adult members. The Summer Camp Committee expects most members to pay the full registration fee. However, if you need help a hardship subsidy of \$50 is available to members only.

Registration will open in mid-March and will be limited to 100 individuals. Full payment will be required when you register.

So stay tuned! Each successive *Bulletin* will have additional information.



Saturday, January 18, 2:00 to 5:00 PM

A River Runs Through It—Restoring the South Meadow Floodplain

Jason Blazar, Stewardship Coordinator for the Friends

Sunday, February 2nd, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

TNC's Willamette Confluence Preserve, Lower Middle Fork Complex—A New Perspective

John Helmer, volunteer for the Friends and The Nature Conservancy

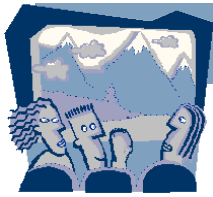
Saturday, March 2nd, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Breaking Trail—The Art and Science of Building Trails

Jim Nelson, former USFS Hydrologist and Trail Chair for the Friends

Tours are limited to 20 people, so registration is required. To register or for more information, go to www.bufordpark.org/tours or call Lyn at 344-8350. Registration opens 30 days before the tour.

At The Lodge



POTLUCK

New Hikes in NW Oregon & SW Washington

Friday, January 24 at 6:30 PM

HIKING GURU **WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN** takes us on a slide show tour of new and changed trails he discovered for the new fourth edition of *100 Hikes in Northwest Oregon & Southwest Washington*, released in April 2013. We'll find a hidden lake at Mt. Adams, hike to a wildflower hill above Hood River, explore a new path to Fish Creek Mountain, and see what's been changed by the fires at Mt. Hood. As always, expect anecdotes about geology, history, and wildlife along the way.

Sullivan has written four novels and a dozen nonfiction books about the Northwest, including *Hiking Oregon's History*, *Oregon Favorites*, and *The Case of D.B. Cooper's Parachute*. His journal of a 1000-mile hike he took across Oregon, *Listening for Coyote*, was chosen by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission as one of Oregon's "100 Books," the 100 most significant books in the state's history.

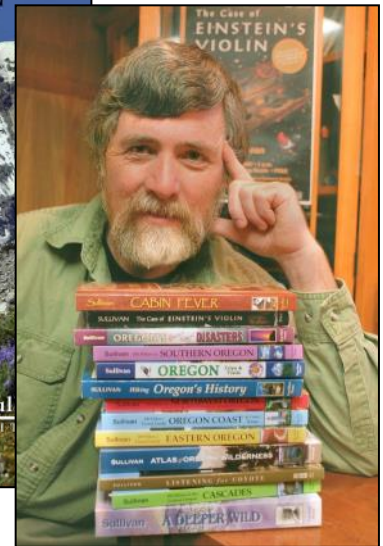
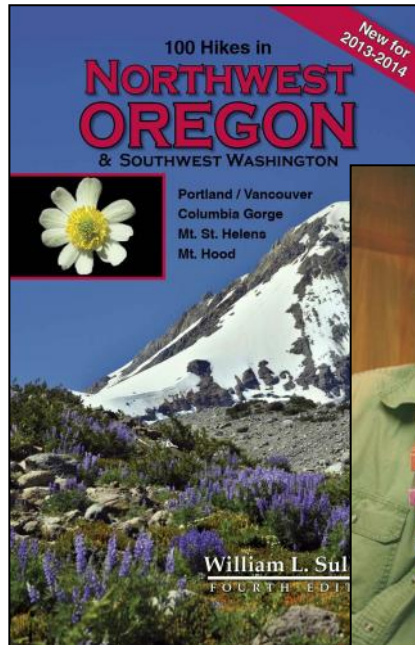
January Potluck

Friday, January 24, 2014

Social hour, 6 PM 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.



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, January 28 at 7 PM

Mitigating Social, Economic, and Ecological Consequences of Global Warming

OBSIDIAN **TOM GIESEN** and his friend Tom Bowerman will discuss the foundations of global warming, and move on to the social and economic choices we have before us in order to minimize the highly likely disruption and degradation of our social, economic and ecological systems.

