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See More of the Natural World—Try Backpacking

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Dates to Remember

June 16	ExploraTalk
June 26	Potluck
June 27	<i>Bulletin</i> deadline
July 1	Board Meeting

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Register-Guard – Outdoors – Tuesday

Note: Due to the 4th of July holiday, the *July Bulletin* will be published one week later than usual.

Becky Lipton

THE LONGER YOU STAY OUT IN THE WILDERNESS, the deeper your experience of nature becomes. You can begin to tune in to the natural rhythms of life around you and within yourself. You may witness the fledging of young osprey or be observed by a curious owl. You will certainly see the mountains come on fire as colors change dramatically with the setting sun. And you will enjoy the mists rising from the valleys at sunrise.

Scott Hovis, leader of numerous hikes and backpack trips for the Obsidians, texted, “go 2 the woods 2 find pz.....the quiet, the stillness & the beauty.....get away from ur problems....find ur way....the shapes, the textures, the colors, all there 4 u 2 find....when a few go out 2gether they become a team, working 2gether 4 the sake of the group....distractions r self imposed in the forest....discovery is of ur own design”



The Obsidians club offers six backpack trips in 2015. Come and join us!

May 1–3: Blacklock Point, OR coast. Scott Hovis, moderate, 5-mile round trip, Saturday hike 7-mile round trip, 200 ft. elevation gain.

Aug 9–16: Mt. Hood to Mt Jefferson. Becky Lipton, difficult, 64 miles along the Pacific Crest Trail—our second segment of the Oregon PCT.

Aug 26–Sept 1: Wonderland trail on Mt Ranier. Steve Johnson, difficult, 55 plus miles and 14,000 ft. of elevation change.

Sept 5–7: Camp Lake between Middle and South Sister. Becky Lipton, difficult—details to come.

Sept 11–13: Indigo Lake. Scott Hovis, moderate, 5-mile round trip, Saturday day hike 10-mile round trip, 1,500 ft. elevation gain.

Oct 4–10: Lost Coast, Sinkyone Wilderness, Humboldt Co., CA. Scott Hovis, difficult, hike in 8-mile round trip, day hikes combined 25 mile round trip, elevation gain 300+ ft.

Obituary

Mark Perrin 1941–2015

FORMER OBSIDIAN, MARK PERRIN, passed away on May 2 after a lingering illness. A native Texan, Mark and family moved to Eugene in 1978 and he quickly embraced the Oregon lifestyle, joining the Obsidians and climbing mountains. He went on 13 trips, leading 10 of them, one of which was a climb to Mt. Adams. He made nine climbs and his last trip with the Obsidians was to Olallie Mt. in 2003, which he led.

Mark is survived by his wife, three daughters and their families.

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

From the *Bulletin* Staff

THE FOCUS OF THE *BULLETIN* is to inform, promote and encourage members and guests to participate in our activities and educational programs. There are certain guidelines the staff has set up over the years that make its production run smoothly and the material read clearly.

Guidelines:

Email your material, on time, to bulletin@obsidians.org

Send your material as an attachment, not simply written into an email.

Emails do not translate to the publishing program we use without a great deal of work, and the import of your message may be lost.

Include pictures if appropriate—send as a separate attachment.

Articles which do not deal directly with club activities will be published as space allows and at the discretion of the committee.

Style:

Although we try to keep your own personal writing style in the pieces we publish, we reserve the right to edit material for clarity/timeliness and space availability.

Moppers Clean Up!

ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, SPONGE MOPS, SWIFFERS, UNIQUE MOPS AND PAILS SHOWED UP AT THE LODGE with Clara Emlen, May Fogg, Betsy Halpern, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Mary Livingston, Fumiyo Tao, and Barbara Schomaker. No arm twisting was needed to persuade these volunteers to arm their mops for one hour to transform the floor to quite a satisfying state of cleanliness. Doug Nelson, Lodge Chair, and Susan Wanser, Entertainment Chair, appreciated their help!

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2015 Nominating Committee Presents Three Nominees

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET IN APRIL to nominate three candidates for the Board of Directors for three-year terms beginning in January, 2016. The names of Dave Cooper, Todd Larsen and Maryanne Reiter were presented at the June board meeting. The Nominating Committee believes that these three people offer experience, commitment, and different perspectives.

Dave Cooper is on the Trail Maintenance Committee and is an active hiker and leader. He joined in 2014 and already has over 100 trips. He has helped with the Ridge-line Celebrations and the recent leaders meeting. He will be leading hikes to Grizzly Peak and Santiam/Mckenzie Pass this summer. His wife, Carla, is on the publicity committee.

Todd Larsen has been an active member of the Trail Maintenance Committee, and has participated in over thirty Spencer Butte/Ridgeline Trail monthly projects and six climbs since he became a member in 2011. He has led three trail maintenance trips in cooperation with the Forest Service to the Obsidian Limited Entry Area.

