

**Inside This Issue**

John Cooper, President	1
New Members	2
Hamlin Scherer Room Exhibit	2
Winter Driving Safety	3
Winter Trips Request	3
Skiing 1941	3
Lana Lindstrom Board Member	4
First Aid Kits	4
Unsoeld Book Donation	4
Mileage Reimbursements	4
December Board Notes	5
90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report	6
Trip Reports	7-13
ExploraTalk	14
Potluck	14
Upcoming Events	15
Calendar	15
Photo of the Month	16

**Dates to Remember**

January 3	Board Meeting
January 16	ExploraTalk
January 26	Potluck
February 2	Bulletin Deadline

Complete current schedules at:  
[www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org) or  
*Register-Guard* – Outdoors – Tuesday

Visit our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/#!/theobsidians](https://www.facebook.com/#!/theobsidians)

**Save the Date!**

**Obsidian Bus Trip Rally**  
 Sunday, March 4, 2:00  
 At the Lodge

Come hear trip leaders share details about the trips, ask questions, pick up a copy of the yearly bus trips schedule, and sign up for trips you are interested in.

**John Cooper, 2018 President**

*Lou Maenz*

**WELCOME JOHN COOPER!** The Obsidians’ new president, like previous presidents, should do the organization proud. John is many talented with a widely diversified professional and personal background. Combine those attributes with his love of nature, his outdoor expertise, and his experience with the Obsidians and you have an ideal president ready to make a positive addition to the club’s roster of presidents.

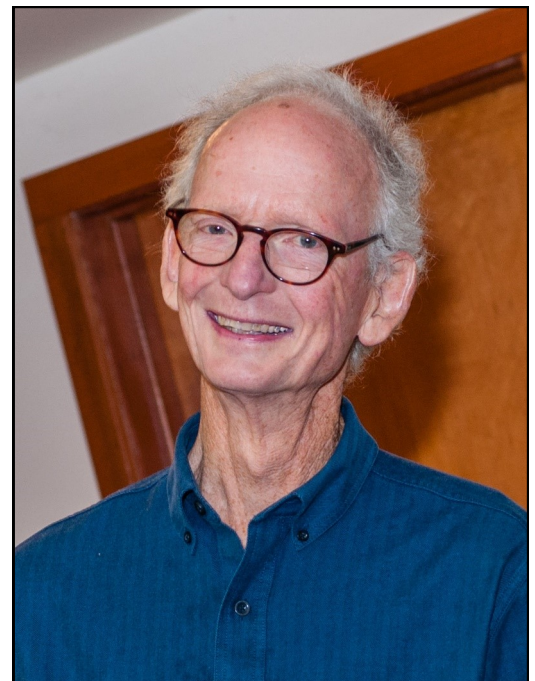
Born in Chicago, John soon moved to Virginia with his parents and eventually moved with them to the Panama Canal Zone where he spent most of his formative years. He returned to the US for college and eventually acquired a Masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan. After several years as a child welfare worker he decided that another profession might be more to his liking. He and his wife moved to Oregon and finally settled in Eugene where they bought the Metropol Café, a French market bakery and cafe. He retired in 1995 and moved to Ireland for four years. While there he was on the Board of a hiking club.

Upon his return to Eugene, he became active in the Obsidians. He worked with Wayne Deeter and Peter Asai on Trail Maintenance, led a variety of trips, was on the Winter Trips committee and, up until he became Board President, was Summer Trips chair.

John has several goals for his presidency. One is to foster growth and change where it is needed, but also, and more importantly to him, to become known as an accessible and positive leader. It is vitally important to him that all members feel comfortable with the Board and their decisions.

One step he has already taken in the direction of growth and possible change is to take advantage of an offer made by John Mitchell, a Journalism and Communications professor in Public Relations at the University of Oregon. Mitchell will assign two students to evaluate the Obsidians’ public relations as their practicum. They will evaluate the needs, goals, and challenges the Obsidians face and will work to develop strategies to accomplish these goals. As we are all aware, “the times they are a-changin.” It will be very interesting to review the students’ findings to decide if there are any suggestions we choose to follow.

John is very much a people person and is happy to be working with the ‘good people’ of the Obsidians. He hopes to be able to help the organization become even better than it is now and promises to try his hardest to do the best job possible.



## Welcome New Members!

**DENISE BEAN**  
Springfield, OR 97478

**JIM CAMERON**  
Eugene, OR 97401

**HENRY JUDY**  
Lebanon, OR 97355

**LAUREN JUDY**  
Lebanon, OR 97355

**CYNTHIA POINDEXTER**  
Eugene, OR 97401

**ANNE CAMPBELL**  
Eugene, OR 97405

**MARCIA CLAYPOOL**  
Springfield, OR 97477

**JULES MORITZ**  
Corvallis, OR 97330

**RICHARD SHIELDS**  
Eugene, OR 97405

## Myrtie Hamlin (1881—1974) Featured Artist in the Scherer Room 1932 Hand-colored Photographs



**M**YRTIE HAMLIN, OBSIDIAN MEMBER FROM 1930–1974, participated in 236 activities including climbs of the Three Sisters. Her six hand-colored photographs were submitted for a photo contest held at the October, 1932 Obsidian annual meeting. Three of the photos were taken when she climbed the Middle Sister in 1932.

Ann Korn of Raven Frameworks cut the new mats for the photographs and John Jacobsen did the assembling. Ann Korn's grandfather, Henry Korn, was Obsidian president in 1930. The Lodge fireplace is in memory of Myrtie's husband, Dorr Hamlin.

*Janet Jacobsen*

## OBSIDIANS, INC

P.O. Box 51510, Eugene, OR 97405

Website: [www.observians.org](http://www.observians.org)

### Board of Directors

John Cooper, President  
Lyndell Wilken, Vice President  
Kathy Randall, Secretary  
Stewart Hoeg, Treasurer  
Dave Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth,  
Marc Hansen, Todd Larsen,  
Lana Lindstrom, Maryanne Reiter

*Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting. There is no August meeting.*

### Committee Chairpersons

Bus..... Sharon Cutsforth  
Climbs ..... Maryanne Reiter  
Concessions ..... Carla Cooper  
Conservation/SciEd ..... Jorry Rolfe  
Entertainment .....L. Lindstrom/Emily Rice  
Extended Trips..... Lana Lindstrom  
Finance ..... Stewart Hoeg  
Lodge Building..... Dave Cooper  
Lodge Grounds ..... John Jacobsen  
Librarian/Historian ..... Lenore McManigal  
Membership ..... Diane Schechter  
Online ..... Wayne Deeter  
Publications ..... Lou Maenz  
Publicity..... Marci Hansen  
Safety..... Lyndell Wilken  
Summer Camp ..... John Jacobsen  
Summer Trips ..... Dave Cooper  
Trail Maintenance..... Matt Bell  
Winter Trips..... Dave Lodeesen

## The OBSIDIAN Bulletin

© 2018

Published monthly, except August and December. Articles, story ideas, letters to the editor and other editorial submissions may be emailed to:

[bulletin@observians.org](mailto:bulletin@observians.org)

For reprint rights, contact:

*The Obsidian Bulletin*

P.O. Box 51510, Eugene, OR 97405

### Deadline

for February Bulletin  
Friday, February 2, 2018

### November/December Assembly/Mailing Team

*Manager:* Lou Maenz

*Team:* Tom Adamcyk, Don Baldwin,  
Sharon Cutsforth, Jan Danforth,  
Clara Emlen, and Margaret Prentice

### Editorial Team

*Writing & Editorial Staff:*

Janet Jacobsen, Lou Maenz

*Copy Editors:*

Jorry Rolfe, Ethel Weltman

*Graphics Design & Desktop Publishing:*  
Carla Cooper, Bea Fontana, Stewart Hoeg

