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### Dates to Remember

November 30	Potluck
December 5	Board meeting
December 8	Christmas Party
December 28	<i>Bulletin</i> Deadline
January 2	Board Meeting

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 Tuesday

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

## Winter Trips Season is Coming!

*Steve Cordon, Winter Trips Chair*

**W**INTER TRIPS SEASON RUNS NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH MARCH 31. Our committee is eager to help get your trips scheduled. If you have an idea for a trip, just contact: [wintertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:wintertrips@obsidians.org).

We'll help you clarify the trip details and get it online. Remember that winter trips don't have to be snow-related (they could be in-town strolls, hiking in the Coast Range, or whatever interest and difficulty-levels you enjoy).

Join us in some great winter trips and consider leading some, too.

### New Winter Trips Chair

**S**TEVE CORDON IS THE NEW 2018/2019 WINTER TRIPS CHAIR. The Club thanks him! Steve has been involved in over 150 Obsidian activities. He attended Climb School and Summer Camp and makes time to volunteer with the Scorpions to clear forest trails.

Steve joins the long list of dedicated Winter Trips Chairs including Dave Lodeesen, Anne Bonine, Jim Pierce, Tom Musselwhite, Bill Johnson, Gerry Roe, Sharon Ritchie, Russ Carpenter, Chris Shuraleff and Jane Hackett.

It might not take a village or a computer to keep Obsidian trips going every week, but it will take a lot of Obsidian volunteers to make sure that Steve also has time to hike and ski. How can you support Steve? Volunteer to lead, sign up for trips, and encourage nonmembers to participate.



## Remember to Renew Your Membership!

**I**T IS DUES RENEWAL TIME. You now have two options for renewing.

**Mail-in** the form enclosed in the October *Bulletin* or downloaded from the **Members Only** section of the website. Mail it to:

Obsidians, Inc.  
 Attn: Membership  
 PO Box 51510  
 Eugene, OR 97405

or

**Pay online.** Log into your account (accessed through [Online Trip Signup](#) on the homepage) and renew with PayPal or credit card.



## Welcome New Members!

**Linda Anson**  
Eugene, OR 97405

**James Dinn**  
Leaburg, OR 97489

**Julia Harvey**  
Eugene, OR 97404

**Guru Parkash Khalsa**  
Eugene, OR 97402

**Hargobind Khalsa**  
Eugene, OR 97402

**Rick Lindfors**  
Springfield, OR 97478

**Janet Soto**  
Eugene, OR 97405

**Louis Rubenstein**  
Eugene, OR 97402

**Dorothy van Winkle**  
Eugene, OR 97405

## Willamette Pass Winter Trails Ready For Use

*Lyndell Wilken*  
*Willamette Pass Winter Trails Coordinator*

**T**HE WINTER TRAILS AT WILLAMETTE PASS ARE READY AND WAITING for your use this coming snow season. Two shelters have been improved, with a new foundation for the Fuji Mt. Shelter wood stove and a new stovepipe for the Waldo Shelter. Diamonds have been cleared of low hanging branches, downed trees removed from the trails, and signs repaired. Thanks to our 23 dedicated volunteers we continue to keep these trails going. Among them are Obsidians Jan and Rich Anselmo, Keiko Bryan, Steve Cordon, John Hegg, Matt Bell, Scott Hovis, Dave Lodeesen, Mike Smith, and Lyndell Wilken.

There has been a new addition to the trail system with the extension of the Gold Lake Trail that now continues all the way to the Twin Peaks Trail. While you are waiting for the snow to fall, you can purchase the Willamette Pass Winter Recreation Map at Forest Service offices or REI. The map clearly defines 80 miles of snowshoe and cross-country trails. If you happen to make a trip to one of the six winter shelters, you will find donation envelopes that can be taken home and sent in with a contribution towards the maintenance of these inviting structures.



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# 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

October 12, 2018

Secretary: Maryanne Reiter

Photographer: Carla Cooper

President John Cooper called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Lyndell Wilken, Dave Cooper, Todd Larsen, Maryanne Reiter, Sharon Cutsforth, Kathy Randall, and Lana Lindstrom.

Also present were: Janet Jacobsen, Keiko Bryan, Cindy Cowell, Carla Cooper, John Jacobsen, Tommy Young, Linda Anson, Wayne Deeter, Evelyn Nagy, Dave Predeek, Jorry Rolfe, Randall Sinnott, Mary Hamilton, Brian Hamilton, Dorene Steggell, Richard Shields, Holger Krentz, Darko Sojak, Lynn Meacham, David Hawkins, Denise Bean, Diane Schechter, Richard Hughes, Greg Milliman, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Gwyneth Iredale, Mike Smith, Vern Marsonette, Jim Northrup, Gordon Sayre, Matt Bell, and Lou Maenz.

**PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS:** John Cooper presented the state of the Obsidians and indicated that we are financially sound and membership remains steady. He also discussed the major undertaking by the finance committee this year to purchase additional club insurance. Due to that effort there is now accident insurance and directors and officer insurance. President Cooper also indicated that the number of trips offered are on the rise with an increase in overnight trips, whether backpacking or car camping. Climbs and climb school remain in high demand. Potlucks have been quite popular as have been bus outings. Ways to increase our membership have been and continue to be a focus.



*Outgoing Board member, Todd Larsen*

President Cooper also thanked everyone who has made the Obsidians the great club it is and noted that the contributions of new leaders and participants are also appreciated. He reminded everyone that if the Obsidians are to remain a vibrant club we need new volunteers for leading and to be on committees. He thanked the Board, especially Todd Larsen for serving on the Board for the last three years and Lana Lindstrom and Janet Jacobsen for their hard work organizing the annual meeting. Lastly, he thanked Rick Sanford from Prince Pucklers for donating the ice cream.

## **TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT (Stewart Hoeg):**

The Obsidians' financial outlook remains bright. As of September 30 our balance sheet had financial assets of \$254,000 including a Capital/Contingency fund of \$58,000, an Endowment Fund of \$88,000 and a General Fund of \$25,000.

Last year at this time we had financial assets of \$247,000 including a Capital/Contingency Fund of \$51,000, an Endowment Fund of \$86,000 and a General Fund of \$28,000. I would like to thank Lana Lindstrom who was, and John Jacobsen who is, responsible for keeping the books for Summer Camp, and Sharon Cutsforth and Judy Phelps who jointly take care of the books for the Bus Committee. These individuals are responsible for providing me with their respective committees' monthly financials for including in my board meeting financial updates.

## **COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS**

**Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth):** We have successfully completed all seven scheduled bus trips for the year and have hosted two special events at the Lodge. Our trips have taken us in many directions. We learned about local community support agencies, visited three very different museums (Evergreen Aviation & Space, Oregon Jewish Museum, High Desert Museum), went birding at Summer Lake, toured places of interest in Halsey and Albany (including the beautiful new carousel), explored amazing geological areas of Eastern Washington, spent a day enjoying the sights of Spokane which included a gondola ride, a paddle raft trip and on the way home a plane ride over the Columbia River. The special events included: our annual Bus Rally (first opportunity to sign up for current year bus trips) and *Fossils, Shells and Rocks* (presented by John Mellott). Our final event of the year will be a Christmas party at the Lodge, Saturday, December 8, 2-4 PM. There will be music, door prizes, refreshments—all are welcome to attend. None of these activities would happen without the hard work of our great Bus Committee: Judy and Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Barbara and Paul Beard, Marcia Claypool, Judy Garwood, Verna Kocken, Vern Marsonette, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, and Mary Ellen West. My sincere thanks to each of them for making bus trips work.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** Thanks to the nine committee members! The Climbs Committee would not be able to meet its vital role in the club without their contributions of time and talents. Maryanne Reiter (Chair), Wayne Deeter, Brian Hamilton, Marci Hansen, Danni Harris, Marge Huseman, Danny Manning, Juli McGlinsky, Eric Gran, and Dalen Willhite.

**Education: Basic Climb School:** The Climbs Committee and Eugene Mountain Rescue (EMR) sponsored the 2018 Basic Climb School, which continued the long tradition of teaching safe, responsible, and fun rock and snow climbing to club members and nonmembers. We increased the number of students to 30 for this year's climb school due to demand. In fact, the 2018 climb school filled and had a long waiting list within two hours of going online on Feb. 16.