Maryanne Reiter joined in 2001 and is the current Climbs Chair. She has been involved in climb school, has

led rock and crevasse sessions, and nine climbs including Mt. Adams, Mt. Hubris, and Mt. Shasta. She is also active in Mountain Search and Rescue. She will be the speaker at the June potluck.

The election will take place at the October Annual Meeting per the Constitution. According to the Constitution, up to three additional nominees may be submitted by petition (signatures of five voting members required with approval of those nominated) to the Secretary before the September Board Meeting. A complete slate of nominees shall be published in the September *Bulletin*. Voting shall be for three individual nominees. Majority vote elects. The election of Directors shall take place at the time of the Annual Meeting, Friday, October 9. Three of the nine directors shall be elected each year for a term of three years commencing with the following January Board of Directors meeting.

Nominating Committee: Anne Bonine, Sharon Cutsforth, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Shellie Robertson.

Summer Trips Update

OBSIDIANS NOW HAVE OVER ONE HUNDRED TRIPS that have been scheduled. Very few cancellations have occurred. I appreciate all the leaders that have made this possible. The Summer Trips Committee is looking forward to the trips for June and the rest of the summer. There are wildflower hikes, a car camp and hike, and backpacking trips as well as many interesting day trips. However, there is room and a need for more trips to be scheduled for July forward. Some of the hikes not yet being led are:

Black Crater, Maxwell Butte, Rockpile Lake, Belknap Crater, Mt. Yoran and Divide Lake, The Twins, Mt. June, Tire Mountain, Tam McArthur Rim, Olallie Mountain, French Pete Creek, Bachelor and Coffin Mountains, Middle Pyramid, McDowell Creek Falls, Fuji Mt., Spirit, Moon, and Pinard Falls, Pisgah Summer Solstice, and Kentucky Falls.

Please consider adding a trip to lead to your summer or fall plans.

John Cooper, Summer Trips

Stay Updated!

Want to be notified when trips are added to the schedule?

The email lists in *Members Only* (click on *EList Mgmt*) have subscription lists. Find the updates@obsidians.org list with the description: *For Publicity Committee to send updates to members about recently added trips and upcoming activities*. Click *Subscribe*. That's it—now wait for the emails to arrive.

Janet Jacobsen, Publicity Chair, will work with the Summer Trips Committee to send emails in a timely fashion to subscribed members when new trips are added. We hope that this will encourage leaders to add trips and members to take a look at the trip descriptions. There are only four out-of-town hikes on the schedule for July.

If any questions, contact Janet at

bjjacobsen@comcast.net.

Publicity and Summer Trips Committee

Board Notes

By Susan Wanzer

President Matt Bell called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: John Cooper, Pat Esch, Susan Wanzer and Elle Weaver. Also present were: Anne Bonine, Wayne Deeter, Laurie Funkhouser, Stewart Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Lenore McManigal, Doug Nelson, Maryanne Reiter, Chris Stockdale and Nancy White.

The Board approved the minutes of the May 2015 meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): Through May 31, 2015 there were 59 scheduled trips—54 were completed. There were 382 member participants and 53 nonmember participants. There are currently 53 trips remaining on the schedule.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): There were five climbing trips in May and all summit attempts were successful, although on a couple of the climbs, due to poor visibility, the reward of amazing summit views was denied.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing this past month in Spencer Butte Park. We worked to cut brush along the Ridgeline Trail from Willamette and 52nd up a third of the way up to the Tie Trail.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): There were no bus trips in May.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): The camping/hiking trip to Deer Creek Center/Siskiyou Field Institute was a great success. Plans are already underway for a repeat visit in 2016.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Tom Musselwhite): Fourteen people attended the May 19 ExploraTalk presented by Obsidian Member Gordon Sayre.

Publication (Lou Maenz): 203 Bulletins were mailed in May.

Entertainment (Susan Wanzer): Thirty-six people attended the May potluck.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Many thanks to Judy Sinnott for recently making numerous name tags for new members or members whose tags are missing or worn. Janet Jacobsen has volunteered to work with John Jacobsen to register people who do not have email addresses or need assistance registering online. Janet plans to meet with individuals to work through our registration and trip sign up process.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): Bill Sullivan's article on the Strawberry Mountains in the Outdoor Section of the *Register-Guard* (June 2) has a photo of four Obsidians at Strawberry Lake. At *Eugene Weekly's* request, Chris Stockdale sent a list of the summer activities divided by the categories.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): Obsidian products were present at the ExploraTalk and the Potluck. We experienced our first opportunity to use the new credit card processing swipe. It worked smoothly. Thank you to the continuing support and dedication of our committee members!