## Winter Trips Driving Safety

Dave Lodeesen

**T**HIS TIME OF YEAR MANY SKI AND SNOWSHOE TRIPS head out to or over one of the mountain passes. It's very important for drivers to have a proper vehicle equipped with dedicated winter tires and/or tire chains. Our cars, SUVs, and trucks come equipped from the factory with all season tires. Note: these are NOT winter tires and you must carry tire chains to be legal in the State of Oregon if approaching any of the various mountain passes during the winter months. **This includes vehicles with AWD or 4WD.** The only exception to the tire chain law is if you install dedicated winter tires on your vehicle; these have the special designation icon (three-peak mountain with a snowflake) on the sidewall of each tire. These tires are sometimes referred to as snow tires and can be studded or stud-less. The main difference between winter tires and your typical all season tires is in the rubber compound that the tires are made from. Winter tires use a rubber compound that stays soft in cold weather so the tires can grip icy or snow-packed road surfaces far better than all season tires. They also have deeper lugs to bite into and release snow for traction. Be mindful that you still must use caution when driving in winter conditions by slowing your speed, especially on the downhill, and not tailgating. So be safe and legal by having tire chains and/or winter tires. Because even if the roads are plowed and dry, often the Sno-Parks are not, and getting stuck in one of those can cost you up to several hundred dollars to get a tow truck out there to pull you out.

## Winter Trips Request

Dave Lodeesen

**W**E ARE ONE-THIRD OF THE WAY THROUGH OUR WINTER TRIPS season and we're looking for members who would be interested in leading a trip or two. Just think, you can lead a trip that you've always wanted to do but was never on the schedule. It could be anything from a stroll along the river paths to hiking the Ridgeline Trails, bird watching in the wetlands, hiking in Hendricks Park, or hiking to the summit of Mt. Pisgah, Spencer Butte, or Skinner Butte. Hikes at the coast can also be lovely this time of year. For the more adventurous, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trips are winter favorites. You have the option to make the trip fit any ability you desire, from easy, moderate, or all the way to difficult. To schedule a trip send your info to: [wintertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:wintertrips@obsidians.org) with the following:

Name of trip, trip leader, date of trip, meet-up time and place, distance, elevation gain, difficulty rating (easy, moderate, difficult), driving distance (if out of town), maximum number of participants.

If you're unsure of any details we're here to help. But hurry, Winter Trips season ends on March 31.



## Where Did Obsidians Ski in 1941?

Janet Jacobsen

**H**AND LAKE ON THE MCKENZIE PASS WAS THE FAVORITE PLACE TO SKI.

An earlier snowfall in December 1940 had faded away, but by New Year's Day the portable rope tow newly purchased by the Obsidians had been in use for three weekends. *"Then, an ugly rumor began circulating. The road wouldn't be opened to Hand Lake the next Sunday. With no snow at White Branch this looked mighty serious, but with support from the Greyhound Bus line the highway commission was prevailed upon to plow the road out another week-end. A flying trip to Hand Lake to bring out the ski tow was made necessary by the closing of the highway, which was, this writer believes, absolutely unnecessary because there was only about 12 inches of snow in the road, and 30 inches on the level. This closure should be heartily opposed and protested by every Obsidian in every way. Only by sticking together and fighting for a winter road to the McKenzie summit will the area be available to Skiers in the years to come."* <http://obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/1941-2:1>

Willamette Pass Ski Area officially opened in 1941 with a handful of rope tows. Roy and Edra Temple were the ski area's first owners, followed by George Korn who owned and operated the ski area for more than twenty-five years. George Korn and his brother Henry were active Obsidian members.

Hoodoo Ski Area was developed in 1938 by a group funded by another Obsidian, Ed Thurston of Bend. Many Obsidians

thought it took too much time to drive to Hoodoo for just one day of skiing. The Clear Lake Cutoff, a gravel road heading north from Belknap Springs to US 20 was paved in 1962, making Hoodoo a popular choice.

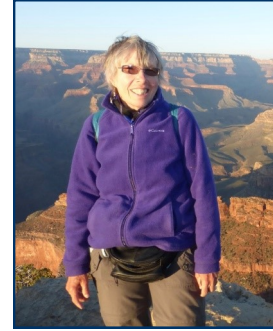


Notation on photo:  
Fresh Snow 1941 Skiing at Hand Lake MB Castelloe

## Lana Lindstrom Appointed Board Member

**S**HORTLY AFTER MOVING TO EUGENE FROM NEW JERSEY IN 1981, my first Obsidian hike was to the top of Mt. Bachelor. Much to our astonishment and chagrin, my two friends and I discovered that the ‘old farts’ who were at least twice our age, were considerably stronger hikers than we were! For quite a few years thereafter, I participated in two to three activities a year as a nonmember. But after the 2000 Summer Camp in the Sawtooths—excellent camaraderie, food, and hiking—I realized that I had found my people! I have now led or co-led five Summer Camps, many multi-day Extended Trips, and numerous hiking, skiing, biking, and canoeing trips. This year, I received my 75 leader patch.

I am honored that the Board endorsed me to replace Laurie Funkhouser as a Board member through 2019, and I look forward to serving in a different capacity.



## First Aid Kits

Lyndell Wilken

**T**HE OBSIDIAN FIRST AID KITS HAVE BEEN INVENTORIED AND RESUPPLIED for 2018 outdoor club activities. The kits are available to all trip leaders who are interested in using them while leading an event. When you become a leader information is given on where to check out the first aid kits and the procedures for using them. The Obsidian kits are a back-up in case participants are not carrying their own first aid supplies. Participants are encouraged to carry a first aid kit that meets their specific needs during an activity. If something does happen on an Obsidian-led trip then the personal first aid kits can be combined with the leader’s Obsidian kit to take care of the problem. Leaders that have their own kits are not required to use the Obsidian kits but they should have a similar inventory. Listed at right are the contents of the Obsidian first aid kits. The list provides a guideline for all members to use when putting their own personal first aid kits together.

first aid manual  
pencil  
triangular bandage  
sterile pads 2x2, 4x4, 5x9  
sterile gauze 1 Roll  
alcohol wipes  
space blanket  
antibacterial ointment  
aloe vera gel/sunscreen  
hand sanitizer  
Benedryl (antihistamine)  
Sam Splint or foam padding

safety pins #3 size  
protective gloves  
tweezers  
irrigation syringe  
bandages: 1x3, 1.75x4  
Band Aids  
butterfly closure strips  
mole skin pads  
ace bandage (3")  
paper tape 1 roll  
After Bite for stings

## Willi Unsoeld Book Donated to Obsidian Library

Janet Jacobsen

**R**OSE MARIE MOFFITT DONATED THE BOOK, *Wild Adventures We Have Known: My Life with Willi Unsoeld* by his wife, Joelene Unsoeld. Rose Marie and her husband, Dick, now deceased, were at the 50<sup>th</sup> Obsidian anniversary banquet in 1977 when Willi was the featured speaker. The book with CD can be found in the bookcase at the Lodge.

*Willi told of his climbing experiences as a youth in the Eugene area, often going with the Obsidians on exciting adventures into the Cascades. Often his boots were too large having been handed down from older climbers; and food was of heavy consistency swal-*

*lowed in fast gulps causing heartburn and many “burps” on the mountain. Alpenstocks were not unheard of but were usually make-shift affairs made of tree branches found in the woods as he trampled along with his friends...equipment in those earlier days consisted of an ax, a rope, and trouser seat. From the October, 1977 Bulletin.*

Willi was on an Obsidian North Sister climb in 1942 with Bob and Laurence Moffitt. In 1963 he made the first ascent of Mt. Everest’s West Ridge. He died in an avalanche on Mt Rainier March 4, 1979. Obsidian hikes to Chip Ross Park in Corvallis include a stop at a monument in Unsoeld’s honor.