**Climbing Adventures:** We offered 20 summits and one Smith Rock climbing outing this year. The climbs of 2018 were

beset by issues of weather, including storms and fire closures which caused some climbs to be cancelled, rescheduled or re-directed to a different area.

Fun additions: 1) Climbs now offers handsome summit stickers designed by Julie Polhemus for successfully attaining one of the 11 selected peaks in Oregon. 2) Two Obsidians, Dalen Willhite and Kerry Edinger, who met in Climb School were married this past September. To celebrate they led two peaks in September—The Husband and The Wife.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** Concessions has been busy this year by being present at all of the potlucks, the bus and summer trip rallies, and some ExploraTalks and bus trips. New merchandise this year included knit beanies, hooded sweatshirts, travel blankets, whistles, and grocery tote bags. Giving door prizes at the potlucks seems to be well received. Sales to date total \$1,242.65. Many thanks to committee members Judy Adamcyk, Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Cindy Cowell, Darlene Mancuso, and Nancy Whitfield.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe):** The committee sponsored a few ExploraTalks in 2018. Topics included Oregon geology, Oregon waterfowl, and forest ecology. Tom Rundle led several geology hikes and one ExploraTalk. Jorry Rolfe served this year as the Vice-president of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs and attended the annual summer convention. Many thanks to committee members: Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott and Joella Ewing.

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** The Obsidians hosted eight potlucks with programs in the past 12 months. Approximately 50–55 persons attend most programs, although Bill Sullivan garnered 85. Much appreciation goes to the co-chair, Emily Rice, and the committee members who set up and clean up each time: Dave Cooper, Yuan Hopkins, Richard Hughes, Mary Livingston, Toresa Martell, and June Sutterfield.

**Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom):** Overnight trips are very popular; we need more of them! This year five very successful extended trips were led with an additional one scheduled for December. Much appreciation goes to the leaders: Diane Schechter (Big Lake Ski/Snowshoe), Newport Beach Camping (Evelyn Nagy), Olallie Lake Kayaking (Emily Rice), California Redwoods (Kathy Randall), Shore Acres Lights (Jennifer Baer), and Mt Hood Ski/Snowshoe (me).

Thanks to committee members Kathy Randall, Diane Schechter, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdall, and Nancy Whitfield for reviewing the proposals and inspiring others to lead.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** The Obsidian Finance Committee during the past year was responsible for putting together the 2018 budget and recommending investments for the Endowment Fund and Contingency Fund. Also, the committee completed successful 2017 audits of the general, endowment, contingency, and extended trip funds. In addition to these regular duties, the committee wrote an investment policy for the Club that was adopted by the Board and added to the Finance Committee by-laws. The Committee, led by Lana Lindstrom and assisted by Jim Northrop, also did an extensive review of the Club's insurance. This review led to the hiring of a new insurance representative and the Club purchasing two new insurance policies—a liability policy for Directors and Officers and an Accident policy—in addition to retaining the Club's property insurance policy. Thanks to

committee members Dan Christensen, Dave Hawkins, Lana Lindstrom, Laura Ozinga and Chairmen Stewart Hoeg.

**Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** All the trips and events members participated in the past year have been recorded. Members receiving trip and leader awards were notified. Log books for active, inactive, and deceased members are current. The list of deceased members was prepared for the annual meeting.

**Lodge Building (Dave Cooper):** Our Lodge is getting used in ways that many members may not be aware of. In addition to potlucks, ExploraTalks, and meetings of the Board and Committees, we rent the Lodge to other nonprofits. This year we have rented to the McKenzie River Trust, the Eugene Gleemen, the LCC new leaders program, and the U of O Geography Department. We also just had the Eugene Y here for a presentation about their vision for a new facility. As a show of appreciation for their years of help to the Obsidians, there was no charge for their rental.

This year the Board approved something outside of the standard policy. REI and the National Outdoor Leadership School held three Wilderness First Aid classes, with one more scheduled for December. In lieu of payment, we received enrollments in each of these two-day classes for two Obsidians. The classes cost \$235 per student, so this has been a terrific bargain and benefit to the Club.

As many of you know, Eugene Mountain Rescue and the Obsidians started as the same entity and that close relationship continues. EMR meets at the Lodge on a regular basis and holds training sessions. These activities, along with Climb School and the Safety classes Lyndell has conducted, are part of how the Lodge is an important part of our community's safe enjoyment of the outdoors. This is something we can be proud to play a part in.

If you want to help maintain and upgrade the Lodge, watch for clean-up postings online. We had successful spring and fall clean-ups. We are currently working on changing electrical circuits so we can have the capacity to improve parking area lighting.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** The Obsidian Grounds Committee continued with routine maintenance and upkeep of the Lodge grounds throughout the year. Progress has been made in expanding the defensible space around the Lodge by clearing brush and grasses, both above the Lodge and to a larger extent behind the shop. Thank you to the Grounds crews that have helped out with our many work parties.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** We have a total of 465 members. This year we coordinated with the publicity committee to develop a variety of strategies to increase membership. We initiated a process for membership renewal and payment online. We anticipate this will be active as of October 15. Thanks to committee members: Diane Schechter, Daphne James, Judy Sinnott, Roberta Chord and John Jacobson.

**Online (Wayne Deeter):** The Online Committee provides the Club's internet web presence including scheduling and signups for trips, and supports the database for the Membership Committee. I thank my committee members for their help in running the Online Committee: John Jacobsen (database maintenance and development), Marci Hansen (Facebook page), and Jan Anselmo (photo albums).

**Publication (Lou Maenz):** The Publications Committee is divided into two parts. The writing, editing, layout and publishing group works continuously to develop the layout, text, and pictures for the *Bulletin*, this year creating 154 pages for 10 issues. Thank you: Janet Jacobsen, Stewart Hoeg, Carla Cooper, Jorry Rolfe, Ethel Weltman and Bea Fontana.

The second group meets once a month to fold, label, sticker and mail the hard copy issues. These average 200 a month or 2,000 copies a year which involved folding, sticking on 2,000 address labels and 6,000 stickers, and a monthly trip to Gateway Post Office. Thank you, Margaret Prentice, Clara Emlen, Don Baldwin, Tom Adamcyk, Yuan Hopkins, Nancy Raymond, and Sharon Cutsforth.

**Publicity (Marci Hansen):** The Publicity Committee focuses on getting the word out about our events and increasing membership numbers.

Janet Jacobsen manages the flyers and photos monthly on the YMCA Board and other locations. Thanks to Sharon Cutsforth (bus), Kathy Hoeg (potluck) and John Jacobsen for designing the flyers and photos of our activities. Thanks to John for posting flyers on our webpage and on Facebook. Thanks to Darko and Janet for making the copies and posting the flyers at places around town. Kathy, Darko and John use their personal photo paper /ink to print the flyers. Thanks to Chris Stockdale who continues to send our activities to the RG. Thank you to Darko for posting hikes and other events on Craigslist. Thank you to Janet Jacobsen for planning the Annual Open House and planning several *Get Acquainted* hikes every year. Thank you to Carla Cooper for posting on Facebook regularly. Thank you to Diane Schechter, Laura Osinga, John Jacobsen, Wayne Deeter, and Stewart Hoeg for working on the committee to allow member renewals to be paid by credit cards.

**Safety (Lyndell Wilken):** In January 2018 the Safety Committee met to review the Obsidian Safety Manual and the Accident Report Form. Minor changes were made to keep the documents current. In April an all-day Emergency Preparedness class was offered by Lyndell Wilken at the Lodge. The committee also pursued the purchase of an emergency AED for the lodge and summer camp with the board's approval. After several weeks of research and consultation with Emergency Response Services, an AED was purchased and placed in the kitchen area of the lodge. A sign was made with a red heart to alert Lodge users where the AED is located.

**Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom):** There was no Summer Camp in 2018. Preliminary plans have begun for Summer Camp in Glacier National Park in 2019. Folks who want to assume a leadership role should contact Lana Lindstrom.

