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March 30	Potluck
March 30	Bulletin Deadline
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April 10	Summer Trips Rally

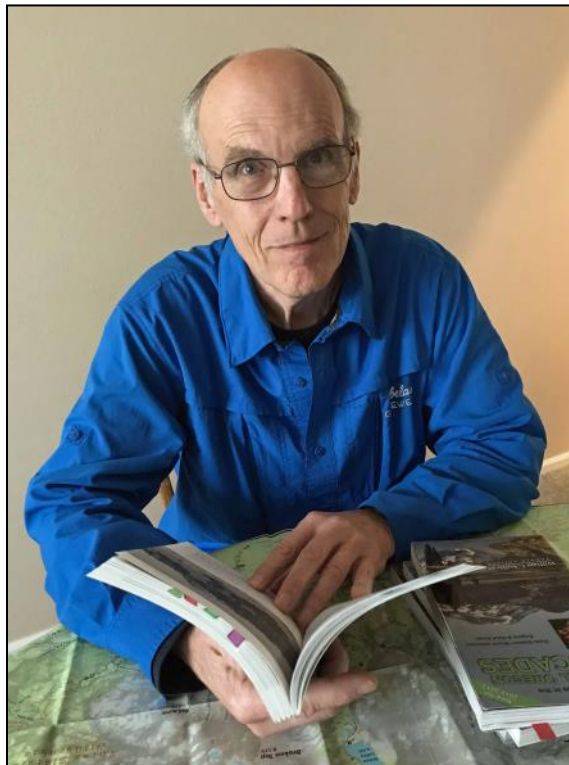
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Coming Soon ... Summer Trips Rally

Dave Cooper, Summer Trips Chair

IT MAY SEEM LIKE SUMMER IS A LONG WAY OFF, but Summer Trips for Obsidians starts April 1. It is time to start planning for the upcoming season. Some creative ideas have already been scheduled. We need a variety of outings and people to organize them. Our committee supports hikes, backpacks, and car camping as well as bike and water trips. The possibilities are endless with things to do and places to go. The Summer Trips Committee is eagerly waiting for more trips to be submitted. If you wish to lead something, make your submission and grab the date you want. If you have an idea for a place or type of outing you'd like to see on the schedule, just let us know at summertrips@obsidians.org. The scheduler can help you with resources and information.



Summer Trips Chair, Dave Cooper

An even better first step would be to join us on Tuesday, April 10 for the Summer Trips Rally. Enjoy some pizza as we share ideas and resources about where to go. We'll touch on a few procedures and then focus on brainstorming ideas about places to visit. Other topics might include area fire conditions, map resources, online sources, and first aid kits. Bring a favorite trail book. We will even have door prizes. Please sign up online so we know how many are coming.

SOLVE Beach Cleanup
Saturday March 24, 2018
4 miles, Easy
Leader: Darko Sojak

FOR THE PAST TWELVE YEARS THE OBSIDIANS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SOLVE BEACH CLEANUP. SOLVE is a statewide nonprofit organization that takes action every day to keep Oregon clean and green. They mobilize over 35,000 volunteers, and organize over 1,000 cleanup and restoration projects throughout the state. The SOLVE mission: *Bring Oregonians together to improve our environment and build a legacy of stewardship.*

Please sign up online and join me on the annual Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup a few miles south of Florence. Dress for weather and wear closed-toe shoes. SOLVE will provide bags and gloves. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own bags for litter pickup. On the way back we will stop in Florence for lunch. For more information, contact: darchey@comcast.net

Obituary

GLENN MOORE GORDON, M.D., 1924–2018

GLEN BECAME AN OBSIDIAN IN 2002. He and his wife Sue attended four summer camps. At the 2006 Summer Camp in Sequim, Glenn led the singing each night at the campfire. One evening Glenn announced that 60 years ago was the luckiest day of his life—the day he married Sue. Their daughter Chris, also at camp, sang *You Are My Sunshine*, a childhood favorite. After retirement from his medical practice in 1986, Glenn spent the next 25 years volunteering and teaching all over the world. He was 86 when he completely retired in 2011, the year that his wife died. Both he and Sue had a deep commitment to helping others and also shared a wide variety of interests. A celebration of life will be held at 2 PM, Sunday, April 15, at the Central Presbyterian Church in Eugene.

Editor's Note: Glenn's complete obituary can be found in the February 18 issue of The Register-Guard

Welcome New Members!

Kay Coots
Eugene, Or 97405

Angela West
Springfield, Or 97477

Doug Sandburg
Eugene, Or 97408

Emergency Preparedness

Assessing an injured or ill person

A CLASS COVERING EMERGENCIES IN THE OUTDOORS, with special emphasis on how to assess a person who is injured or ill, will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 8:30–4:30 PM at the Obsidian Lodge. A hands-on approach will be used to teach assessment skills along with first aid that can be given to stabilize a person suffering from an injury or illness. The session will not lead to a certification of any kind, but it is a chance to increase your outdoor emergency knowledge and skills.

Lyndell Wilken, the Wilderness First Aid instructor at Lane Community College, will be the presenter. A thorough assessment check-off list that can be included in individual first aid kits will be shared with the participants. Enrollment begins April 1 on the Obsidian online trips website. There will be a maximum of 20 participants. The cost is \$5.00 to be paid the day of the class at the Lodge. Registration will be open to Obsidian members first, followed by nonmembers if places are available. The class signup sheet online will let you know what to bring along with other class details.

Lyndell Wilken, Safety Committee Chair

Volunteers Wanted!

THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST are going to form a separate nonprofit organization which will then partner with the Willamette NF. As a nonprofit the group will better be able to help preserve the public lands and resources of the Forest. In order to accomplish this task we are looking for folks who would like to be involved in creating this new nonprofit for the benefit of forest users and the Willamette NF.

If you are interested or want more information please contact Judy Mitchell at hayjudy@comcast.net or 554-8182.

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Obsidians at the Coburg Caves

by Janet Jacobsen

RAY HARRIS, OUR LONGEST LIVING MEMBER, was nineteen years old and a machinist working for Southern Pacific Railroad when he joined the Obsidians in the spring of 1950. He attended the May Obsidian Climb School in the Jasper Hills and embarked on a climbing spree. He soon summited five mountains and became a Chief in January 1951 with the name Chief Choo Choo. I thought the name was due to his connection with trains. Ray said he thought it was because in Yellowstone a bear pushed through the crowd of tourist photographers and bit (chewed) him on the back of the leg while he was boarding the 1950 Obsidian Summer Camp Greyhound bus.

The Korean War temporarily interrupted his climbing when he left for boot camp in 1951. The March, 1952 *Bulletin* has a short note that ... *Ray was home on furlough last week and is now on his way to Korea. In the few days he was here he found time to do some "rope work" on the Coburg Hills and attempt a snow climb of Jack along with buddies Doc Keller and Gene Sebring. Old Man Winter was too much for them tho' so they had to turn back.* In the October, 1952 *Bulletin*, there is an update note that Ray, while on a few days pass, climbed Fujiyama with some other fellows who rested at the 6000-foot level while he continued on with a group of Japanese students to the top to see the view. *Then he scampered down to tell 'em he was going back up to the top to spend the night!*

By 1953 Ray was back in Eugene to continue his climbing spree with the Obsidians, but now he was leading more climbs and also assisting with climb school at the Coburg Caves. He was Climb Chair in 1956 and 1961, and Search and Rescue Chair in 1956. He remembers that they scouted the Coburg Hills area for the perfect climbing rocks and found the large Whale Rock with many short climb routes. Beginning climbers would not forget the challenges of Whale Rock.



Whale Rock at the Coburg Caves

In several telephone interviews, Ray regaled me with climbing stories that thankfully never happened to me when I took climb school at the Coburg Caves. The instructors



Ray with photo of himself climbing Dogs Head at the Coburg Caves in 1958

wanted the first-time belayer—the person controlling the safety rope from the top of the rock—to really feel what it would be like to have a climber suddenly fall. They hauled a 100-pound truck tire to the belay spot on the rock summit and tied it to the safety rope. The belayer would give the rope some slack and an instructor would drop the tire over the rock face. If you have any questions about this technique, call Ray.

When Ray first mentioned *Son of a Pitch*, I thought he meant it was the official Obsidian swear word to use in a tight spot on a climb. It actually refers to a difficult climbing move between two rocks around five feet apart in the Coburg Caves area. The climber would stand high enough on the rock so that when he fell forward, he could grab the rock on the other side. Legend has it that Willi Unsoeld made the first successful *Son of a Pitch*. Ray recalled that in 1961 Dunham Motors had a television series, *Road to Adventure*, that had a three-minute segment filming the Obsidians climbing at the Coburg Caves. The highlight was filming the *Son of a Pitch* with Ray stretched out as a human bridge between the two rocks so that Dr. Norman Lee could walk across his back. For later climb schools, the club would borrow the 16mm film to illustrate what one could expect at the climbing school. Unfortunately the film is not to be found.

Ray recalls that the search and rescue team purchased a new stretcher from Austria. For their practice sessions his wife Betty volunteered to be strapped to the stretcher and lowered 60 feet. Later when she was lowered 100 feet down a sheer rock face, the team at the top gave the rope too

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much slack. The stretcher tilted but Betty said that fortunately her big feet held her safely in place. That was the last time they used a human for practice. Perhaps they should have used the 100-pound tire.

Ray had access to the blacksmith shop at Southern Pacific, and to save money would make his own climbing equipment such as pitons and hammers. Recently he donated his equipment to the Mazama Mountaineering Center in Portland. He also made the andirons for the Lodge fireplace out of railroad rails. In 1969 he was transferred to California, where he worked on train air brakes and rebuilding locomotives. He continued to attend Obsidian Summer Camps. Since his retirement he has traveled by train on six continents. The Trans-Siberian Express was his latest trip, and next month he will be in Alaska to view the Aurora Borealis.

Ray attended the 90th Anniversary Open House last November where he presented a framed photograph of his 1958 climb of Dogs Head at the Coburg Caves. When asked why he didn't write about his wild adventures, Ray replied, "It is enough to have them in my memory."

Obsidian Climb School at the Coburg Caves

APRIL 1938, BULLETIN: *The Board has recently devised a new idea that has particular bearing on the summer and fall climbing program. The climbing committee composed of Ray Sims, Tony Vogel, Robert Lemon, Harold Trotter, Paul Lafferty, and Bryan Ryan, has been formed for the purpose of placing more emphasis on the safety factor, and to minimize the danger element in climbs sponsored by the club.*

Ten years later, January 29, 1948, the Obsidians held their first Obsidian Mountaineering School, meeting at the YMCA on the University campus with eighty-five people attending. Participants learned four knots: the butterfly, the bowline, the bowline on coil, and the simple square knot with half hitches for tying two ropes together. Practice sessions with ropes, over-night bivouacking, plus field trips to the Coburg Caves and Sunshine Shelter were also on the schedule.