## Review of the Obsidian Trip Driving Mileage Reimbursement Rate

**T**HE OBSIDIAN BOARD WILL BE REVIEWING the \$.09 a mile reimbursement rate given to drivers for Obsidian sponsored events. The \$.09 rate has been in place since 2009. The board is looking for member feedback as to what they feel about the current rate and if it needs to be increased

to keep our pool of drivers adequately reimbursed. Please direct your comments to:

Lyndell Wilken  
[lyndellwilken@gmail.com](mailto:lyndellwilken@gmail.com)

# DECEMBER BOARD NOTES

## December 6, 2017 by Dave Cooper

President Laurie Funkhouser called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Dave Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Lyndell Wilken, Maryanne Reiter, Todd Larsen, Marci Hansen, John Cooper, and Pat Esch. Also in attendance were: Kathy Randall, Stewart Hoeg, Kathy Hoeg, Jorry Rolfe, Carla Cooper, Daphne James, Wayne Deeter, Matt Bell, and Janet Jacobsen.

**Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg):** Stewart presented the preliminary budget for 2018. The Board will act on the budget at the January meeting. The board approved payment of the bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips (John Cooper):** All 149 summer trips have been completed and approved. \$1,656 has been collected in trip fees. All trip reports have been submitted.

**Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen):** Ten hikes and two bike trips were completed in November. 130 members and 15 nonmembers participated. \$162 in trip fees were generated. Going forward, 35 hikes, four cross-country ski, and two snowshoe trips are scheduled.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** The Climbs Committee met on Nov. 16 to wrap up the past climbing season and to start planning for the next. We covered lessons-learned from the past season, such as: wind and fire can prevent climbs. We also started the discussion on how to generate more interest in climbs for the community and how to attract more leaders.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** There was one outing this past month working to plant native species in slash burns in Wild Iris Ridge Park.

**Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth):** All eight bus trips for 2017 have been completed. The committee is working on planning for 2018 trips.

**Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom):** Two ski/snowshoe overnight trips have been scheduled for 2018: Big Lake, January 14–16 led by Diane Schechter and Mt Hood Kiwanis, March 8–11 led by Lana Lindstrom. Details are under *Extended Trips* on the home page.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe):** The November ExploraTalk brought 29 people to the Lodge to hear Obsidian Richard Hughes present on finding the best bike routes in Oregon.

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** Pat Boleyn presented an interesting program on hiking with the Maasai youth in Africa. \$48 was collected.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** Reminder emails were sent in mid-November to members who had not renewed. Members who have not renewed by the December 8 deadline will become inactive. As of November 29, 2017, renewal status is: paid - 364, not paid - 79. active member - 432, honorary member - 6, junior member - 11, life member - 1, total members - 466. The Board and Committees have been provided with suggestions and comments from the membership renewal forms and a list of members and their volunteer interests.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** Primarily due to sales of the

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cups, November sales totaled \$548.63. Many thanks to Judy Adamcyk for selling cups and t-shirts on the Shore Acres bus trip.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** The Finance Committee prepared a preliminary 2018 budget for presentation at the December board meeting and began working on a proposed club investment policy.

**Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** All of the trips, climbs, etc. from the November *Bulletin* have been recorded.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** The tree cleanup/restoration work authorized at the October Board meeting was completed Monday, November 6 for \$1,200. We had a grounds work party Saturday, November 11 to haul the rounds from the tree cleanup work, planting-bed weeding/cleanup/barking, tree/bush pruning and gutter cleanout on both the storage garage and the Lodge. Thanks to Ben Brown, Dave Cooper, Clara Emlen, Brenda Kameenui, Doug Nelson and Jim Northrop for helping out. Special thanks to Clara Emlen for her continued work on her own to clean out the drive area coming into the Lodge.

**Publications (Lou Maenz):** The November *Bulletin* was mailed November 8. There were 201 copies sent for a total cost of \$49.76. The folding committee was made up of Clara Emlen, Margaret Prentice, Sharon Cutsforth, Tom Adamcyk, Don Baldwin and Jan Danforth.

**Safety (Lyndell Wilken):** The ongoing first aid kit inventory is close to being finished. The first aid kit for climbs is being evaluated for possible changes.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Potential Forest Service Fees for Three Sisters trailheads. Maryanne Reiter will continue to monitor.
- The Board selected Darko Sojak to join Kerry Edinger as a participant in the January NOLS Wilderness First Aid Classes.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The Board approved five new members as presented by the membership Committee.
- The Board accepted the resignation from the Board of Laurie Funkhouser.
- Lana Lindstrom was selected to fill the rest of Laurie Funkhouser's term on the Board.

## OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

John Cooper presented an offer from John Mitchell, Professor of Public Relations at the U of O, to have students from the School of Journalism work with the Obsidians as their client. As part of the students' classwork they would evaluate our needs, goals, and challenges to develop strategies to promote the Obsidians. Marci Hansen will serve as our point-person in this matter. The project would be completed during the U of O's winter quarter.

*Editor's note: January Board notes will be published in the February Bulletin.*

## 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Attracts Crowd from Near and Far

Janet Jacobsen

**A**N ESTIMATED 130 MEMBERS, FORMER MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND NEIGHBORS kept the hosts of the ten historical exhibits busy sharing stories and answering questions. Here is what members said later about the event.

- *It blew my mind to see the handwritten log books.*
- *I didn't get to see all of Bert Ewing's slideshow of historical photos.*
- *It was a chance to see things that I had never noticed in the lodge like the paintings, Bea's glass etchings, and the historic fireplace.*
- *The event was great and gave us a chance to chat with some folks we haven't seen lately.*
- *I had a great time with my Dad (Ray Harris) at the Open House. (Ray joined in March 1951 and is the longest living member.)*
- *The Open House was a fantastic event in every way. It would be fun to have Post-it Notes and lots of pens so people could write a short remembrance.*
- *Jim Pierce and Ray Harris wearing their red shirts with the Obsidian patch on the sleeves inspires me to certainly find a red shirt for the 100<sup>th</sup> presidential photo.*
- *Be sure to use the same baker--the cake was yummy.*

- *The anniversary mugs were elegant!*
- *The best part for me was seeing so many of my favorite Obsidians.*
- *I hadn't seen the Lodge for a long time; it feels so historic and so welcoming.*
- *The Open House was a real treat—It was a fabulous job getting all that material together for the exhibits. Everyone I talked with appreciated it no end. Thanks to all who organized it.*

Photos of the Open House may be viewed in the online gallery.

Ad Hoc Committee and Exhibit Hosts: Rick Ahrens, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Bert Ewing, Joella Ewing, Bea Fontana, John Jacobsen, John Pegg, Gary Kirk, Lenore McManigal, Janet Jacobsen, Chair.

Volunteers: Jim Northrop, Brian Hamilton, Marianne Reiter, Laurie Funkhouser, June Sutterfield, Dorene Steggell, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Pat Soussan, Dave Cooper, John Cooper, Carla Cooper, Patty MacAfee, Nancy Whitfield, Keiko Bryan.



15 presidents plus the 2018 president attended the Open House. Left to Right: Laurie Funkhouser, Rick Ahrens, John Jacobsen, John Cooper, Jim Duncan, Ed Lichtenstein, Don Payne, Sylvia Harvey, Dallas Cole, Janet Jacobsen, Wes Prouty, Gary Kirk. Front Row: John Pegg, Doug Nelson, Brian Hamilton, and Jim Pierce. Photo by Carla Cooper.