**Summer Trips (Dave Cooper):** We are on track to have nearly 200 outings this year. We've had a good variety of trips including more backpacking and car camp opportunities. There have also been more easy hikes, which was something that we had seen requested in the comments in the membership renewals.

All of this happens because of the people who are willing to lead. We can't thank them enough for their contributions. New leaders have stepped forward this year to join the ranks of those we depend on so much.

Also, thanks to the committee members Mari Baldwin, Kathy Randall, Jane Hackett, Joella Ewing, Lana Lindstrom, Steve

Cordon, and Mike Smith for their ideas that helped make our Summer Trips Rally a success.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** During the past year the Trails Committee has been busy working to improve trails in the Ridgeline Trail system parks.

This year's highlights include: Improving tread on the upper portion of the West Trail, starting to replace a wooden staircase, and donating an estimated \$6,381 worth of volunteer labor! (Volunteer time is valued at \$22.75 per hour.) Most notably we didn't use our 10% acceptable loss of trip participants. No one was killed, injured, or lost on an outing.

2018 Trail Maintenance Participation: Outings in Spencer Butte (SB) Park: ten. Outings in other Ridgeline parks: two. Participants: 91 total; 82 members; nine nonmembers. Unique participants: 36 total; 30 members; six nonmembers. Estimated total volunteer hours: 280.5. Estimated total value: \$6,381. 2018 Trail Maintenance Committee: Matt Bell, Dan Gilmore, Clara Emlen, Todd Larsen, and Pat Soussan.

**Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen):** The following trips were sponsored by the Winter Trips Committee: 95 hikes, 12 snowshoes, and four cross-country ski trips. There were 1,153 trip participants and \$1,275 in fees collected.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Election of New Board Members

The nominees for membership on the Board for January 2019 through December 2021 were Maryanne Reiter, David Cooper and David Hawkins. The club members present at the annual meeting voted unanimously to elect the three candidates.

## MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED ON

### Inactive Members

**Suzanne Steussy** (age 62) We remember her joy, infectious laugh, and enthusiasm for the outdoors.

**Art Skach** (age 66) We remember him at the Ruby Mountains summer camp, on the Owyhee Raft Trip, and driving up for those long hikes in his vintage VW beetle. His plaque on the bench on top of Mt. Pisgah reads: *Hiker, canoeist, dancer, naturalist. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately."*

**Leona Devine** (age 90) Her love for the outdoors was complemented by a love for the opera.

**Mary Ann Holser** (age 90) She was involved in many causes and spent her life trying to make this world a better place.

**Jim Harrang** (age 94) He joined the Obsidians in 1946 and is remembered for pioneering technical rock climbing in the Coburg Hills.

### Active Members

**Joe Lowry** (age 87) A member since 1977 and president in 1983, he led raft trips, snowshoe trips, and overnight winter educational trips to Heceta House. In 1984 he worked to promote the Waldo Lake Wilderness legislation. He wrote "*If you want to increase your friendships with likeminded outdoor inclined folk, the Obsidians are for you. And you will make friends . . . guarantee it!*"

**Shirley Cameron** (age 90) Our Obsidian delegate to the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, she was a deeply passionate defender and protector of our wildernesses and public lands.



**Millard Thomas** (age 92) Millard and his wife (now deceased) joined in 1975. He climbed, attended summer camps and went on 43 bus trips. He hand-delivered a holiday letter to friends with his long and thoughtful commentary about the world including the things going wrong.

**Glenn Gordon, M.D.**, (age 94) At the 2006 Summer Camp in Sequim, he announced that 60 years ago was the luckiest day of his life—the day he married Sue. They shared a deep commitment to helping others.



*100 Trips Award Recipients*

## 2018 TRIP AND LEADER AWARDS

**100 Trips:** Richard Anselmo, Jennifer Baer, Marguerite Cooney, Sharon Cutsforth, Hilary Fisher, Carla Lyon, Lynn Meacham, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Randy Sinnott, Dorene Steggell, Dave Strutin. **200 Trips:** Carla Cooper, Holger Krentz, Caroline Moore, Mari Baldwin, Clara Emlen, Tommy Young. **300 Trips:** Jorry Rolfe. **400 Trips:** Dave Cooper, Dave Lodeesen, Mike Smith, Tom Rundle. **25 Leader:** Richard Hughes, Kathy Randall, Dave Cooper, Mark Hougardy, Lyndell Wilken, Maryanne Reiter. **50 Leader Award:** Dave Cooper, Darko Sojak, Tom Rundle. **Three Peak Award:** Nancy White.



*25 Leader Award Recipients*

## 2018 SPECIAL AWARDS

**Going the Extra Mile(s) Award to Lynn Meacham** for taking a second 7-mile lap at Mt Pisgah to look for missing glasses—Dave Cooper, the guy without his glasses.

**Eclectic Outings Award to Mark Hougardy** for leading interesting and varied outings that deserve their own category—Dave Cooper, Summer Trips Committee.

**Singing Crosscut Saws Award to The Scorpion Crew** for clearing miles of wilderness trails with those medieval looking tools—Janet Jacobsen and all Obsidian hikers who prefer not to crawl over (or under) logs.

**You Can Count on Me....like one, two, three Award to Yuan Hopkins** for steadfast, reliable and dependable potluck support—Lana Lindstrom and Emily Rice, Entertainment Committee Co-Chairs.

**Great Adventure Planners Award to Barbara and Paul Beard** for finding no road too crooked, no hill too tall and no challenge too great—Sharon Cutsforth, Obsidian Bus Committee Chair.

**Behind the Scenes Award to Don Payne** for many years of counting people, making coffee, seeing that we always have water available on the bus and helping in numerous other ways—Sharon Cutsforth, Chair of the Obsidian Bus Committee.

**Jump Right In Award to Vern Marsonette** for researching & leading a bus trip in his first year of being on the Bus Committee—Sharon Cutsforth, Chair of the Obsidian Bus Committee.



*Sharon Cutsforth presented Vern Marsonette with an award*

## MEMBERS COMMENTS

Kathy Hoeg talked about how the volunteers and leaders are the heart and soul of the organization and gave them thanks. She also said Janet deserves special recognition for her work on the annual meeting as well as all the other things she does for the club throughout the year.

## ADJOURNMENT

# OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

## October 17, 2018 by Maryanne Reiter

President John Cooper called the meeting to order. Board members present: Sharon Cutsforth, Dave Cooper, Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, Lyndell Wilkin, Lana Lindstrom and Kathy Randall. Others present: Stewart Hoeg, Steve Cordon, Dave Hawkins, Jorry Rolfe, Matt Bell, and Diane Schechter.

The Board approved the minutes for September 2018.

**Treasurer's report: Stewart Hoeg.** Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses and also the balance sheet.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** As of the October 2018 regular meeting there are no more scheduled climbs for the season. Since the September 2018 meeting we had five outings—four climbs and one climbing trip to Smith Rock. Two of the peaks climbed in September, The Husband and The Wife, were led by recent Obsidian newlyweds Dalen Willhite and Kerry Edinger who met in Climb School!

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** Sales from the October 11 bus trip and the Annual Meeting total \$126.

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** Emily Shelton, BRING Education Director was the September potluck presenter; \$37 in donations was garnered.

**Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom):** Kathy Randall led a successful camping trip to the Redwoods; \$60 in trip fees was collected.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** New members for Board approval: Linda Anson, James Dinn, Rick Lindfors, Louis Rubenstein, Dorothy van Winkle. Membership Status: Total Membership 470.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** There was one outing during the last month. Seven members worked in Hendricks

Park with the Friends of Hendricks Park to gravel some trail. We slowed wheelbarrows of gravel down the steep trail, dumped them, and returned for more. The City provided lunch. (I think it was a bribe to get us to work an extra hour—it worked.)

## OLD BUSINESS

Membership renewal and online payment update, Diane Schechter. Diane indicated that the membership renewal has gone live online and that there have been a few who have used it. So far it is working well. The new renewal form is online as well.

Property insurance deductible, Lana Lindstrom. Lana presented the savings the Club would get by changing its property insurance deductible. If we increase our deductible from \$500 to \$2,500, we would save \$190 per year. Increasing it to \$5,000, we would save \$310 per year. The Board voted to increase it to \$5,000.

## NEW BUSINESS

Committee reports were approved.