The following year in the May, 1949 *Bulletin*, the Mountaineering Committee Chairman Paul Lafferty reported there would be three sessions of Mountaineering School at the Coburg Caves, June 5, 12, and 19.

MAY, 1960 BULLETIN: *An unusual amount of interest is being shown in climbing school this year with around 60 to 70 attending the indoor classes and about 50 attending the last outdoor class held May 1st in Coburg Hills. A lot of work and responsibility by the climbing committee is necessary to conduct these annual sessions and they deserve a lot of credit.*

JUNE, 1966 BULLETIN: *Mark McLaughlin reported on climbing school and that high attendance of 80 and low of 15 [sic]. This low figure was of the climb in the Coburg Caves area and was probably caused because of the cold rain that day. He said that they gathered up 125 cans around the caves and brought them out. Mark said that a total of 115 persons attended almost all of the meetings. (The Memorial Wall at the Lodge is in memory of Mark who died on the Mt. McKinley climb in 1967.)*

In the 1980s Obsidians and Eugene Parks and Recreation jointly sponsored the climb schools, with practice sessions usually at the Coburg Caves. By the mid-90s the Coburg Hills area was no longer available for public use, and practice sessions were held at the Skinner Butte columns. The Nature Conservancy now manages the Coburg Hills area.

Gary Kirk, an Obsidian since 1961 and President from 1968–1969, has strong connections with the Coburg Caves. He served as Climb Chair, Search and Rescue Chair, and assisted with practice sessions for many years. From 2001–2011 Gary had permission to lead an Obsidian hike each year to Old Baldy and the Coburg Hills. I was on his 2010 hike and could tell how much the Coburg Caves meant to Gary. It is a special place for many Obsidians who learned to climb with people like Gary and Ray.

Gary wrote these thoughts for his last trip report in July, 2011: *Over to the Main Caves, but so much wet moss, I decided not to climb up anything. But they still are impressive. Back to fence and down the trail (of sorts) and over to the Whale where we used to do a lot of Obsidian Climbing Schools along with the Main Caves, in the past. Lots of memories for me there.*

Note: The 2018 Obsidian Climb School, cosponsored with Eugene Mountain Rescue, will hold classes and field sessions at the Obsidian Lodge, Hayrick Butte, Bob Keefer Center for Sports and Recreation, and Skinner Butte Columns.

CLIMB CHAIRS

1948	Willis Caldwell
1949	Paul Lafferty
1950	Lloyd Gust
1951	Mike Stahl
1952	Al Lindley
1953	Lloyd Plaisted & Gene Sebring
1954	Lloyd Plaisted
1955	Walt Banks
1956	Ray Harris
1957	Tom Taylor
1958	'Doc' Boyles
1959	Lorena Shinn [Reid] & Tom Taylor
1960	Jim Jeppesen
1961	Ray Harris
1962	Gene Sebring
1963	Bob Dark
1964	Stanley Hasek
1965	Bob Dark
1966	Mark McLaughlin
1967	Mark McLaughlin & Gary Kirk
1968	Cal Crawford
1969	Ron Nunemaker
1970	Ben Ross
1971–1972	Wes Prouty
1973–1974	Don Payne
1975–1976	Bud Proctor
1977	Dick Moffitt
1978	Bob Dark
1979	Randy Zustiak
1980	Glenn Meares
1981	Gene Thaxton
1982	Ken Deletas
1983–1984	Frank Moore
1985	Tom Donnelly
1986–1987	John Jacobsen
1988–1989	Rick Ahrens
1990–1991	Jan Anselmo
1992–1993	John Pegg
1994–1996	Jerry Crosby
1997–1998	Buzz Blumm
1999–2001	Doug Nelson
2002	Bill Johnson
2003–2005	Sue Sullivan
2006	Doug Nelson
2007–2011	Larry Huff
2012–2013	Sue Sullivan
2014	Brian Hamilton
2015–2018	Maryanne Reiter

Obsidians in the News

THE DAY AFTER THE MT. HOOD CLIMBING FATALITY ON FEBRUARY 13, a KMTR reporter interviewed two Obsidian members at the Lodge about Mt. Hood climbs and safety. Maryanne Reiter, Climbs Chair, said that she had climbed Mt. Hood maybe 30 times and that it is a difficult mountain to navigate even for the most experienced climbers. A recent Obsidian Climb School graduate, Hayden Banks talked about climb school and learning the needed skills. He pointed out, “Mountains are still going to be there but the number one priority is getting back home.” Maryanne mentioned the upcoming Obsidian Climb School and how important it is to have training where new climbers can practice for whatever might happen up there. Read the interview at this link: <http://nbc16.com/news/local/even-the-most-experienced-climbers-say-mt-hood-is-tricky>

Thanks Maryanne and Hayden.

Amanda Trail: An Oregon Coast Trail Walk to Remember

Janet Jacobsen & Jorry Rolfe

THE AMANDA TRAIL IS A 4.2-MILE TRAIL IN THE CAPE PERPETUA AREA NEAR YACHATS. It was named after Amanda de-Cuys, a blind Coos woman, who was force-walked with her tribe from Coos Bay to the Alsea Sub-Agency (part of the Coast Reservation) in the 1860s.

The Eugene Public Library’s February NEA Big Read celebration featured two programs about the history of Amanda and the Amanda Trail: the play, *Amanda Transcending*, by Connie Bennett and directed by Eliza Roaring Springs, and the program *How a Trail Brought Truth, Reconciliation, Collaboration to a Divided People*. The program featured Joanne Kittel from Yachats and Don ‘Doc’ Slyter of Coos Bay, an elder of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indian Tribes, who shared their narrative about the significance of the learning and understanding among native peoples while jointly bringing the trail into existence.