## TRIP REPORTS



### Backpacks

#### Lost Coast/Humbolt, California

October 1, 2017

Leader: Scott Hovis

Backpack: 4 miles, 200 feet (Moderate)

**WE HAD NO PROBLEMS FINDING CAMPING SPOTS**, but due to the great weather there were a lot more people than anticipated. It was fun to see so many elk up close and personal. A lot of bear tracks were noticed on the beach. Our hike south featured several redwood groves. Our hike to the north featured dramatic views. Campfires were allowed in designated camp sites, but wood is only allowed to be collected on the beach. We found abalone shells. The visitor center is an old pioneer home with a small museum worth checking out. The dirt road down to the trail head is very rough; two cars bottomed out on the way up. The permit system for backpacking is expensive. There is a fair amount of poison oak. The long drive to this area seemed worth it. Kudos to Becky on her great driving skills to avoid the deer walking on Highway 101. Members: Barbara Kay Cosby, Nikki Frank, Scott Hovis, Becky Lipton. Nonmembers: John Gaiser, Anne Campbell.



### Bike Trips

#### Creswell Bakery Loop

October 24, 2017

Leader: Richard Hughes

Bike: 23 miles, 382 feet (Easy)

**THE FORECAST FOR THIS TRIP WAS SUNNY** and a high of 68. At 9:30 the fog gods had their way playing hide-and-peek with buildings and cars. So with red rear lights flashing, we departed on time heading south to Saginaw. We encountered mostly pastures with bovines, and even one with emus. Upon returning to the start, the sun helped reveal what was previously hidden from view: Creswell Bakery where we stopped for lunch. Members: John Hegg, Richard Hughes, Ruthy Kanagy, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, David Strutin, Harold Thompson.

#### November in Marcola

November 18, 2017

Leader: Richard Hughes

Bike: 36 miles, 1,359 feet (Moderate)

**FOG WAS OUR CO-PILOT AS WE STARTED OUT** a couple of notches above freezing. Not long after the turn onto McKenzie View Drive the sun spread its warmth onto three grateful riders. We refueled at the Mohawk Store, then onto Wendling Bridge for a photo op. On the return at

McKenzie View Drive and Hill Road we spotted an elk herd, a first for the three of us. After a few more miles, the ride ended with much appreciation for where we live. Members: John Hegg, Richard Hughes, Ruthy Kanagy.

#### McKenzie View-Willamette Loop

November 30, 2017

Leader: Darian Morray

Photographer: Karen Morray

Bike: 31 miles, 800 feet (Easy)

**FIVE HARDY BICYCLISTS GATHERED AT ALTON BAKER PARK** hoping to beat the predicted rain. The temperature was 40 degrees. We picked up a sixth rider along the Willamette Bike Trail and rode out Coburg Road to McKenzie View along the McKenzie River. At the end of McKenzie View we stopped to admire a herd of elk near the road. We completed the 30-mile loop through Springfield and along the Willamette River and Millrace. We finished in two and one half hours before the rain began. After the ride we enjoyed lunch together at a downtown eatery. Great fun! Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, John Hegg, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, David Strutin.



*Rich Anselmo, Dave Strutin, John Hegg, Jan Anselmo, and Darrian Morray pause on the road beside a herd of elk in a field.*



### Bus Trips

#### Shore Acres Christmas Lights

November 30, 2017

Leader: Barbara Beard

**WE BEGAN THIS TRIP WITH A LEISURELY 9:00 DEPARTURE** from the ShopKo parking lot under gray and misty skies. Our group included 25 members, eight guests, our driver Augie Bergman, and his wife Char. The purpose was to begin the Christmas holiday season by viewing the colored lights display at Shore Acres State Park. The gardens at Shore Acres are always beautiful, but at Christmas time they are

magical. We enjoyed the drive down Highway 38 as it winds along the Umpqua River towards Reedsport. A brief stop at Dean Creek Viewing Area gave us the opportunity to see approximately 50 beautiful elk. At first glance there didn't appear to be many, but as we watched, they began to rise out of the grass and wander in our direction. Our lunch stop at Eel Lake at Tugman State Park was a bit damp even though we had use of the picnic shelter. This is one of the many lakes tucked away among the trees in Oregon's Coast Range. In Bandon we stopped at Face Rock Creamery to sample several cheeses and to enjoy ice cream cones. Then it was off to Coos Bay to check in at the Mill Casino Hotel where we were given a warm welcome, including cookies and lemonade, around the lovely fireplace in the lobby. Wonderful hospitality, great views of the bay, and comfortable rooms. Dinner was pre-arranged pizza and salad at Arby's, then it was off to Charleston and Shore Acres for the fabulous light show. We strolled through the gardens under an occasional light sprinkle and basked in the light displays surrounding us, including several animated scenes. Most riders also wandered through the Garden House with its beautiful Christmas room decorations. Because the supermoon was at its fullest, there were incredible waves and a tide perfect for spectacular viewing. So we went back out to the coast after breakfast for stops at Simpson Reef, Cape Arago, and Shore Acres. We were fortunate it wasn't raining because the mist from the waves did get some people quite wet. It was hard to tear ourselves away to begin the casual drive home. An unplanned stop at the Oregon Connection (House of Myrtlewood) in Coos Bay was a great find. We watched a video showing the process of making bowls, clocks, fine jewelry, putters for golfing, and more. In the United States, myrtlewood is only found in southwestern Oregon and northwestern California coastal areas. Our last stop was a visit to Old Town Florence for lunch, shopping, and walking around the area. We arrived back at Shopko around 4:45 with a group of riders ready for the joyous holiday season. Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Barbara Bruns, Sharon Cutsforth, Sharon Gadowski, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Verna Kocken, Sandra Larsen, Ann Lichtenstein, Ed Lichtenstein, Vern Marsonette, Craig Molitor, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Margaret Prentice, Ginny Reich, Debra Schwartz. Nonmembers: Marcia Claypool, Edith Pattee, Connie McIndoo, Dennis Sears, Jan Sears, Joanna Molitor, Sheila Marsonette, Marlene Boehm.



## Hikes

### **Fox Hollow to Baldy**

**October 29, 2017**

**Leader: David Cooper**

**Hike: 3.6 miles, 700 feet (Easy)**

**A MILD, IF CLOUDY FALL DAY HIKE.** Lots of yellow color from the maples along our path. The best part of the day—two of our group finished their third hike and are turning in their membership applications. Members: Carla

Cooper, David Cooper, Jan Danforth, Caralynn Judy, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Henry Judy, Lauren Judy, Denise Bean.

### **Aubrey Mountain**

**October 29, 2017**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Hike: 10 miles, 1,400 feet (Moderate)**

**THREE OF US WENT OUT TO THE DUNNING RD. TRAILHEAD** east of Oakridge and hiked up Aubrey Mountain. I had gone the same way towards Heckletooth the week before, but this time we turned at the junction. There are significant GPS/map discrepancies: (1) The GPS incorrectly shows a road and a trail. The Oakridge map shows the road and then the trail correctly coming from it. (2) The trail sign states, *Aubrey meadows 1/2 mile*, when in fact, it is closer to a mile, and the trail goes below the summit (of sorts) of 3,000' Aubrey Mountain. (3) From the meadow, the map shows the trail looping back to the trail we came in on, and indeed, there is a junction near the beginning. The problem is that the trail from the meadow clearly is headed north as well as down. It's possible the trail goes down a long way and then switches back, but the map doesn't show that route. So, not wanting to descend and re-ascend going back the way we came, we turned around not long after the meadow, and retraced our steps as planned. We saw about 12 elk cross the trail and I had a praying mantis on my pack during lunch. The colors were good, but it was past the peak. It was a nice day, and after spotting rather fresh mountain bike tracks, we saw nobody again. I'd do Heckletooth again; for the little extra effort (compared to Aubrey,) it is a lot better hike. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