The Board approved Steve Cordon as Winter Trips Chair.

All applicants who applied for membership were approved.

## OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

Lending Club support to the passing of Senate and House Bills that protect national parks, wild and scenic rivers, and Oregon's national parks and Wildlands (Senate Bill 1548). The Board voted to sign a letter of support to the effort to pass the bills.

## ADJOURNMENT

## 2019 Board Officers

**NEW OFFICERS WERE ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING.** Lyndell Wilkin will serve as President in 2019 and Dave Cooper will be Vice President. Since it is not necessary for the Treasurer and Secretary positions to be filled by Board members, Stewart Hoeg will continue as Treasurer and Denise Rubenstein was recruited and appointed Secretary. Many thanks and much appreciation goes to these members who are willing to devote their time and energy to leading our organization. Thank you also to John Cooper for serving as President in 2018 and to out-going Board member Todd Larsen.

## Obsidian Honored

**ETHEL ALLEN, WHO TURNED 99 YEARS OLD** on November 1, was given an Obsidian sweatshirt as an appreciation gift at a recent Bus Committee meeting. Ethel has been a Bus Committee member for more than twenty years, has led eleven bus trips, and gone on over 177 trips. Ethel should be an inspiration to all of us for keeping busy as we age!





## TRIP REPORTS



### Backpacks

#### **Broken Top via Tam McArthur Rim Trail**

**September 1, 2018**

**Leader: Becky Lipton**

**Backpack: 12 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)**

*Many apologies to Becky Lipton for an incorrect rendition of her backpack report in the October Bulletin. It should have read:*

**WE BACKPACKED INTO THE BROKEN TOP AREA** via Tam McArthur Rim trail and across several trailless boulder fields to get to our camping location. The second day we divided into two groups; the first went cross country to Golden Lake and the wild flank of Broken Top. The second group hiked to Carver Lake, the highest lake on South Sister. On the third day, we packed out.

#### **Lost Coast California**

**September 30, 2018**

**Leader: Scott Hovis**

**Photographer: Darian Morray**

**Backpack: 30 miles, 200 ft. (Difficult)**

**WE SAW MANY TRACKS IN THE SAND**, including bear and cougar. Next to the abandoned light house was difficult. Our tides were not very high or low which meant the window to get through areas passible only at low tide was short—sometimes we had to rush. There was plenty of rain—mostly at night but some heavy fog and short periods of sprinkles during the day. Conditions were warm. Little wind and temps in the high 60s. We saw three sunsets. One day we hiked up Saddle Mountain. The 3,000' elevation had no pay off. All the



*Harbor seals at Punta Gorda Lighthouse*

views were fogged in. The trail was steep but nicely maintained. There was a *herd* of harbor seals and many sea lions at Sea Lion Gulch. The mileage we walked was low but very vigorous. 30–40% of the time we were on a trail in the fore-dune. That was easy to walk on, but the sand and rocky conditions on the beach were not. Members: Scott Hovis, Darian Morray, Harold Thompson. Nonmembers: Arjen Hoekstra, John Gaiser.

### Extended Trips

#### **California Redwoods**

**September 27, 2018**

**Leader: Kathy Randall**

**Photographer: Daphne James**

**Extended Trip: 25 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)**

**THIS EXPLORATORY EXTENDED TRIP TURNED OUT NEARLY PERFECT**, except for the rain the last two days. On our drive south, we stopped to eat our sack lunches at Illinois River State Park, a quiet, little-used park along a slow-moving stretch of river. Once we reached Elk Prairie Campground in Redwood National Park we found that our reserved spots were somewhat lacking in adequate tent sites. With some creativity we got all our tents set up. With that chore completed, we set off through the campground for a loop hike via the Prairie Creek and Foothill Trails. We hiked at the slowest Obsidian pace ever—the amazing mix of huge trees captivating us at every twist in the trail. Elk Prairie had recently been burned (purposefully) which reduced our elk sightings. However, one bull with a huge rack entertained us right in the campground. We also saw a doe and her fawn on



a later outing. Dinner back at camp was topped off with a delicious raspberry cheesecake. **Day 2:** This was our big 11+ mile loop hike to Fern Canyon. We passed more amazing big trees along the trail until we finally dropped into Fern Canyon, where Home Creek gurgles between high cliff walls about 15 feet apart and draped in dripping ferns. Truly a spectacular place! At the end of the canyon we broke out onto



the beach with the ocean still about 1/4 mile away. We found a huge petrified log on the sand perfectly situated for our lunch break. Then we hiked south along the beach to pick up the Miner's Ridge Trail that took us back to camp. **Day 3:** We drove south to Patrick's Point State Park to enjoy stunning rocky headlands, hidden cove beaches, and great scenery. Unfortunately, the rain returned before we could walk down to Agate Beach (next trip!). We escaped to the Visitor Center and then drove to Trinidad for lunch at a restaurant. Mother Nature gave us a break after lunch allowing us to visit another hidden beach nearby with interesting rock formations and waves. **Day 4:** A second wet night and we were ready to head home, but not without stopping at Jedediah Smith National Park for a nice hike to break up the long drive. We had lunch in Cave Junction at an all-you-can-eat buffet for \$10! Members: Steve Adey, Keiko Bryan, Steve Cordon, Alan Curtis, Jean Harris, Daphne James, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Richard Shields, Dorene Steggell.



## Bike Trips

### **Aufderheide Road from Westfir October 13, 2018**

**Leader: Sue Wolling**

**Photographer: Richard Hughes**

**Bike: 40 miles (Moderate)**

**D**ESPITE LEAVING EUGENE A BIT LATER THAN USUAL to give the sun a headstart on warming things up, it was still pretty chilly as our group of five unloaded bikes in Westfir and started riding up Aufderheide Drive. But the beautiful fall colors, the river babbling over rapids, and the fern-filled forest—as well as a pleasant stop to bask in the sun on a bridge—kept us happy, and soon the road climbed just enough to warm us up. We arrived at Kiahanie Campground,



*Bicycle yoga?*

and searched out the only campsite that had a lot of warm sunshine for our lunch break. After chatting with a camper, and deciding we were glad to be riding along the river rather than standing in it, we headed back for an easy descent down to the cars. Fall colors, clear blue skies, and good company made this a great way to enjoy an October day. Members: John Hegg, Richard Hughes, Ruth Kanagy, David Strutin, Sue Wolling.



## Car Camps

### **Lava Beds / Crater Lake Equinox September 20, 2018**

**Leader: Mark Hougardy**

**Car Camp: 12 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)**

**T**HIS WAS AN EXPLORATION OF TWO DRAMATIC VOLCANIC LANDSCAPES timed with the Autumnal Equinox. Upon arriving at the forbidding Lava Lands National Monument, we made camp and then explored several accessible lava tube caves around the visitor center. We also climbed the conical shaped 5,302-foot tall Schonchin Butte where we enjoyed views 100 miles east to the Warner Mountains, near Nevada, and 50 miles west to Mount Shasta. In the evening, we walked along a dusty trail into the Schonchin Wilderness Area and encountered an entrance to a lava tube that was at least four stories tall. **The next morning** we hiked from the campground to Skull Cave where a small ice pond can be viewed year round. We also hiked to several pictograph caves and enjoyed our lunch on the trail. As the afternoon warmed we spent our time underground where we explored three caves and partially a fourth. Back at camp, we were surprised to discover that several hundred bugs had descended upon the hood of Dave's car, possibly attracted by the metallic-blue color. They had apparently been engaged in a frenzied mating and exhausted themselves to death. Bugs that fell onto the ground were snapped up by an eager lizard. As the sun set, we hiked into the nearby wilderness and enjoyed a pastel sky. **On the third day**, we packed up and drove through the northern section of the monument. Our last stop was to Petroglyph Point where a monolithic wall includes petroglyphs, raptor nests, and evidence of former wave action. Tule Lake was a gigantic, yet shallow inland lake that existed for millennia. The lake was drained in the early 1900s and the exposed land turned into farmland. The existing lake is far to the west and is one-sixth its original size. Future explorations to Lava Beds will include additional sites of the Modoc War and seeing the remnants of an imprisonment camp where Americans of Japanese ancestry were forced to live during WWII. In the afternoon we drove to Crater Lake and made camp. The Mazama Campground was closing for the season and this was its last weekend. Upon our arrival, the sky darkened and it rained for several minutes. After making camp we hiked to the Great Spring and down the picturesque Annie Creek Trail loop. In the late afternoon, we made good use of the camp showers then drove the rim to enjoy the views from Discovery Point. At dinnertime we made our way to the historic Crater Lake Lodge where we raised a glass to celebrate