Years before that, Joanne and her husband had moved to Yachats and she began to research the people who had lived on the land they had purchased. It took 14 years of hunting, gathering, and sharing information that had been ignored or misrepresented, plus months of student and volunteer trail work, before she and Doc Slyter celebrated the well-attended official opening of the Amanda Trail in April, 1998.

The Amanda statue was donated in 2003 and trail completion took place in 2009. They did not give up when a mudslide in December 2015 took out the original statue and bridge, which meant they had to replace the statue and rebuild the trail.

Among the many links about the trail, we suggest you start with the Amanda Trail Story at

www.yachats.info/history/Amanda_Trail.html.

If you are making a trip to Yachats, download the map at www.yachatstrails.org/find-a-trail.html. Consider including a visit to the new Ya’Xaik Trail in Yachats. Both are on the Obsidian trips schedule for April 8.

Wild John Muir: Suggested Reading

Janet Jacobsen

AS LANA LINDSTROM WROTE IN HER BOARD REPORT, “Dr. Barbara Mossberg [Dr. B.] delivered a spirited and glorious presentation about John Muir at the February potluck.” If you missed Dr. B.’s talk— she gave us an unending list of synonyms for the word ‘wild’ that served as the prelude for her tales of Muir’s wild adventures and what is called his ‘purple prose’. And if you want to know more about scootchers, a snow avalanche ride, a tree ride, a Mono Lake windstorm, an interview with a bear, or being nearly crushed by an iceberg, read *The Wild Muir: Twenty-two of John Muir’s Greatest Adventures*, selected and introduced by Lee Stetson. A followup book is *The Wilder Muir: Twenty-Three of John Muir’s Wilderness Adventures* by Bonnie Gisel. Take heed! After Muir ventured out on a narrow bench at Yosemite Falls for a better view in the moonlight, he wrote that a wild scene may not be a safe one.

FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

February 7, 2018 by Maryanne Reiter.

President John Cooper called the meeting to order. Board members present: Dave Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Lyndell Wilken, Maryanne Reiter, Todd Larsen, Marci Hansen, Lana Lindstrom, and Kathy Randall. Others present: Stewart Hoeg, Carla Cooper, John Jacobson, and Dave Lodeesen. The Board approved the minutes for January 2018.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg: The Board approved payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth): We have completed the bus trip schedule for 2018. There will be seven bus trips plus three events at the Lodge: The Bus Rally, a special presentation (Fossils, Shells & Rocks) in April, and a Christmas Party. We welcome and appreciate the help of our three new committee members: Marcia Claypool, Judy Garwood and Vern Marsonette.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee met on Jan 11 to launch the 2018 Climbs season. We continued to plan for Basic Climb School including working out who is going to lead what aspect of the class, what gear is needed and what changes are needed based on the lessons we learned last year. We also started developing the climbs calendar and revisited requirements to go on certain climbs. The climbs committee has two new members, Eric Gran and Danny Manning and we are appreciative of their energy and input. We also want to thank Doug Nelson for his years on the committee and all the work he did. Thanks Doug!

Concessions (Carla Cooper): We sold \$265 worth of merchandise in January. We have spent about half of our budget on new merchandise (shopping bags, knit beanies, and travel blankets) and are continuing to consider new items.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe): The first ExploraTalk of 2018 brought 12 people to the Lodge. There are six more talks planned for the rest of the year. Please note schedule online.

Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom): Bill Sullivan presented an excellent program about hikes and mountain bike trails in southern Oregon and northern California on January 26.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Diane Schechter led a very successful combo ski and snowshoe trip to Big Lake.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): In January the Finance Committee met and did the following: 1. Decided on recommendations to the Board for allocating investment income from 2017. 2. Decided to bid out the Club's insurance. 3. Worked on a plan for the board to adopt a statement of investment policy and objectives for the club.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the trips and activities in the January *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): January was a busy month for the Lodge. Members of Eugene Mountain Rescue and Lane County Search and Rescue were at the Lodge for three days of training. Then National Outdoor Leadership's Wilderness First Aid class used the Lodge for two days. Requests for Lodge rentals came in and agreements have been reached with LCC for a staff development retreat, the McKenzie River Trust, and the Eugene Gleemen. I'm asking the Board to approve Meg Kieran and Toresa Martell as members of the Lodge committee.

Membership (Diane Schechter): Four new participants for Board approval.

Online (Wayne Deeter): The Committee is working on long-range planning for our email lists.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): I'll be scheduling a meeting next month and getting to know the team and our current responsibilities, plus we'll consider some new ideas.

Publications (Lou Maenz): Ending day for submissions to the *Bulletin* has changed from the Saturday prior to the Board meeting to the Friday prior to the meeting.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The Safety Committee met on January 31. The following was accomplished: The safety manual and safety related documents were reviewed and brought up to date. First Aid Kit locations were reviewed. It was decided to store the summer camp first aid kit inside the Lodge to be available for all Lodge events. Jim Northrop and Lyndell Wilken will meet with an insurance agent to discuss liability insurance for the Obsidian board and Committee members.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): A few summer trips are being scheduled. Tom Rundle will be doing a series of geology hikes. Bill Sullivan will have a joint Chemeketan/Obsidian backpack to Jefferson Park. The Committee is beginning efforts to recruit leaders and plan for a kickoff event in April.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing this past month in the Spencer Butte Park to improve the West Trail by replacing broken fence rails and clearing muck from the cobble section.

Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen): The Winter Trips Committee processed and recorded the following for the month of January, 2018: 26 total trips: (22 hikes; 1 bike; 2 snowshoe; 1 xc-ski) with 237 members and 25 nonmembers participating.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marci Hansen gave an update on the U of O project with John Mitchell from the School of Journalism and Communication. The students will be developing a survey that could be used to help the club understand the community perception of the organization as well as provide outreach suggestions.

The Board decided to stay with the current driver reimbursement rate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Reports were approved.

New member applicants: David Clinger, Reed DeGolier, Rosanne Jokot, Zaffina Kramer were all approved.

Maryanne Reiter was approved as Board Secretary.

Committee Members that had not been previously approved were all approved.

The Board discussed the proposed purchase of an AED for Lodge and Summer Camp and had further questions for Lyndell Wilken, which she will pursue.

Preliminary discussion of a proposed club investment policy: since there is no mention of investment policies in the Constitution and Bylaws, the Finance Committee is proposing to develop a policy and will be sending a document soon.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Obsidian Lodge Closure Checklist: Dave Cooper proposed that we have two checklists for closing the Lodge: one for renters/public and the other for members. The Board supported this plan, though no approval was needed.

Adjournment.

TRIP REPORTS



Ski Trips

Redtop Mountain

February 4, 2018

Leader: Harold Thompson

Cross-country Ski: 8 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)

DRIVING OVER WILLAMETTE PASS TOWARDS CRESCENT LAKE SNO-PARK reminded our group of five how little snow there was this season, especially after a week of warm, rainy weather. So we were pleasantly surprised to find just enough snow to strap on our skis right at the car and begin our ski to Redtop Mountain. Other than a couple of bare spots covered with pine needles, the snow was continuous the entire way. We left the car at 9:00 AM and were on the summit right at noon. Lunch was eaten with views all around on this partly sunny, good-weather day. With plenty of snow on the upper slopes, and spring-like snow conditions, it was all fun on the way back down. We were back to the car by 2:45 PM where we soaked up the warmth of the afternoon sun as even more of the limited snow pack melted before our eyes. Members: John Hartman, Harold Thompson. Nonmembers: Chrissy Anderson, David McAllister, Larry Winiarski.



Snowshoe Trips

Odell Overlook

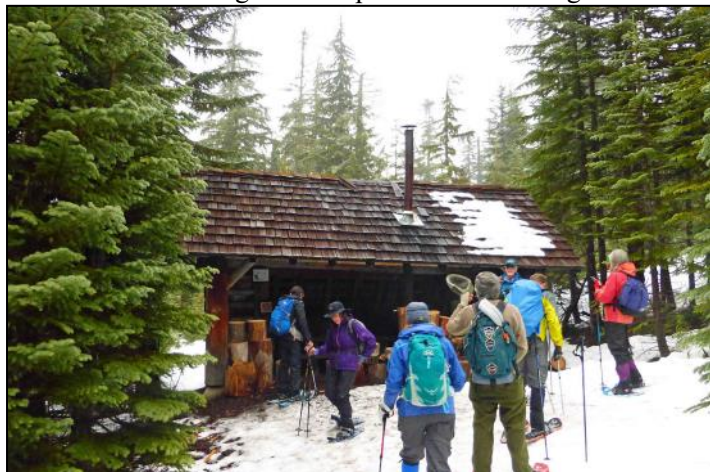
February 3, 2018

Leader: Scott Hovis

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Snowshoe: 4 miles, 350 ft. (Moderate)

ELEVEN OBSIDIANS STARTED OUT FROM THE NEARLY EMPTY GOLD LAKE SNO-PARK under less than ideal conditions for snowshoeing. The temperature was 37 degrees under



heavy overcast skies with light misty precipitation. We made our way up to the Westview Shelter on 1-2 feet of packed snow. From there, I guided the group off-trail, thinking we could bushwhack to another trail that would take us to the Odell Overlook. I was mistaken and it ended up being a good mile or more trek through heavy forest and traversing steep side hills that caused some grief. We all eventually made it to the overlook where we stopped for lunch. The views were less than ideal with low clouds and some fog still over the lake. We headed back on the marked trails to the Westview Shelter and then back to the Sno-Park. This can be a spectacular snowshoe during winters when the snow pack is normal or above, but our conditions were marginal at best. Members: Marguerite Cooney, May Fogg, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Scott Hovis, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Rebecca Eastwood, Lisa Van Liefde.

Rosary Lakes

February 3, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Snowshoe: 8.5 miles, 700 ft. (Difficult)

I LED TWO NONMEMBERS, GOOD SNOWSHOERS AND TRAVEL COMPANIONS, into all three Rosary Lakes. The first two miles had a total of about 0.3 mile of bare ground and other places with marginal snow. After that, there was enough snow for snowshoeing, or hiking—as one of the participants tried to do! We saw a lot of water on the ice on Middle Rosary Lake and Pulpit Rock from the differing views from each of the three lakes. We had lunch at the top of Upper Rosary Lake, then looked at possibly doing the loop. We decided not to and came back the way we came. We saw nobody on the way out and only four on the way back. This might be the last snowshoe of the year, but I think, as a combination hike/snowshoe, the loop could be done. Members: Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Larry Winiarski, Michael Dunne.