### **Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise**

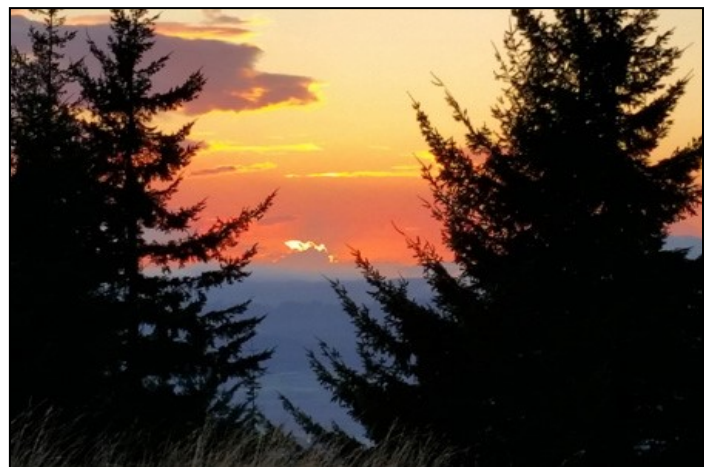
**November 3, 2017**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Photographer: Brad Bennett**

**Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 feet (Easy)**

**FOR MOST OF THE DAY** rainfall cast a cancellation aura, but blue sky finally prevailed. It was a beautiful sunset but, with banks of clouds to the east, we decided not to wait for the moonrise. Brad shared chocolate treats to celebrate that 90 years ago, on November 3, 1927, the club was organized. Driving home one could imagine the colorful Hunter's Moon smugly thinking, "You should have waited on top." Mem-



*A fiery sunset view from Mt. Pisgah.*



bers: Brad Bennett, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Darko Sojak, Blue Wesley.

## **Mt. June via Hardesty Mt.**

**November 4, 2017**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Hike: 19.3 miles, 3,700 feet (Difficult)**

**SIX OF US LEFT EARLY AND WERE ON THE HARDESTY TRAIL** at 8:00 with cloudy skies, calm wind, and temperatures in the 30s. We worked our way up to the snow level, just below Eula Ridge junction. Between Eula and the trail junction to Sawtooth Ridge, we encountered one stretch of snow on low hanging brush that got some of us a face full of the stuff. The trail only had about an inch or two of snow covering ferns and the woods were beautiful. We got on the Ridge Trail and immediately descended, with the unease that we would be ascending that later when we were a lot more tired. We passed the junction to the trail leading to the Umpqua basin, then encountered bright sun by Sawtooth Rock. We passed Lost Creek Trail and decided to try going up Mt. June as planned although we were concerned about the steepness of the trail and the snow. Fortunately, there were remarkably few difficulties, and we ate lunch on the summit. Unfortunately, it was too cloudy to see the Cascades. Fortunately, the wind was calm. Unfortunately, we had to climb all the places we had descended. After a lot of work, we took a brief break at Hardesty, seeing some mountain bike tracks that were headed towards Eula Ridge. (That must have been interesting.) We rapidly descended, encountering the only other people we had seen all day, and were back at the trailhead at 4:15. I had long wanted to see the whole Sawtooth Trail and the ridge is really nice, yet there are easier ways to see it. I was fortunate to have a strong group, all of whom hung in there, pushed themselves to do something very difficult, and had a good time while doing it. Members: Ben Brown, Steven Koester, Lynn Meacham, Darian Morray, Mike Smith, David Strutin.

## **Spencer Butte**

**November 10, 2017**

**Leader: Carla Cooper**

**Hike: 2.1 miles, 700 feet (Easy)**

**SIX OF US HEADED UP SPENCER BUTTE** on a rainy morning. Despite the weather, it was a good hike. The lower part of the trail was in excellent shape as the Youth Corps was working on adding gravel to the trail. Our youngest (five years old) participant finished her third hike and is eager to be an Obsidian! Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Chris Shuraleff. Nonmembers: Lauren Judy.

## **Veteran's Day Hike**

**November 10, 2017**

**Leader & Photographer: David Lodeesen**

**Hike: 5 miles, 50 feet (Easy)**

**THIRTEEN OBSIDIAN MEMBERS SHOWED UP** on an overcast and drizzly morning for a five-mile hike along the south and north bank river trails. We stopped at the Lane County War Memorial to honor our local fallen neighbors who gave their lives in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the more recent Gulf Wars. Among our 13 participants, we had eight military veterans on the hike: Holger Krentz and Jennifer Baer are Air Force veterans; Tom Rundle and Tommy Young are Marine

veterans; Sam Tracer and David Lodeesen are Army veterans; Michael Smith is a Navy veteran; and Peter Graham is a Coast Guard veteran. A special recognition was given to Tommy Young, who suffered devastating wounds while in Vietnam in 1967. Tommy was medevaced out of the field after he and another Marine suffered very serious wounds from an exploding landmine while on a search and destroy patrol south of Danang. He spent many months in a hospital in Japan before he could be transported back to the United States. He has spent a lifetime recovering from those wounds. We salute Tommy Young and all our veterans for the sacrifice they made for our country. Members: Jennifer Baer, Mari Baldwin, Brad Bennett, Peter Graham, David Hawkins, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Ruth Romoser, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Meg Stewart Smith, Sam Tracer, Tommy Young.



*Obsidian hikers gather at the Lane County War Memorial.*

## **Larison Rock**

**November 12, 2017**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Hike: 9.4 miles, 2,400 feet (Difficult)**

**WE HAD A NICE NOVEMBER DAY TO DO LARISON ROCK.** The trail is in good shape. We did encounter five mountain bikers, so they are to be expected. We climbed steadily 1,500' over two miles to the relatively flat ridge. After a short break, we went to the top where we had lunch on the rock in bright sunshine. We came down through a dense forest with many fallen leaves on the trail, and we were done in just over four hours. Everybody enjoyed the hike and a quiet Sunday in the woods. Members: Steve Adey, Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell.

## **Suzanne Arlie Park**

**November 14 and 17, 2017**

**Leader: David Cooper (both hikes)**

**Both Hikes: 7.3 miles, 1,480 feet (Moderate)**

**FIRST HIKE: A GREAT MORNING FOR EXPLORING** the Suzanne Arlie Park. The sun and clear skies made the open roads sections especially pleasant. We moved along at a moderate pace, stopping at every junction to let folks orientate themselves to this new area. The potential of this large resource close to town sparked a lot of discussion as we walked the

trails, routes, and roads. Ideas about extended Ridgeline hikes, a Pisgah to Spencer trek, or a hike to LCC for lunch were some of the ideas shared among today's hikers. And what about the Obsidians helping with trail construction and habitat restoration? **Second hike:** Rain left a little mud and puddles on our trek from Dillard Road to LCC. It was a good workout with several ups and downs. Some of our hikers brought treats: macaroons and pecan-stuffed dates! Lots of enthusiasm for the Arlie Park. **November 14:** Members: Steve Adey, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, John Cooper, Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Darian Morray, Emily Rice, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Janet Whitesides. **November 17:** Members: Jennifer Baer, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Diane Schechter, Chris Shuraleff.

## Silver Falls State Park

November 18, 2017

Leader: Brad Bennett

Hike: 7.1 miles, 600 feet (Moderate)

SIXTEEN OF US TOOK OFF IN FOUR CARS FROM EUGENE, making our first stop at the Santiam Rest Area near Salem. We arrived at the South Falls Day Use Area under partly cloudy skies, bought parking passes, then regathered for final instructions. We started hiking the trail clockwise, making the South Falls the first of ten and eating lunch at the upper North Falls. Members: Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Barbara Kay Cosby, Consuelo Gomez, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Dorene Steggell, Fumiyo Tao, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter, Clarence Townsend, Richard Shields, Cynthia Poindexter.