the Autumnal Equinox then enjoyed a meal. Back at the campground, a nearly full moon encouraged multiple parties at neighboring campsites and sleeping was difficult. **On day four** we woke to a frosty 28°. We warmed up though at the local Annie Creek Restaurant with some hot coffee and breakfast. As we drove along the east rim to the Mount Scott Trailhead the sky was blue and clear. We hiked for about an hour to this highest point in the park, which stands just less than 9,000 feet. The view of the once massive volcano Mount Mazama, now known as Crater Lake, was superb! We could see about 100 miles in each direction—to the north the Three Sisters, and to the south Mount Shasta. As noon approached we hiked back down the mountain and ended our trip with a late lunch. There was a definite chill in the air; fall had arrived. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Jacquie Fern, Mark Hougardy, David Lodeesen. Nonmembers: Janet Whitesides.

### **Metolius River / Smith Rock**

**October 8, 2018**

**Leader: Ben Brown**

**Photographer: Evelyn Nagy**

**Car Camp: 12.4 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)**

**AFTER SETTING UP CAMP AT THE GORGE CAMPGROUND** on the banks of the beautiful Metolius River, the group drove to the Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery. We then hiked 2.1 miles on an easy trail on the west side of the river full of the reds and yellows of fall until we came upon Gushing Springs. These springs make the head of the Metolius look like a garden hose. The next morning after breaking camp, we drove the 40 minutes to Smith Rock State Park. Some of the group elected to hike along the Crooked River; some hiked up to Monkey Face on the Misery Ridge Trail before returning to the trailhead; and others went up the Summit Trail, making a loop around the perimeter. The weather was splendid, the company grand, and the scenery first rate. A good time was had by all. Members: Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Alan Curtis, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Evelyn Nagy, Meg Stewart Smith.



***Ben, Dave, Vern, Meg, Brad, and Alan  
at Gushing Springs***



**Climbs**

### **Mt. Thielsen**

**August 6, 2018**

**Leader: Marci Hansen**

**Assistant Leader: Laurie Monico**

**Climb: 10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)**

**M**ONDAY, AUGUST 6, EIGHT CLIMBERS SUMMITED **MT THIELSEN**. We had so much demand for a Mt. Thielsen trip that we put together a second trip—this one mid-week. The climb was filled with a group of six friends from climb school; it was a fun day. There was some smoke at the trailhead, but the skies were clear near the top. Members: Marci Hansen, Laurie Monico. Nonmembers: Elizabeth Bouessa, Sarah Case, Jennifer Ablow, Janet Gillman, Sean Keating, Melanie Williams.

### **Mt. Washington**

**August 19, 2018**

**Leader: Marci Hansen**

**Assistant Leader: Brian Humphreys**

**Climb: 10.5 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)**

**EIGHT CLIMBERS SUMMITED MT. WASHINGTON** on Sunday, August 19. It was Brian's first climb assist. It was a great day and the weather was perfect. It was a perfect climb. Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Marci Hansen. Nonmembers: Brian Humphreys, Kate Hartley, Janet Gillman, Sean Keating, Daniel Hothem, Grant Barba.

### **South Sister**

**August 26, 2018**

**Leader: Laura Osinga**

**Climb: 12 miles, 5,200 ft. (Difficult)**

**THREE OBSIDIANS LEFT EUGENE AROUND NOON** to meet up with a fourth member at the Devil's Lake Trailhead. After gearing up in the parking lot, we headed to Moraine Lake, hoping enough of the heavy weekend traffic had left and we'd be able to find a camping spot. It took about an hour to reach the lake and set up camp, and clouds along with heavy mist rolled in shortly thereafter. Rain continued throughout the night, threatening to cancel the climb altogether, but lifted enough by 8:00 that we decided to give it a go and left camp by 8:30. We stayed dry and warm, stopping to add or remove layers as necessary. Everyone reached the summit in a little more than three hours where we enjoyed Eric's rice crispy bars and other treats after standing on the true summit. The cloud bank rolling in from the north made for a dramatic backdrop and photographs. Returning to camp took a similar amount of time, but the clouds started to lift and we enjoyed better views of Broken Top and Mt. Bachelor during the descent. One climber hiked after the climb and the remaining three climbers spent a second night at Moraine Lake where they experienced very strong winds and a mostly sleepless night. This was the leader's first time leading a climb for the Obsidians and it was a great group to lead, including a first summit of South Sister for two of the participants. Members:



Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Laura Osinga, Eric Thornton.

### **Three Fingered Jack**

**September 9, 2018**

**Leader: Marge Huseman**

**Assistant Leader: Marci Hansen**

**Climb: 11 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)**

**THIS OBSIDIAN TEAM WAS STRONG OUT OF THE PARKING LOT**, trying to stay ahead of a rumored Mazama group sharing the mountain. We made good time to the ridge and were pleasantly surprised to only find two people ahead of us. Our early start (4 AM from Springfield) paid off as there were over 25 people on the mountain the same day! We enjoyed a blue-bird day in the mountains and for six members of our team it was a first Three Fingered Jack summit! The rock was, well, crumbly, but the company was fantastic. The summit stickers were an added bonus. Members: Ted Dubrawski, Marci Hansen, Brian Humphreys, Marge Huseman, Patrick Mucker. Nonmembers: Joshua Arreola, GuruParkash Khalsa, Daniel Hothem.

### **Acker Rock-Peregrine Traverse**

**September 21, 2018**

**Leader: Maryanne Reiter**

**Assistant Leader: Hayden Banks**

**THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CLIMB OF MOUNT HUBRIS**, but due to the fires in California, Castle Crags State Park was closed. We re-directed to Acker Rock in southern Oregon. After four pitches of climbing it began to rain. While we do need rain, having it while climbing is problematic. We waited for a while hoping it would stop, but it did not and the rock became very slippery. Luckily we were in a spot where we could rappel off and safely made it to the ground. Members: Hayden Banks, Larry Banks, Eric Gran, Maryanne Reiter.

### **Smith Rock-Sport/Trad Climbing**

**October 6, 2018**

**Leader: Maryanne Reiter**

**Assistant Leader: Kerry Edinger**

**THE RAIN KEPT US AWAY FROM SMITH ON SATURDAY**, but we made up for it on Sunday. We camped at Steelhead Falls on Saturday and had a great taco potluck that night. We got up early and started climbing before the crowds arrived and were able to set up climbs all day. Everyone did amazing on the rock! Members: Kerry Edinger, Danneille Harris, Brian Humphreys, Maryanne Reiter, Krista Shennum. Nonmembers: Hargobind Khalsa, GuruParkash Khalsa.



## Hikes

### **SOLVE Beach Cleanup**

**September 29, 2018**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Photographer: Joel Greer**

**Hike: 4 miles, 30 ft. (Easy)**

### **THIS OBSIDIANS SOLVE CLEANUP WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in today's meaningful and fun outing. Nine of us collected two truck tires and 211 lbs. of mixed debris. After the cleanup, our hungry group stopped at Cheng's Family Dish in Florence for an excellent lunch. Members: Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Lynda Christiansen, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Vern Marsonette, Darko Sojak. Nonmember: Kathleen Ehli.