Most scientists agree that global warming is a broad-scale socioeconomic process resulting from ever-increasing global use of fossil fuel energy. The two Toms plan to discuss:

- The simple physics of global warming
- The history and interactions of energy, GDP (size of the economy) and global warming
- The social, economic and ecological consequences

of warming

- The long-term (multiple century) consequences
- The state of public opinion regarding these issues
- The conflict between individual and social responses to warming
- An overview of some behavioral responses to this complex issue

Tom Giesen teaches global warming (PPPM 399) and natural resource policy (PPPM 443/543) at the UO. Tom Bowerman conducts human behavior research about climate change, including opinion surveys through PolicyInteractive (PI). www.policyinteractive.org

Eugene Trails Plan

**Run.Bike.Hike
Kick off Meeting!**
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
6:30—8 PM
Eugene Public Library, Bascom-Tykeson Room

THE CITY OF EUGENE IS EMBARKING ON A MASTER PLAN for the soft-surface trail system in our community. Together, we will be grappling with some tough issues around compatible uses, system expansion and trail conditions. Come share your trail experiences with us and help shape these important decisions. For more information call 682-4800.

To receive regular project updates, register today at www.eugene-or.gov/trails

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Active Members	428
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Honorary Members	6
Junior Members	9
Life Members	14
Total Members	475

For Sale

BARRECRAFTERS ROOF MOUNTED SKI RACK. Do you have a car with roof gutters? If so, this ski rack is for you. It is in excellent condition with two keys, instructions and all parts. \$40.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIS, POLES AND BOOTS. Fisher Crown Outward Bound skis, size 189 cm., Excel poles. Alpina boots, size 13. Sandra or Chris 687-2589 or sglars@comcast.net

Obsidian Calendar

January

15 Wed **Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen**.....343-8030
 19 Sun **Redtop Mountain Xski D Thompson**.....683-8942
 22 Wed **Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen**343-8030
 24 Fri **Bill Sullivan** **Potluck**
 25 Sat **Odell Butte Xski M Miller**.....484-4586
 25 Sat **Sweet Creek Hike E Sanders**255-2524
 25 Sat **Spencer Butte Trail Maint Bell**..... 503-884-8829
 26 Sun **Potato Hill SShoe M Hovis**731-3412
 26 Sun **Yachats to Waldport Hike M Pierce** . 206-902-7326

February

1 Sat **Rosary Lakes Xski D Hamilton**343-6550
 8 Sat **Circle Lake Xski D Wolling**.....345-2110
 9 Sun **Maxwell Butte Xski D McAllister**.....954-6490
 9 Sun **Diamond Creek Falls SShoe M Hovis**.....731-3412
 15 Sat **Berley Lakes Xski D Sinnott**915-0234
 16 Sun **Booth Lake Loop Xski D Miller**484-4586
 22 Sat **Spencer Butte Trail Maint Bell**..... 503-884-8829
 26 Wed **Dorris Ranch Hike E Romoser**726-8154

March

1 Sat **Fawn Lake Xski D Sinnott**.....915-0234
 3 Mon **Mt. Baldy Hike M Romoser**726-8154
 6 Thu **Tait's Loop SShoe D Wilken**.....343-3080
 9 Sun **Odell Lake Overlook SShoe M Hovis**731-3412
 29 Sat **Spencer Butte Trail Maint M Bell**..... 503-884-8829

April

4 Fri **Crater Lake Ski/SS Stockdale**.....767-3668
 25 Fri **Summer Camp Rally**..... **Potluck**
 26 Sat **Spencer Butte Trail Maint M Bell**..... 503-884-8829

May

10 May **Owyhee Rafting Raft Schechter**.....687-1887
 16 May **French Glen Extended Trip Camp**.....685-1964
 28 May **Spencer Butte Trail Maint M Bell**..... 503-884-8829
 7 Jun **National Trails Day Trl Mnt M Bell** 503-884-8829
 25 Jun **Spencer Butte Trail Trl Mnt M Bell** 503-884-8829
 30 Jul **Spencer Butte Trail Trl Mnt M Bell** 503-884-8829

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New Year's Day on Spencer Butte—photo by Darko Sojak