## Fern Ridge Bike Path - Fill Your Pantry

November 19, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 5 miles, 0 feet (Easy)

IT WAS A COLD MORNING and thus appreciated the 9:30 start so that we could enjoy the sun for our two-hour walk from the fairgrounds to Bailey Hill Road. We stopped at the 1912 Richardson Bridge where Darko pointed out the plaque. It explained that the bridge was first used to span the Crooked River, then in 1956 it was moved to the Siuslaw River. Finally in 1986, it became part of the Fern Ridge Bike Path. Back at the fairgrounds, after shopping for produce at the Fill Your Pantry event and at the Holiday Farmers' Market, we had lunch at the International Food Court. We hope it is on the schedule next year! Members: Keiko Bryan, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Barbara Gunther, Vicky Hanson, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Cynthia Poindexter, Alice Krentz.

## Castle Rock

November 19, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 12.4 miles, 2,600 feet (Difficult)

WE PICKED THE RIGHT TIME OF THE RIGHT DAY to do this hike, arriving on top of Castle Rock three weeks shy of 90 years from when the Obsidians first did so. The trail has

changed between miles three and four, going more west in the woods rather than up through an area of brush on an old road which continues to the FS road. It is very suitable for mountain biking, but it is also good for hiking. We arrived on top after about 2h15m and had lunch in about 3–4 inches of snow in bright sunshine. The high Cascades were beautiful in snow, and there was nobody else up there, only a few footprints. Since clouds moved in, we all began to get cold and we came down from the summit. I tried to get some pictures of Obsidians near the summit, but I'm not sure how much everything has changed. In any case, it's a good hike, and the rerouting of the lower trail is a definite plus. Members: Steve Adey, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Jacquie Fern, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Mike Smith, David Strutin.



*Snowy summit of Castle Rock.*

## Turkey Trimming

November 24, 2017

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 7.5 miles, 800 feet (Moderate)

JUDGING FROM WHAT OUR FAVORITE FOODS WERE ON Thanksgiving, it was a good thing that we participated in a brisk walk the following day. It was a perfect morning for hiking—cool and sunny. Richard set a blistering pace, but we all kept up. The path through the woods was muddier than expected, but then again, it had drizzled most of the previous day. Several folks commented that they discovered new streets in south Eugene. Thanks to all for the excellent company. Members: Steve Adey, Jennifer Baer, Mari Baldwin, Marguerite Cooney, Richard Hughes, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, David Strutin, Leslie Wright. Nonmembers: Charley Wright, Kathie Carpenter.

## Siltcoos Lake

November 25, 2017

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4.6 miles, 250 feet (Easy)

THE WEATHER COOPERATED. The lush coastal forest and the pervasive mushroom display provided an abundance of photographic opportunities. Some chanterelle and hedgehog mushrooms were collected. Members: Esme Greer, Joel Greer, David Hawkins, Holger Krentz, Darko Sojak.

## Walk the River

November 26, 2017

Leader: David Lodeesen

Hike: 6 miles, 50 feet (Moderate)

SIX EARLY BIRD OBSIDIANS SHOWED UP at the Owen Rose Garden on a Sunday morning to hike the Willamette River Path. After a night of constant rain, the skies cleared for a pleasant hike. The rain returned about ten minutes before we finished, but didn't dampen any Obsidian spirits. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter.

## Eugene Mural Walk

December 3, 2017

Leader & Photographer: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 3 miles, 0 feet (Easy)

OVER THE PAST MONTHS IN EUGENE, a number of building-sized murals have started appearing—some almost overnight. Nineteen Obsidians participated on a 2.5-mile walk through town to learn more about these fantastic artistic expressions. The murals are part of the 20×21 EUG Mural Project, an initiative to create 20 or more world-class outdoor murals in Eugene between now and the 2021 IAAF World Championships. After the walk, some of us enjoyed a tasty lunch of pizza and salad at Sizzle Pie. Members: Steve Adey, Julie Barnas, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Leah Firth, Vicky Hanson, Yuan Hopkins, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Jack Loe, Chris Shuraleff, David Strutin, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Jane Allen, Chloe Allen, Janet Whitesides.



*Obsidians observing a Project 20x21 mural in downtown Eugene.*

## Full Ridgeline Out & Back

December 9, 2017

Leader: Darian Morray

Hike: 12.6 miles, 2,120 feet (Difficult)

ELEVEN OF US GATHERED IN THE COLD (29 degree) fog at the Blanton Heights Ridgeline Trailhead. A twelfth hiker, a new member, was led to the wrong trailhead by her vehicle guidance system. We were able to meet her at the lower Willamette Trailhead and she completed the hike with us. For the most part we were above the fog in bright winter sunshine. We regrouped at the Fox Hollow and Spring Blvd. Trailheads and stopped for an early lunch at about 11:00 on the return leg at the top of Mt. Baldy. We completed the hike by 1:30 and enjoyed some corn muffins in the Blanton park-

ing area. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Brad Bennett, Jim Cameron, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Jennifer Lane.

## Cummins Creek Loop

December 10, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 9.8 miles, 1,400 feet (Moderate)

WE HAD THIRTEEN ON THIS TRIP—ten in Eugene, one in Florence and two from Corvallis—and we all got to the trailhead about the same time. It was a sunny, cool, somewhat windy day as we did Cummins Creek Loop clockwise from Cape Perpetua. The trail climbs steadily until just before the Gwynn Creek turn, then climbs again to the junction near the FS road. I always enjoy seeing the gradual decrease in Sitka spruce and the rather sudden onset of Douglas-firs as we go farther from the ocean. We had lunch on the overlook at the beginning of the long downhill stretch and came back on the Oregon Coast Trail to the Visitor's Center, seeing Spouting Horn even though we were in the middle of an outgoing neap tide. There were few others on the trail, and I found as leader I could occasionally position myself where I heard nothing at all, or just the light wind and a few sounds from the woods. It is a delightful place! Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Rachelle Masin, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Jules Moritz.

## Stocking Stuffer & Lunch

December 12, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Assistant Leader: Joella Ewing

Hike: 3 miles, 200 feet (Easy) (Ribbon Trail)

THIRTY-THREE ATTENDING THE FOURTH ANNUAL STOCKING STUFFER EVENT filled the Lodge with cheerful conversation. Everyone pitched in to decorate, arrange, and organize the setup and cleanup. There were salads, breads, desserts and six delicious soups to sample. Thanks to Joella who coordinated the food and inspires us with her concerns for the homeless. We collected 100 pairs of socks to give to the Egan Warming Center. That included the ones that were dropped off later by those who forgot to bring them. Generosity made our hike and lunch a special way to start the holiday season. Members: Jennifer Baer, Mari Baldwin, Patricia Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Carla Cooper, Cindy Cowell, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Meg Kieran, David Lodeesen, Lou Maenz, Lenore McManigal, Evelyn Nagy, Judy Newman, Cynthia Poindexter, Dave Predeek, Margaret Prentice, Jorry Rolfe, Ruth Romoser, Tom Rundle, Diane Schechter, Barbara Schomaker, Chris Shuraleff, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, June Sutterfield, Sam Tracer, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Jeannie Manor, Bruce Fingerhood.

## Walterville Pond & Canal

December 17, 2017

Leader: Kathy Randall

Hike: 5.4 miles, 100 feet (Easy)

THE WEATHER COOPERATED PERFECTLY for this pleasant winter hike around the pond and then two miles east up the canal and back. We had mostly sunny skies with tempera-

tures in the high 30s. Unfortunately, we saw very little wild-life—a few small birds in the blackberry bushes, several ducks on Walterville Pond, and two blue jays along the canal. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Barbara Gunther, Jane Hackett, Caralynn Judy, Henry Judy, Lauren Judy, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rust, Darko Sojak, Leslie Wright. Nonmembers: Charley Wright.