*Lynda, Vern, Esme, Denise, Kathie, Holger, Kathleen, and Darko at Baker Beach Trailhead*

### **Thurston Hills Trails**

**September 30, 2018**

**Leader: Denise Bean**

**Assistant Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 4.5 miles, 635 ft. (Easy)**

**THE DAY BEGAN WITH JANET AND JANE** stopping at my house to caravan to the end of the trail location. My husband Michael transported us to the East Trailhead of the Thurston Hills Natural Area Trail System. We had 13 hikers and a few drizzle clouds to keep us cool. After hiking the Mossy Maple Trail we spent time on the grassy hilltop surrounded by an oak savannah. We had a view to the southeast and enjoyed seeing the backside of Mt. Pisgah. Carla had us posing for several pictures and Janet shared her amazing chocolate mari-oberry brownies—yum! We continued the last part of the journey on community trails which ended at the top of Forrest Ridge Road which connects the Mountain Gate and Thurston Hills neighborhoods. All piled into the three cars left earlier for the short journey to the trailhead. Members: Denise Bean, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Jan Danforth, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Denise Rubenstein, Fumiyo Tao, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Elizabeth Koch, Louis Rubenstein.

### **Thurston Hills**

**October 6, 2018**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 8 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**A 90% CHANCE OF RAIN AT SCOTT MOUNTAIN** prompted us to change the destination to a Thurston Hills loop walk that began at our parked cars at 57<sup>th</sup> and Main. Heading south on the Bob Straub Parkway to the Thurston Hills Multi-use path

(Weyerhaeuser haul road), we soon connected to a gravel road that we followed uphill for 2.1 miles to a well-marked intersection. Thanks to Denise Bean's recent Thurston Hills hike and Dorene's previous scouting, three of us knew the way (most of the time) through the forested hilly and rocky community trails to the Forest Ridge Drive viewpoint below Potato Hill. We then walked down Forest Ridge Drive to Mountain Gate Drive where we took an obscure woody trail that dropped us out above Rob Adams Park. From there it was an easy return. The trip took 3½ hours not including the time we fuffed. We also welcomed new member Jim Dinn. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Lynn Meacham, Evelyn Nagy, Barbara Orsi, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: James Dinn.

### **Alder Dune to Pacific**

**October 7, 2018**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Assistant Leader: Joel Greer**

**Photographer: Keiko Bryan**

**Hike: 5.6 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)**

**ELEVEN MEMBERS AND FIVE NONMEMBERS ENJOYED** mild, cloudy weather with no wind. The hike consisted of several loops past some ponds and some tasty huckleberries. We did not go out onto the open dunes, but there were short stretches of soft sand and plenty of vegetation and tree cover. Afterwards we all went to lunch at Cheng's Family Dish which served huge portions of tasty food. A good day! Submitted by assistant leader Joel Greer. Members: Keiko Bryan, Kathie Carpenter, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Vicky Hanson, Barbara Orsi, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rust, Richard Shields, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Sheila Guildler, Vickie Loeser, Julia Harvey, James Dinn, Angie Ruzicka.



*Jim and Kathy picking huckleberries*

### **River Walk/Natural History Museum**

**October 7, 2018**

**Leader: Jane Hackett**

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

**SEVEN OF US STARTED FROM THE UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE** with a few rain drops falling causing us all to wonder why we left our rain gear in our cars. By the time we arrived at the Knickerbocker Bridge the rain drops had faded away. To my

surprise we had a few people in the group who had never been on the river trail, so we spent some time checking out the talking rocks and art work along the way. I added a bit to our amble so that we would not arrive at the Natural History Museum before it opened. As we headed up Agate toward the museum we could see what we had come to see a block away: one full-sized mammoth with tusks to match. The sculpture stands about 12 feet high and, along with the baby mammoth, will be on permanent display in front of the museum. At this point the trip ended, leaving it up to each person what they wanted to do. Some went back to their cars, and three of us went inside to see the new exhibits. A great way to spend a Sunday morning. Members: Clara Emlen, Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Noah Lee, Lou Maenz, Ruth Romoser, Michelle Tambellini.

### **Four-In-One Cone (annual Clare Tucker hike)**

**October 8, 2018**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Photographer: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 11.5 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)**

**WE HAD A DRIZZLY DAY UP IN THE CASCADES** to visit Four-In-One Cone, a hike that Clare Tucker led for 14 years, last in 2013. We were able to get up and walk on the rim, but the views were mostly of clouds, and we elected to eat lunch down in the woods. It was good to see puddles on the trail and the wet woods. Nobody got too wet or cold, and we saw nice autumn colors on the drive as well as the hike. Some autumn colors on bushes were enhanced by raindrops. Hopefully some photographs will follow! It was a good group to lead. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Joel Greer, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Lynn Meacham, Barbara Orsi, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young.



*Lunch spot out of the clouds*

### **Eugene Skinner History Walk**

**October 13, 2018**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 4 miles, 250 ft. (Easy)**

**WHILE STANDING IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY** around the life size statue of Eugene Skinner, Dave surprised us with a short bio sketch and Mike referenced Skinner's 5'4" height. The next stops were the empty lot at 8<sup>th</sup> Street, the disputed



Butterfly Lot, the historical plaque and map inserted into the sidewalk in front the Fifth Street Market, the Discovery Village replica of the Skinner Butte columns, the cabin replica, and the memorial cabin marker. Dave found the second stone marker for the cabin on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street nestled in between some trees. We took the steep trail above the columns to the top of the Skinner Butte to find the basalt survey rock for First Street. The four-mile walk took around three hours. We didn't make it to the Masonic Cemetery where Eugene and Mary Skinner are buried. Thanks to the curious hikers who not only asked questions but shared what they knew about Eugene's history. Members: Clara Emlen, Nikki Frank, Jane Hackett, David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Lisa Van Liefde. Nonmembers: Vickie Loeser, Joanna Alexander.

### **Patjens Lake (Clear Lake)**

**October 14, 2018**

**Leader: Kathy Randall**

**Photographer: Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 6.8 miles, 965 ft. (Moderate)**

**WE WERE GREETED AT THE PATJENS LAKE TRAILHEAD** by temperatures in the low 30s and high winds 20–40 mph! At first I was concerned we would be able to stay warm in these conditions. Just as we tentatively started on the trail, the wind began to topple multiple dead snags—right from their bases! Five fell within 30 seconds (almost hitting some hikers in front of us). We retreated to our vehicles and made the quick decision to hike at Clear Lake instead. We had a beautiful, uneventful hike around Clear Lake. The fall colors were not quite at their peak, but provided plenty of color to contrast with the beautiful green waters of the lake. Members: Keiko Bryan, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Julia Harvey, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Charlie Van Deusen. Nonmembers: Angie Ruzicka.



*The view of Clear Lake instead of Patjens Lake*

### **Patterson Mountain**

**October 14, 2018**

**Leader: Jane Hackett**

**Hike: 4.6 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)**

**GREAT FALL DAY.** The trail was in great condition. Bright clear day with cool breeze, felt like winter was around the

corner. We had the trail to ourselves for most of the hike. We spent about 25 minutes sitting on the bench at the top eating lunch and taking in the view of the Three Sisters and Broken Top along with Willamette drainage below us. After 25 minutes we were frozen and headed back to the car. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett.

### **Berley Lakes**

**October 15, 2018**

**Leader: Daphne James**

**Hike: 11 miles, 800 ft. (Difficult)**

**THIS WAS A SHUTTLE HIKE FROM THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL** Trailhead by Santiam Pass to the Duffy Lake Trailhead off Hwy 22. We began the day at the PCT Trailhead where we had great views of Mount Washington and the tips of the Three Sisters. After a mile we turned onto the Santiam Lake Trail which we took to the short unmarked side trail to Lower Berley Lake. It was a lovely day with the anticipated fall colors and blue skies. After a break at Lower Berley, we returned to Santiam Lake Trail and continued towards our next destination, Santiam Lake. Standing by the open meadow above the lake we had the hike's only view of Mount Jefferson. Although this hike has many beautiful sights, Three Fingered Jack is clearly the star. And, looking across Santiam Lake at his jagged rocks is one of the highlights of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness. But there were still wonders to come. So after taking in the splendor, we picked up our packs and headed to see Duffy Butte rising above sparkling Duffy Lake. We ended our day hiking out via Duffy Lake Trail. Members: Steve Adey, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Daphne James, Vern Marsonette, Barbara Orsi, Tom Rundle, Sue Wolling.