Salt Creek

February 10, 2018

Leader: Scott Hovis

Snowshoe: 4 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

THE THREE OF US ENJOYED A SNOWSHOE WITH NO SNOW! Our hike was nice none the less, a beautiful day and good solitude. Tips: remember there are cliffs in the area; don't trust the guard rails; a good way to note where to turn off for Salt Creek Recreation Area is to turn one mile after the tunnel on Highway 58; and, since this area is 500 feet lower than Willamette Pass Ski Area, it can make a difference in the amount of snow. Members: Scott Hovis, Becky Lipton, Marida Martin.

PCT-Rosary Lakes-Tait's Loop

February 10, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Snowshoe: 9.5 miles, 1,300 ft. (Difficult)

THE TRIP WENT MOSTLY AS EXPECTED. We began the hike in 27-degree weather and walked just over two miles on the

PCT on mostly bare ground, a significant change in the past week. We then were able to snowshoe on icy crust to the Rosary Lakes. We ascended to Maiden Saddle and then to Tait's



Loop where we had lunch. Unfortunately, on the Tie Trail descent back to the PCT, we had to take off our snowshoes for about 200 yards before putting them on for semi-marginal conditions for another 200 yards. We then had adequate snow back to the PCT and the area where we had put them on earlier. It was good to get out and, while I liked it up on the loop, I was sad to see so little snow. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Mike Smith.

Clear Lake

February 18, 2018

Leader: Daphne James

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Snowshoe: 6 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

BEAUTIFUL CLEAR LAKE SITS AT 3,000 FEET, and with several weeks of unseasonably warm and sunny weather to melt the snow, the trail was bare in the days leading up to our snowshoe. Then the night before our trip the snow level



dropped dramatically and we arrived at our trailhead to find sparkling white trees and fresh snow blanketing the ground. Half our group used snowshoes and the others opted for micro spikes on their boots. Both worked well on the 3–5 inches of fluffy new snow. At 28 degrees and no wind, conditions were excellent. It snowed on and off throughout the day and we were even treated to morning sunshine and glimpses of blue sky. Clear Lake is exceptionally scenic and makes a great snowshoe on an Oregon winter day. Members:

Marguerite Cooney, Rebecca Eastwood, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Linda Anson.



Hikes

Animal House Walk

January 27, 2018

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 3 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

IN 1978 A LOW-BUDGET MOVIE ABOUT A MISFIT FRATERNITY WHICH CHALLENGED AUTHORITY WAS RELEASED. The movie, *Animal House*, prominently featured locations around the University of Oregon. Much to the chagrin of university officials, the movie brought an unwelcome attention to the UO; for many it is one of the greatest comedy films of all time. Forty years later, this small group of Obsidians visited 15 sites around campus featured in the movie. We enjoyed a pleasant walk in the light rain. Some areas on campus were similar while other locations, like a refurbished Room 110 in Fenton Hall where the courtroom scene was filmed, are somewhat unrecognizable. We ended our walk at the former site of the Delta Tau Chi fraternity house, the 'Animal House'. The dilapidated structure has since been demolished and replaced with an office building. Only a small plaque remains telling about its history from the 1800s and as the film location. Thank you to everyone for sharing their stories about the movie's production. Members: Keiko Bryan, Nikki Frank, Barbara Gunther, Mark Hougardy, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Marc Gunther.

Groundhog Day

February 2, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.3 miles, 739 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS 65 DEGREES IN THE MASONIC CEMETERY! The curious groundhog was peeping out from a garden of snowdrops—or was it spring snowflakes? No one was bamboozled by this furry creature. Violets, crocuses, and Lenten roses added color to our 40-minute self-guided walking tour of the tombstones and the stories they tell of the people buried there. We made our way up to the Obsidian Lodge where we sat by the Obsidian Spirit mural to celebrate the leader's birthday with strawberry bread and cider. Jorry pointed out the whimsical figures in the mural. It was hard to leave, but we pushed on to the Ribbon Trail and Hendricks Park. For many it was the first time to hike the back trails and sites. The trip took three hours. The meeting place needs to be better defined as "the Entrance Gate with interpretive signs at E. 25th and University." Members: Mari Baldwin, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Cynthia Poindexter, Jorry Rolfe, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Rebecca Eastwood, Jerimi Paul.

Thurston Hills Natural Area

February 4, 2018

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographer: Rebecca Eastwood

Hike: 4 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

OUR BIG, LIVELY GROUP ENJOYED THE SHORT HIKE in fabulous February weather. The new North Access Trail is already very popular and busy with hikers, runners, and dog-



walkers. This developing trail system still needs to be improved with regard to water drainage and erosion prevention, but it is already a great alternative as an easy to reach nature escape. Members: Kathie Carpenter, David Clinger, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Denise Egri, Serge Faumont, Leah Firth, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Barbara Gunther, Vicky Hanson, Nancy Hoecker, Henry Judy, Holger Krentz, Sandra Larsen, Vern Marsonette, Evelyn Nagy, Cynthia Poindexter, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Doug Sandburg.

Clearwater/Dorris Ranch

February 11, 2018

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 9 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKE STARTED WITH CHILLY TEMPERATURES (near 40) and a steady drizzle the first two miles. We saw a wide



variety of waterfowl along the route: Canada geese, egrets, great blue herons, mallard ducks, and what I think was a pair of buffleheads. Thankfully, the drizzle disappeared by the time we reached the Booth-Kelly Trailhead and the

temperature warmed up. After lunch at the Quarry Creek picnic area, we were treated to a view of a pair of coyotes in the field north of the bike path. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak.