## **McDonald Forest**

**December 19, 2017**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 7.4 miles, 2,000 feet (Moderate)**

**WE STOPPED FIRST AT THE SCENIC VIEWPOINT** in Chip Ross Park for a group photo by the Willie Unsoeld monument. Then the rain poured, giving us unlimited opportunities to test our rain gear. Karen shared blast-off brownies to celebrate Darian's birthday before we had a quick five-minute lunch break and then blasted back to the cars. There was no need to take time to inventory who was the driest hiker. Two persons from California walked with us. When our maps wilted in the rain and signage was not available at the many trail and road intersections, Dave Cooper checked his GPS and kept us on the right track. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Dorene Steggell, June Sutterfield, Nancy Whitfield.

## **Pisgah Winter Solstice**

**December 21, 2017**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 3.5 miles, 1,000 feet (Moderate)**

**"IT'S CLEAR ON TOP!"** was the unexpected greeting from downhill hikers. Walking out of the gloomy fog to a surreal view, one hiker commented, "The sun is setting in a sea of white puffy clouds." Another said, "The sun's light seems as if it is red lava erupting behind the clouds." It felt like we were in a spaceship. The view to the east was of the snow-capped mountains and snowy foothills. As we started down, the sky was now painted with pinks and reds. We saw the waxing crescent moon before the fog enveloped us. We started the hike at 3:30 and all of us were back at the cars by 5:30. Members: Rick Ahrens, Jim Cameron, Cindy Cowell, Larry Dunlap, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Cynthia Poindexter, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, David Strutin, Eric Thornton. Nonmembers: Larry Myers, Rosanne Jekot, Cheryl Flavin, Kay Coots.

## **Carry Cans - FOOD For Lane County**

**December 22, 2017**

**Leader: Tom Rundle**

**Hike: 5.7 miles, 85 feet (Easy)**

**FIVE OF US SET OUT AT 9:25** on a cool, overcast morning with four heavy backpacks and a dilapidated cart, packed with cans and a few other items. According to FOOD for Lane County, we carried a total of 76 lbs. of food. Round trip was about 5.7 miles with an elevation gain of about 75 feet. We made the entire round trip in about two hours. On the return trip we saw over a hundred Canada geese grazing on the lawn at Cesar Chavez Middle School. Members: Brad Bennett, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Tom Rundle, June Sutterfield.

## **Blanton-Dillard-Blanton**

**December 23, 2017**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Hike: 9.6 miles, 1,200 feet (Moderate)**

**DUE TO DAVE LODEESEN'S ILLNESS, I WAS PRESSED INTO SERVICE** to lead the hike. There were only two of us to hike Blanton-Dillard and back. It's equivalent in distance and height gained to Blanton-Spencer, only the uphill is spread out. Not too many people on the trail two days before Christmas. It was a little wet but not muddy. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Mike Smith.

## **Gillespie Butte**

**December 26, 2017**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Photographer: Carla Cooper**

**Hike: 8 miles, 450 feet (Easy)**

**WE MET AT 9:00 AT THE RIVER PLAY DISCOVERY VILLAGE** (2006) where we 'discovered' the sandpit bronze fossils and the replicas of Spencer Butte and the columns. We then walked along the Ruth Bascomb Riverbank Trail to the Greenway Bridge (1977) through the Valley River parking lot over Delta Highway to Clinton Road and up Crenshaw to Gillespie Butte and Cemetery (1895). Dave Cooper suggested, on the return trip, we make a loop using the Delta Ponds Bridge (2010). Back at Skinner Butte, we ascended the new climbers' trail (December 22, 2017). The last stop was Fifth Street Market (1976) for lunch. It was an interesting four hours to connect and appreciate Eugene's parks and trails. Members: Mari Baldwin, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Denise Egri, Serge Faumont, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz.



*Top to bottom: Mari Baldwin, Dave Cooper, Denise Egri, Serge Faumont, Janet Jacobsen, and Holger Krentz on the new steps at Skinner Butte.*

## Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

October 18–December 20, 2017

Various leaders: Dorene Steggell (10/18), David Lodeesen (10/25), Janet Jacobsen (11/1), David Cooper (11/8), Tom Rundle (11/15), Mike Smith (11/22), Tom Rundle (11/29), David Cooper (12/6), Michael King (12/13), Steve Cordon (12/20)

Hikes: 6.2 miles, 1,530 feet (Moderate)

**THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:** **October 18:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Brad Bennett, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Vern Marsonette, Darian Morray, Anita Pierce, Tom Rundle, Dan Russell, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter, Michelle Marsonette, Kiley Marsonette. **October 25:** Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Barbara Orsi, Dan Russell, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley. Nonmembers: Nancy Collins, Michelle Marsonette. **November 1 (celebrated 90th anniversary):** Members: Jennifer Baer, Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Evelyn Nagy, Anita Pierce, Dan Russell, Randy Sinnott, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley. Nonmembers: Cynthia Poindexter. **November 8:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Rachelle Masin, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Jim Cameron. **November 15:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, Steven Koester, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Vern Marsonette, Darian Murray, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Anita Pierce, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, David Strutin, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale, Jim Cameron. **November 22:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Jim Northrop, Anita Pierce, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, David Strutin, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter, Gwyneth Iredale. **November 29:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Vern Marsonette, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Dan Russell, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale, Jim Cameron. **December 6:** Members: Jennifer Baer, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Anita Pierce, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Dan Russell, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale, Philip Johnston, Anne Campbell. **December 13:** Members: Jennifer Baer, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Darian Morray, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Anita Pierce, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Dan Russell, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale. **December 20:** Members: Jennifer Baer, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, David

Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Jim Northrop, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, David Strutin, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale, Caroline Moore.

## Mt. Pisgah

October 29, November 11, December 2–16, 2017

Leaders: Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen (12/2)

Hike: 6–7.4 miles, 1,400 feet (Moderate)

**THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:** **October 29 Mushroom Festival from North Trailhead:** Members: May Fogg, Caroline Moore, Janet Jacobsen, Evelyn Nagy, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell, June Sutterfield. Nonmembers: Cynthia Poindexter. **November 11:** Members: Jan Danforth, Leah Firth, May Fogg, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Toresa Martell, Caroline Moore, Meg Stewart Smith. **December 2:** Members: Carla Cooper, May Fogg, Barbara Gunther, John Jacobsen, Evelyn Nagy, David Strutin. **December 8:** Members: Steve Adey, David Cooper, May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Ellen Johnson, Steven Johnson, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Cynthia Poindexter, Jorry Rolfe, Pat Soussan, Dorene Steggell, David Strutin. **December 16:** Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Zaffina Kramer.

## Blanton Ridge - Spencer Butte

December 2 and 16, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith (both hikes)

Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 feet (Difficult)

**THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:** **December 2:** Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. **December 16:** Members: Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith.



**Ski  
Trip**

## Midnight Lake

December 23, 2017

Leader: Sue Wolling

Xski: 6 miles, 600 feet  
(Moderate)

**SIX INTERESTED SKIERS SIGNED UP** for the Midnight Lake Strip—but there were no drivers. Finally Linda agreed, with some trepidation, to drive her little Honda Civic up the pass. She could only take three people, and even that required bungee cords to strap the third set of skis to the rack, so only the first three people on the sign-up sheet were able to go. Fortunately, the roads weren't bad, and the snow was surprisingly good. There were two feet of snow at the same gauge that measured about five feet this time last year, but that was plenty. We set out on the flat road to Pengra Pass, hoping that we'd remember what to do with the boards strapped to our feet. Fortunately, cross-country skiing is like riding a bike—you never really forget your skills (especially if you were never very proficient to start with)! We enjoyed the track some previous skier had made for the entire route: up the PCT to Midnight Lake, then the tie-in trail over to Abernathy Road, lunch at Bechtel Shelter, followed by the glide back to Pengra Pass. It was a mostly sunny day, and a great way to start both the ski season and the Christmas holidays. Members: Jacquie Fern, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Linda Gilbert.