### **Sweet Creek/Beaver Creek Falls**

**October 20, 2018**

**Leader: Tom Rundle**

**Hike: 3.4 miles, 360 ft. (Easy)**

**YES, IT WAS A SWEET HIKE WITH LOVELY AUTUMN COLORS.** We did a *go at your own pace* stroll where hikers could take as much time as wanted for photos and conversation. The creek was low compared to spring runoff and the first mile was a bit chilly until the sun came above the ridge. After lunch at the parking lot, we drove a little way up Sweet Creek Road and hiked a half mile to Beaver Creek Falls where the autumn colors were even more spectacular. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Nikki Frank, Jane Hackett, Barbara Orsi, Dave Predeek, Tom Rundle, Karla Rusow. Nonmembers: Lynnette Rankin.

### **Heckletooth Mountain**

**October 20, 2018**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Hike: 10.5 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)**

**WE HAD A COOL MORNING AND A WARM DAY** to climb Heckletooth. The fall colors were decent, as hoped for, despite the record dryness the last several months. The trail climbs about 600 feet between the first and the second mile and about 1,100 feet the last two miles after the junction of the road that leads to Aubrey Mountain. We got on top seeing two young women who had driven up the Forest Service Road that comes from Salmon Creek. We saw no mountain bikers, however. This is a tough hike, but it is worth doing to see the yellows and reds. Oh yes, and the elk, too. We saw three of

them. Members: Michael Dunne, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Jade Isa.

### **Carl G. Washburne Loop**

**October 21, 2018**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 5.7 miles, 150 ft. (Easy)**

**HEAVY COASTAL FOG DIDN'T STOP TEN MEMBERS AND THREE NEWBIES.** We started on the east side of the highway, hiked China Creek Trail down to Hobbit Trail Trailhead where we jumped over Highway 101 and continued west to the beach. In fog and high tide, we hiked Hobbit Beach all the way north up to Big Creek and then back south to the Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park. Happy folks! Members: Keiko Bryan, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Nancy Minson, Barbara Orsi, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg, Sarah Adkison, Janet Soto.

### **Four-In-One Cone**

**October 21, 2018**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Photographer: Carla Cooper**

**Hike: 9 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)**

**WE SOON REMOVED MOST OF OUR WINTER LAYERED CLOTHING** to enjoy sunny weather with temperatures in the 60s. We lingered on the windless ridge to explore the cones and enjoy the mountain landscape. *Hiking Oregon's History* by Bill Sullivan had the answers to our questions about Mr. Scott (Scott Trail) and John Templeton Craig (McKenzie Pass). On his first Obsidian hike, Travis told us that the impetus was Carla's posting on the Obsidian Facebook page. Back at the trailhead around 3:30, I wished I had brought ice water to serve with the apple crisp. On our drive down McKenzie Pass, sunlight filtered through the canopy of yellow leaves adding more brightness to the spectacular day. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Richard Essenberg, Janet Jacobsen, Lucy Nelson, Denise Rubenstein, June Sutterfield. Nonmembers: Travis Waleri.



*Richard, Lucy, Denise, Janet, Kathie, Travis, June, and Dave enjoying the clear weather*

### **Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte**

**October 3–31, 2018**

**Various leaders: David Cooper (10/3), Mari Baldwin (10/10), Vern Marsonette (10/17), Steve Cordon (10/24), Michael King (10/31)**

**Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)**

**THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:** **October 3:** 17 Members, 3 Nonmembers. **October 10:** 17 Members, 3 Nonmembers. **October 17:** 17 Members, 1 Nonmembers. **October 24:** 14 Members, 1 Nonmember. **October 31:** 17 Members, 2 Nonmembers.

### **Mt. Pisgah**

**October 23 & 28, 2018**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 3.5–7 miles, 1,000–1,400 ft. (Easy–Moderate)**

**THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:** **October 23 (sunset):** 4 Members, 3 Nonmembers. **October 28 (Mushroom Festival):** 12 Members, 1 Nonmember.



## **Bus Trips**

### **Exploring Eastern Washington**

**September 10, 2018**

**Leader: Barbara Beard**

**Assistant Leader: Paul Beard**

**Photographer: Holger Krentz**

**O**N SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, TWENTY-FIVE OBSIDIANS AND FRIENDS HEADED OFF TO EXPLORE eastern Washington, NE Oregon and the beautiful Columbia River gorge. As always, we enjoyed our travels aboard an MTR luxury motor coach with our skilled driver, Augie Bergman. Our first stop was at Lewis and Clark State Park where the Sandy River converges with the Columbia. Then on to our lunch stop at Bonneville Dam where we enjoyed the opportunity to view many sizes of sturgeon and salmon that are being raised to stock our rivers and streams. The weather was perfect; beautiful blue skies and very little smoke made for fabulous views. Crossing the Columbia on the Bridge of the Gods we headed east on Hwy 14 to the Klickitat River and Hwy 142, allowing us a great view of Oregon's side of the gorge. Following the Klickitat gave us spectacular viewpoints and a good sense of the beauty Ewart Baldwin loved so much about this extraordinary area. Many memories of Ewart were shared as we traveled on to Goldendale for our first night's stay. **Tuesday morning** found us heading north on Hwy 97 to Yakima, Ephrata, and Grand Coulee. We made an unplanned side trip to the small town of Thorpe to shop and explore a huge produce and antique mall—a great find that we all enjoyed. We meandered through the countryside then followed the Yakima River on Hwy 821—another spur of the moment decision to explore more. The road was quite crooked, but very scenic with lovely views. On into the Scablands and Grand Coulee, with a surprise stop along Banks Lake where a gravel road follows a creek up into a canyon filled with trees and other lush vegetation. This is Northrup Road leading seven miles up to a homestead where the Northrup family lived. After becoming a widow, Mrs. Northrup raised her seven



children here among the rock cliffs, lush vegetation, and many rattlesnakes. This is the only place in Grant County that has green vegetation year round. Jim Northrop was surprised by this find and of course we had to take his picture by the Northrup Road sign. After checking into our motel, we made our way over to Grand Coulee Dam and enjoyed a pizza dinner while waiting for the laser light show to begin. As darkness set in, the music began along with laser light images flashing across the water on the spillway. Each evening they open it long enough for this grand performance. We also enjoyed the very interesting visitor center on site. **In the morning** we drove over to the dam for a guided tour; this is a very high security area. We were allowed inside to see the huge generators producing millions of kilowatts of power 24 hours a day to serve most of the western states and parts of Canada. Thanks to this great power project millions of acres of once dry land are now producing crops for the world. It was surprising to learn that out of 25 bus riders only six had been to Grand Coulee Dam before. After leaving the dam site, we drove up to Crown Point for a great view of the dam, the town, and the amazing array of power lines heading out into the countryside. After picking up lunch supplies, we sat back and enjoyed a video about the Scablands and the millions of years the formation took. Soon we arrived in Spokane for a two day stay near Riverfront Park. This allowed time to explore the city and the park; highlights were riding the gondola and the carousel, marveling at the beautiful old buildings, a raft trip on the Spokane River and, of course, finding excellent restaurants to dine in. Friday found us on the road again towards Hwy 3 and the Hells Canyon on the Snake River. Traveling down this winding road, crossing the river, and then climbing back up to the top on board a huge bus was slow going, allowing time to enjoy the spectacular views. Arriving in Enterprise we visited Erl McLaughlin at his 600-acre ranch and private Sunrise Iron Works Museum. It is hard to believe this wonderful collection of restored tractors and other farm equipment is a one-man show. He has acquired his collection from all over the country. Some came as boxes of parts which he cleaned up and reassembled into whole machines, but most are brightly painted and look like new. It was hard to tear ourselves away from this awesome collection and Erl's engaging personality—he loves his collection. Our evening destination was the River Lodge and Grill at Boardman. This is a beautiful new facility right on the Columbia River. The huge log pillars, rock fireplace, grand stairways, fantastic views of the river, and great food made for a lovely evening.



**Dry Falls**

**Our last day** together (Saturday) found us at the WAAAM in Hood River. This Museum has an amazing display of antique

cars, trucks, motorcycles, and airplanes from the early 1900s. All are in working condition. TacAero pilots met us in the museum and we separated into groups of two or three for an airplane ride over Hood River and the Columbia gorge. We enjoyed the patchwork beauty of the many orchards and farms surrounding Hood River as well as a great view of Mt. Adams. What a fun way to complete our week-long excursion. We drove the scenic route around Mt. Hood, traveling through Sandy and Woodburn before picking up I-5 to Eugene. Another great trip with a great group of riders. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Marcia Claypool, Sharon Cutsforth, Clara Emlen, Judy Garwood, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Verna Kocken, Holger Krentz, Craig Molitor, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Sam Tracer, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Dorothy Quirk, Lee Altschuler, Alice Krentz, Char Bergman, Faye Forhan.