Oregon Birthday - Dorris Ranch

February 13, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

WE CELEBRATED OREGON'S BIRTHDAY a day early with sunny weather—a fortuitous decision since the next day it rained. Our 7.8-mile loop hike started at Dorris Ranch with stops at Willamette Heights Park, the Official Simpsons Mural, and the Oregon Trail Mural. We then continued our loop on the Mill Race and Middle Fork Paths. Everyone was asked to bring an Oregon trivia fact or question which we shared at various sunny stops along the way. We learned a lot and had plenty of laughs. What is the state soil? Jory soil. The third annual birthday trip took three hours. Members: Carla Cooper, May Fogg, Jane Hackett, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Evelyn Nagy, Ginny Reich, Jorry Rolfe, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Kay Coots.

Blanton - Dillard

February 17, 2018

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 9.5 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

THIS WAS A NICE, LONG, AND SURPRISINGLY TAXING HIKE that is 3/4 of a full Ridgeline Trail hike. We did it in just over three hours on a day when the wind would not have been a good thing up higher. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

National Chili Day - Skinner Butte

February 22, 2018

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 3 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

IT SNOWED DURING THE NIGHT, but fortunately the roads were clear by the time our hike started at 9:30. Three chose to



use the bus. We explored many trails and eventually made it to the top where a snowman greeted us. When Jane Hackett pointed out the bald eagle nest in the snow-covered tree, an

eagle flew out and over us. That was special! Our last stops were the Big E and Big O before we started down to the Soup Nation cafe. Chili was not on the menu, but there were so many interesting choices that no one complained. It was a satisfying conclusion to our celebration. Members: Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Ruth Romoser.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

February 7–21, 2018

**Various leaders: David Strutin (2/7),
Darian Morray (2/14), Mike Smith (2/21)**
Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: February 7: 19 Members, 2 Nonmembers. February 14: 17 Members. February 21: 9 Members.

Mt. Pisgah

February 3–March 1, 2018

**Various leaders: Janet Jacobsen (2/3, 2/10, 2/25,
3/1), David Cooper (2/17)**

Hike: 3–6+ miles, 1,000–1,400 ft.+ (Easy-Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: February 3: 9 Members, 1 Nonmember. February 10: 10 Members, 1 Nonmember. February 17: 6 Members, 1 Nonmember. February 25: 5 Members. March 1 Sunset-Moonrise: 10 Members, 1 Nonmember.



(L-R): Christiana, Tom, Lisa, Lynn, Rebecca, May, Marguerite, Holger, Scott, Mark at Odell Lake - See trip report on page 7.

Photo by Dave Lodeesen

UPCOMING



2018 Bus Trips

EVERGREEN AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

April 19 (Thurs)

Leaders: Jim Northrop, Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$68 (nonmembers \$70)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps, 726-0118

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

WHAT BETTER WAY TO SPEND A RAINY SPRING DAY than with a trip to the museum? We head to McMinnville to tour the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, home to Howard Hughes's *Spruce Goose*, the world's largest wooden flying boat. We will have a guided tour and enjoy an IMAX big screen movie. Bring a sack lunch to eat outside or purchase lunch in the museum's café. Afterward we will head to the Woodburn/Mt. Angel area where, depending on time, interest and the weather, we will view the tulip fields, Mount Angel Abbey and/or Bauman's Farm. We hope to arrive back at Shopko around 5:30 PM.

Special Event at the Lodge

Fossils, Shells & Rocks

April 22 (Sunday) 2–4 PM

Presented by John Mellott, member, and former president of the Oregon Society of Conchologists

Sponsored by the Bus Trips Committee

JOHAN WILL BE DOING A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION on some of Oregon's marine, freshwater and land shells, as well as some fossil shell species found here. He'll look at some potential invasive shell species that pose a significant threat to our freshwater environments, and he will share some of his challenges in getting shells and shell fossils through customs when traveling in other countries. John and his wife Theresa are also rock gatherers, and seldom take a trip without bringing rocks home, including a 4,000 lb. fossil tree trunk. They have traveled extensively throughout the United States and 73 foreign countries. Specimens of shells, fossils and rocks will be on display.

OREGON JEWISH MUSEUM

May 17 (Thurs)

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Jim Northrop

Cost: \$50 (nonmembers \$52)

Reservations & checks: Judy Adamcyk, 302-8160

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

OUR DESTINATION TODAY IS THE NEWLY EXPANDED OREGON JEWISH MUSEUM recently relocated to old town Portland. If you haven't visited this part of Portland in recent years, you will be amazed by the changes. This is an early Oregon history trip which includes learning about discrimination in many forms, including the prominent early 20th century Ku Klux Klan. There are also art and cultural exhibits in three galleries. We will have a guided tour. Jewish people, primarily from Russia and Bavaria started arriving in Oregon by 1850. Many became merchants outfitting gold prospectors in Southern Oregon. Jewish-style baked goods are available for purchase at Lefty's inside the Museum. Rugelach or Hamantaschen—ummmmgood!! We will have lunch (**your cost**) at Kornblatt's New York Style Delicatessen on 23rd Ave. (***This is a change from the original trip write-up.***) A visit to Bauman's Farm will be included in this trip. We plan to be home by 6:00 PM.

BIRDING AT SUMMER LAKE

June 12–14 (Tues–Thurs)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Rick Ahrens

Cost: \$331 (nonmembers \$337)

(\$50 registration deposit)

Reservations & checks: Sharon Cutsforth, 746-4929

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

THIS WILL BE A REPEAT OF A 2016 TRIP. We will stay at Summer Lake Lodge across the road from the Wildlife Refuge. Plenty of time for bird watching. Lunches at the Pioneer Saloon in Paisley and the Waterin' Hole in Fort Rock. Stops at Fort Rock State Recreation Area and the Homestead Museum in Fort Rock. *Watch for full details in the April Bulletin.* Space is limited to twenty-three people; Obsidians & travel partners will have priority until March 20 (a wait list will be maintained).