## AT THE LODGE



# POTLUCK

Friday, January 26 at 6:30 PM

## New Hikes in Southern Oregon Presented by William L. Sullivan

**O**REGON'S HIKING GURU TAKES US ON A SLIDESHOW TOUR of new trails he discovered while researching the new fourth edition of his book, *100 Hikes/Travel Guide: Southern Oregon & Northern California*. We'll find hidden lakes in the Trinity Alps, relocated trails at Crater Lake, and wildflower meadows in the Siskiyou. As always, Sullivan spices his talk with notes on geology, wildlife, and history.

Sullivan is the author of 18 books about Oregon, including two books on Oregon history and five novels. New in 2016 is a murder mystery about the Rajneeshees, *The Case of the Reborn Bhagwan*. His journal of a 1,000-mile hike across Oregon, *Listening for Coyote*, was chosen by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission as one of Oregon's *100 Books*. He also writes an outdoor column for the *Eugene Register-Guard* and the *Salem Statesman-Journal*. For more information, see [www.oregonhiking.com](http://www.oregonhiking.com).

This show is particularly important because the federal government is considering downsizing the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Southern Oregon. What's at stake? Come see for yourself.



William L. Sullivan

### Potluck

Friday, January 26, 2018

Obsidian Lodge

Potluck, 6:30 PM Program, 7:30 PM

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

*Potlucks will now be held on the last Friday of the month, except in May and November, due to holidays. (In the past, they were usually scheduled for the fourth Friday.)*

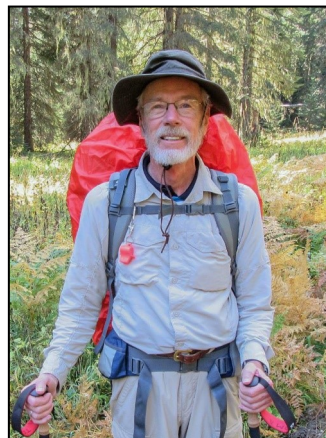


## ExploraTalk

Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 PM

## Paradoxes in Measurement Presented by Obsidian Tom Rundle

**F**OR DECADES PHYSICISTS HAVE DEBATED THE PARADOXICAL RELATIONSHIP between the observer and the observed in subatomic experiments. This ExploraTalk offers a brief look into the mysterious gap between perception and conception in quantum measurements in modern physics.



# UPCOMING

## Snow Adventure at Mt. Hood

March 8–11, 2018

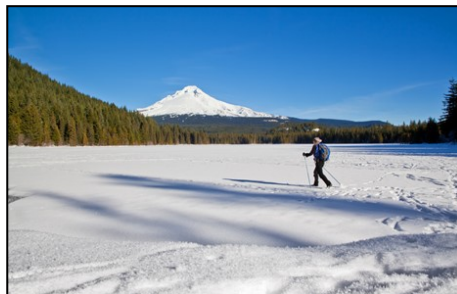
**W**ANT TO SKI OR SNOWSHOE FOR THREE DAYS NEAR **MT. HOOD?** Explore new snow territory? This is the trip for you! We'll be based at the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp, (Laurel Lodge), which is a few miles west of Government Camp (83500 E Kiwanis Camp Road, Government Camp OR 97028) —[www.mhkc.org/](http://www.mhkc.org/). During the summer it is used for youth camps but the rest of the year it's available to various groups.

Each large room will have 4–5 occupants with the bathrooms/showers down the hall. Mattresses are provided on bunk beds; we bring sleeping bags. Each participant will have a bottom bunk bed; no one on top! There's a very inviting common area in which to read, play games or just socialize. We will prepare our own meals and clean up after. Dinners and breakfasts are included. Lunches are *not* included.

Ski and/or snowshoe options: around Trillium Lake; down an unplowed road from the Mt. Hood downhill area to Government Camp; Teacup Lake Nordic groomed area. Downhill options: Mt. Hood Meadows, Timberline, and SkiBowl.

### The Details:

- When:** Wed. March 8–11 (3 nights, 4 days)
- Where:** Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp near Government Camp
- Cost:** \$110 per person for members; \$115 for non-members
- Maximum:** 23 adventurous souls. This trip is a bargain and will sell out quickly!
- Sign-up:** Online signup starts on Sunday, January 21 for members; January 24 for nonmembers. Within 5 days of signing up, mail your check for the full amount *payable to the Obsidians* to: Lana Lindstrom, P.O. Box 5506, Eugene, Oregon, 97405
- Cancellation:** If you cancel prior to February 7, the registration fee, less \$20, will be refunded. After February 7, you will forfeit the entire amount.
- Questions:** Call Leader Lana Lindstrom at 683-1409 or e-mail: [лана\\_lindstrom@hotmail.com](mailto:лана_lindstrom@hotmail.com)



Trillium Lake and Mt. Hood



# OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

## January

7 Sun	Waxmyrtle Trail & Beach Hike E Sojak .....	799-9199
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Steggell .....	343-7018
13 Sat	Fuji Shelter via Fuji Creek Rd Xski M Morray .	953-5679
13 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
14 Sun	Big Lake Ski or Snowshoe Ext Trp E Schechter .	687-1887
16 Tue	Paradoxes in Measurement..... ExploraTalk	
17 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lindstrom.....	683-1409
20 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741
25 Thu	River Path North Hike E Cooper .....	868-5427
26 Fri	Hikes in Southern OR & Northern CA..... Potluck	
26 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
28 Sun	Odell Butte Lookout Xski M Miller .....	484-4586
31 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741
31 Wed	Mt. Pisgah Sunset Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251

## February

2 Fri	Groundhog Day Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
3 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
3 Sat	Fawn Lake Xski D Sinnott .....	915-0234
4 Sun	Thurston Hills Hike E Sojak.....	799-9199
7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin .....	221-9015
10 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
13 Tue	Forest Ecology..... ExploraTalk	

13 Tue	Oregon B'day - Dorris Ranch Hike E Jacobsen .	206-1251
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray .....	953-5679
17 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
18 Sun	Clear Lake SShoe M James .....	683-7488
21 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
23 Fri	John Muir .....	Potluck
23 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
24 Sat	Nickerson Loop SShoe M Rundle.....	653-0741
28 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin.....	221-9015

## March

7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
8 Thu	Kiwanis Camp XSKI/SShoe Ext Trp E Lindstrom	683-1409
10 Sat	Sand Mountain Lookout Xski D Sayre .....	345-2370
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin.....	221-9015
14 Wed	Obsidian Lodge Pi Hike E Jacobsen .....	206-1251
15 Thu	EMX To Wetlands Hike M Rundle .....	653-0741
17 Sat	Rosary Lakes SShoe M Wilken .....	343-3080
20 Tue	Teaching Leadership Through Storytelling. ExploraTalk	
21 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen .....	214-709-0352
22 Thu	Delta Ponds Fowl Play Hike M Rundle .....	653-0741
24 Sat	SOLVE Beach Cleanup Hike E Sojak.....	799-9199
28 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray .....	953-5679
28 Wed	Pisgah Sunset Moonrise Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
30 Fri	Hiking in Norway.....	Potluck



**OBSIDIANS, INC.**  
ZATION  
**P.O. BOX 51510**  
**EUGENE, OR 97405**

OBSIDIANS, INC. IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANI-

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESORTED STANDARD  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
EUGENE, OR  
PERMIT 803



January 2018



*Photo from Mt. June summit by Darian Morray. See Page 9.*

ENJOY the photos in color! ONLINE *Bulletin* at [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org)