## **The High Desert Museum**

**October 11, 2018**

**Leader: Sharon Cutsforth**

**Assistant Leader: Don Payne**

**ON A BRIGHT AND SUNNY BUT CHILLY MORNING** we gathered at 7:15 for an early start over the mountain. Everyone was on time with smiles on their faces. What a nice way to start the day. As we traveled along Hwy. 58 we were treated to some really beautiful sights. At Lookout Point Reservoir the water sparkled in the sunshine and occasionally there were small clouds of fog hanging over the water which added to the beauty. Farther along, the golden leaves of trees also sparkled in the sunshine. Traffic was fairly light and there were no construction delays so we arrived at the High Desert Museum a little ahead of schedule. That gave folks ample time to pick up museum maps and make our way out back to the Donald M. Kerr Birds of Prey Center for the raptor encounter. The featured bird today was a Harris's hawk that demonstrated a very close bond with its handler. The hawk was flying freely around the large room, sometimes brushing people's heads with its wings, always returning to the handler for a treat before flying another lap. There are many indoor and outdoor exhibits to see—something of interest for everyone. Some folks were fortunate to see the otters swimming and playing in their water environment while others found them sleeping. The 1904 Miller Family Ranch and Sawmill was interesting to some and others found the Desertarium of great interest. Of course there are always beautiful artworks on display as well as interesting historical displays. As we headed home we drove a short section of the Cascade Lakes Highway and were once again amazed at the huge piles of lava rock. We stopped long enough at Salt Creek Falls for a short walk along the creek to the top of the falls, which is always a lovely sight. All in all it was a very good day and we were delighted to have several first-time bus riders come on the trip. Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Kay Coots, Sharon Cutsforth, Clara Emlen, Jack Ewing, Joella Ewing, Bob Foster, Sharon Gadomski, Judy Garwood, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Yuan Hopkins, Ruthy Kanagy, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Barbara Orsi, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, June Sutterfield, Barbara Wallace, Mary Ellen West, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Carol Stern, Marlene Boehm, Joani Fields.

## AT THE LODGE



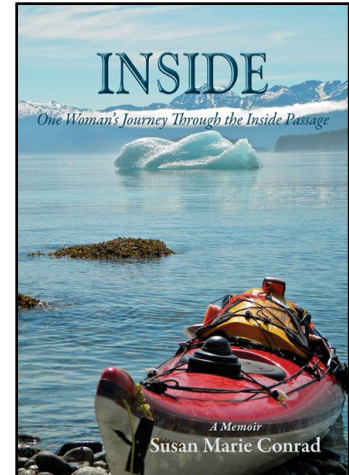
# POTLUCK

Friday, November 30 at 6:30

## One Woman's Journey Through the Inside Passage

**Susan Conrad**

**I**N SPRING 2010, WITH HER WORLD SCALED DOWN TO AN 18-FOOT SEA KAYAK and the 1,200-mile ribbon of water known as the Inside Passage, Susan Conrad launched a journey of the sea and soul that took her both north to Alaska and inward, as she discovered the depths of her own strength and courage. She will be sharing slides and stories of her adventures as she confronted fear, solitude, and exhaustion.



**Potluck**  
Friday, November 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.*





# OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

## November

7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith .....	520-488-9569
7 Wed	McK R. Trail/Belknap Springs Hike M Emlen ..	746-2181
9 Fri	Friday Bike Around Bike M Hughes.....	933-5542
10 Sat	Ridgeline Trail Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
10 Sat	Alsea & Green Peak Falls Hike M Greer .....	281-701-0205
11 Sun	Eel Creek Hike M Hackett.....	953-7046
11 Sun	Veterans Day Hike E Lodeesen.....	214-709-0352
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper .....	868-5427
16 Fri	Friday Bike Around Bike M Hughes.....	933-5542
17 Sat	Eugene Book Walk Hike E Jacobsen .....	206-1251
17 Sat	Koosah Falls around Clear Lake Hike M Bean ..	953-6868
18 Sun	Larison Rock Hike M Smith .....	520-488-9569
21 Wed	Mt. Pisgah - Sunset/Moonrise Hike E Jacobsen...	206-1251
21 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rubenstein.....	248-514-5092
22 Thu	Wicked San Francisco Hike M Hougardy .....	206-9532
23 Fri	Turkey Trimming Hike M Kanagy .....	912-9685
24 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell.....	503-884-8829
25 Sun	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
28 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rubenstein.....	248-514-5092
30 Fri	Through the Inside Passage .....	Potluck
30 Fri	Friday Bike Around Bike M Hughes.....	933-5542

## December

5 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Steggell.....	343-7018
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7 Fri	Shore Acres Lights, Yurts Ext Trp M Baer.....	431-0767
8 Sat	Christmas Party Bus Committee Sponsored..	Lodge Event
8 Sat	Mt. Pisgah Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
15 Sat	Stocking Stuffer Hike & Luncheon E Jacobsen ....	206-1251
19 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon .....	513-3452
21 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Winter Solstice Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
22 Sat	Midnight Lake Xski M Wolling.....	345-2110
26 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith .....	520-488-9569

## January

1 Tue	New Year's Day/Spencer Butte Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
1 Tue	Blanton to Pisgah Explora Hike D Smith.....	520-488-9569
2 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Bean .....	953-6868
9 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith .....	520-488-9569
13 Sun	Yaquina Bay to Yaquina Head Hike M Sojak .....	799-9199
16 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M King.....	554-1180
23 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper.....	868-5427
30 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rolfe.....	206-9501

## February

2 Sat	Groundhog Day Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
14 Thu	Oregon's Birthday Hike M Jacobsen.....	206-1251
9 Sat	Booth Lake Loop Xski D Miller.....	484-4586

## March

4 Sat	Grand Canyon Bk Pk D Adey.....	520-9285
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## CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE

The Bus Committee invites members and guests to join us for a festive time at the Obsidian Lodge:

Saturday, December 8, 2018

2:00-4:00 PM

Renew friendships and enjoy holiday music by Obsidians Barbara, Paul and Paula Beard with electronic keyboard and hand bells.

Also,

BigFoot Lane String Band will play for us.

Refreshments, door prizes and time to visit.

Questions: Sharon Cutsforth, 746-4929



## FIFTH ANNUAL STOCKING STUFFER HIKE AND LUNCH

Saturday December 15, 10:00 AM

**J**OELLA EWING AND JANET JACOBSEN ARE LEADING AN EASY THREE-MILE HIKE on the Ribbon Trail with a follow-up bowl of soup at the Lodge. Instead of trip fees bring a pair of new wool socks to be donated to the Egan Warming Centers. Last year 33 Obsidian members and guests donated 100 pairs of socks. Also bring your plate, bowl, and utensils. Call Joella at 344-9197 if you can help with the potluck soup luncheon. Signup begins November 25. If you have questions email Janet at [jbjacobsen@comcast.net](mailto:jbjacobsen@comcast.net).

## Summer Camp Glacier National Park September 1-7, 2019

**P**LANNING FOR SUMMER CAMP is progressing at a glacial pace. Details will be available next year.

### Needed: Chair and Committee Members for SciEd/Conservation

**J**ORRY ROLFE IS FINISHING UP TWO YEARS AS CHAIR OF THE SCIED/CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. Thanks, Jorry, for your work. For the ExploraTalks which are a major focus of the committee to continue, the club needs a member willing to be chair as well as two other people to be members on the committee. Please contact John Cooper if you are interested or have further questions.

[amanapjohn@gmail.com](mailto:amanapjohn@gmail.com) or 337-7201

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Get ready for winter ski season.

Mens ski parka, only worn on one ski trip: Pacific Crest size XL \$45

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Call Sandra 687-2589

**CORRECTION:** *Jacque Davis was the photographer for the October Photo of the Month.*



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