OLD ALBANY AND NEW CAROUSEL

July 19 (Thurs)

Leaders: Vern Marsonette, Mary Ellen West

EXPLORING EASTERN WASHINGTON

Sept. 10–15 (Mon–Sat)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard, Sharon Cutsforth

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS ADVENTURE-FILLED TRIP!

A DAY AT THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

Oct 11 (Thurs)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Don Payne

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE

December 8 (Saturday) 2–4 PM

Refreshments, music, door prizes, fun

AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, March 30 at 6:30 PM

Norway—the People, Culture, and Geography

With Dave Strutin and Caroline Forell

FIND OUT WHY FOLKS FROM NORWAY ARE NOT MOVING TO THE UNITED STATES. What does Norge look like, feel like, and what can you do on a visit there? Obsidian Dave Strutin has visited Norway several times in different seasons and will share his insights about the country, culture, and geography.

Caroline Forell hiked in the Bergen area with friends last summer and will show slides of this beautiful area. Fjords, rivers, waterfalls and rain: water, water, everywhere.



Potluck

Friday, March 30, 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, March 20
at 7:00 PM

CANCELLED

UNFORTUNATELY THE MARCH EXPLORATALK, *Teaching Leadership Through Storytelling*, is cancelled. Our speaker has had a work commitment spring up for that evening and is disappointed he cannot make it. The next talk on will be on geology and will occur April 17.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

March

10 Sat	Sand Mountain Lookout Xski D Sayre.....	345-2370
10 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
11 Sun	Cooper Creek Reservoir Hike E Sojak.....	799-9199
12 Mon	Gold Lake via Marion Lake SShoe M Hackett ..	953-7046
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
17 Sat	Eugene Historic Streetcar Hike E Hougardy.....	206-9532
18 Sun	Nickerson Loop Redoux SShoe M Rundle.....	653-0741
21 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen.....	214-709-0352
22 Thu	Delta Ponds Fowl Play Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741
23 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Steggell.....	343-7018
24 Sat	SOLVE Beach Cleanup Hike E Sojak	799-9199
25 Sun	Eel Creek Hike M Hackett	953-7046
27 Tue	Salem Exploration Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
28 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray	953-5679
28 Wed	Pisgah Sunset Moonrise Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
28 Wed	Blanton Hgts to Fox Hollow Hike M Hackett....	953-7046
30 Fri	Hiking in Norway	Potluck
30 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
31 Sat	N Fork Smith/Kentucky Falls Hike D Morray ..	953-5679
31 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829

April

2 Mon	Basic Climb School 2018 ClbSch Reiter.....	521-8472
4 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lindstrom.....	683-1409
7 Sat	Mt Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
7 Sat	Silver Falls Hike M Bennett.....	359-5198
8 Sun	Amanda Trail Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
9 Mon	Wild Iris Ridge Hike E Cooper.....	868-5427
10 Tue	Delta Ponds Birding Hike E Montgomery	688-7025
11 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Marsonette	600-5332
12 Thu	Mt. Pisgah Amble Hike E Jacobsen.....	206-1251
13 Fri	Mt Pisgah Hike M Steggell.....	343-7018
14 Sat	Hardesty Loop conditioning Hike D Smith .	520-488-9569
14 Sat	Wicked Portland Walk Hike M Hougardy	206-9532

17 Tue	Geology and Rocks	ExploraTalk
18 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin	221-9015
19 Thu	Sweet Creek/Sutton Creek Hike E Rundle	653-0741
19 Thu	Aviation/Space Museum Bus Northrop.....	343-3426
21 Sat	Driftwood Shores to Lily Lake Hike M Sojak....	799-9199
22 Sun	Fossils, Shells and Rocks	Bus
22 Sun	Mt Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
22 Sun	Grand Canyon Backpack Bk Pk D Adey	520-9285
25 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen.....	214-709-0352
26 Thu	Yaquina Hd-Cape Perpetua BkPk Hougardy	206-9532
27 Fri	Rafting the Grand Canyon	Potluck
27 Fri	Mt Pisgah Hike M Cooper	868-5427
28 Sat	Emergency Preparedness Class Wilken.....	343-3080
29 Sun	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike Jacobsen	206-1251

May

1 Tue	Rooster Rock Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
2 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Butte Hike M Rolfe	206-9501
9 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Marsonette	600-5332
12 Sat	Heceta Head Geology Hike M Rundle	653-0741
16 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M King	554-1180
17 Thu	Oregon Jewish Museum Bus West.....	343-5492
18 Fri	Hiking the Continental Divide	Potluck
19 Sat	Horse Rock Geology Hike E Rundle	653-0741
19 Sat	Yachats to Waldport Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
23 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon	513-3452
29 Tue	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M Jacobsen ..	206-1251
30 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569

June

6 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper	868-5427
9 Sat	Iron Mountain Geology Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741
12 Tue	Birding at Summer Lake Bus Cutsforth	746-4929
13 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon	513-3452
19 Tue	Lizards Tales.....	ExploraTalk
21 Thu	Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M Jacobsen...	206-1251
23 Sat	Yapoah Crater Geology Hike D Rundle	653-0741

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Can't spot the trip you want? Be sure to scroll down through the entire list to view all current selections.

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Wondering if an upcoming trip is a fit for you? Follow THE REPORT PAGE link to search for reports of past trips.

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