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 5,008 photos in 355 al-

bums in the Obsidian photo gallery. On our *Facebook* page we had 12 new likes in May. I found a new tool on *Facebook* that encourages new people to follow our page and I think that might have helped.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the activities published in the May *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): The Lodge has been reserved for two days in September (22nd and 24th) for staff retreats by the U of O Environmental Studies program and the U of O Department of Geology.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Several work parties were held during May: May 14 – Mowing grounds in prep for the upcoming Potluck and ExploraTalk. Thanks to Jim Whitfield for his help. May 15 – Weed whacking and blowing drives/parking area. May 31 – Finally got the old shed above the Lodge torn down and all materials disposed of. Thanks to Doug Nelson and Jim Whitfield for helping with this dirty job. Special thanks to Doug for his connections in getting the demolition materials recycled. Clara Emlen has accepted my request for committee folks to take on ongoing grounds maintenance tasks on their own schedule. She has spent many hours over many days weeding and barking the beds around the Lodge. She plans to continue caring for the beds and other tasks. Thank you Clara for your many hours and your ability to understand and stay on top of what needs to be done.

Ad hoc Art Heritage (Jim Duncan): The committee met on April 17 to discuss proposals for the \$500 donation to the Obsidians from former president Ray Cavagnaro's estate and the matching donation from the Scherer family. The proposals included: A juniper bookcase to be made by Wes Prouty for the Scherer Room. Buying and installing a new picture hanging system for the Scherer Room. A framed permanent collection of paintings will be hung on the west wall. The south wall will be used for hanging framed art work by Obsidian artists on a rotating basis. A collage of Bryan Ryan items will be framed and hung on the fireplace wall. A small bulletin board to be hung in the alcove next to the stairs is being considered. A plaque commemorating Catherine Jones's bequest to the Obsidians will be ordered and placed on the Summer Camp Storage Building.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved all applicants for new membership.

The Board accepted John Jacobsen as the new Summer Camp Chair and as the Camp Boss for Summer Camp 2016.

The Board approved three nominees, Dave Cooper, Todd Larsen and Maryanne Reiter, to serve as Board members for the three year term running from January 2016 through 2018. The Board approved several minor changes to the membership dues section of the bylaws. Don Colgan resigned his position as a board member and Laurie Funkhouser agreed to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term (through 2016). Thank you Don for your time served and to Laurie for filling the gap!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on July 1 at 6:00 PM followed by a picnic at the Jacobsens'. The meeting adjourned for food at McMenamins.

Trip Reports & Other Activities



Backpacks

Blacklock Point

May 1, 2015

Leader: Scott Hovis

Backpack: 5 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

The trails were nicely maintained. One bridge one mile south of Floras Lake has been pushed downstream 50 feet, but is still the best way to get across the creek. The woods add a lot of protection from the wind. Look out for the *widow-maker* cracked branches. We saw seals at Sixes River. Don't touch the pups! No roped off areas for the Snowy Plover at this time. We added a one-mile hike at the end. The hike at the Port Orford Heads State Park is over dramatic cliffs. Be sure to allow some time for the historic 1934 Coast Guard barracks museum. Dean Creek Viewing Area is a good place to stop for bathroom breaks. Members: Keiko Bryan, Nikki Frank, Scott Hovis, Jan Pylar, Tom Rundle, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Barbara Kay Cosby, Dorothy Kilmer.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte

January 31, 2015

Leader: Matthew Bell

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

FOR OUR FIRST OUTING OF THE NEW YEAR, our group of volunteers met Josh Schrader of the Parks and Open Space division to finish up the rock work we have been doing on the lower section of the West Trail. Our group made fairly short work of adding the armoring to four of the drainage features and improving two steps. We also spent some time removing sticks, logs, and other debris from the drainage ditches. Because we can never quit early, we used the extra time we had to transplant sword ferns to the trail sides to help create a narrower and more natural looking trail corridor. Clara Emlen worked diligently to clean the kiosk and stairs. Roberta and Autumn worked around the parking lot clearing duff along the edges as well as unclogging the drainage grates. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Autumn Edwards, Clara Emlen, Dan Gil-

more, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Dave Predeek. Nonmembers: John Lepinski.

Spencer Butte

February 28, 2015

Leader: Matthew Bell

Trail Maintenance: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET AT THE MAIN SPENCER BUTTE TRAILHEAD to work to improve the drainage features along the Main Summit and Tie trails. We hiked up to the Junction Meadow where we split into two groups. One group continued up the Main Summit Trail to begin cleaning the drainage ditches and culverts and work back towards the parking lot. The second group hiked down the Tie Trail to the Ridgeline Trail and worked back cleaning drainage ditches and culverts as well as picking up garbage. Each group made it about half way back. The kiosk and steps were also cleaned this month. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: John Lepinski, Steve Bade.

Spencer Butte

March 28, 2015

Leader: Matthew Bell

Trail Maintenance: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET AT THE MAIN SPENCER BUTTE TRAILHEAD to finish cleaning the drainage features along the Main Summit and Tie trails. This month we all hiked up to the Junction Meadow and down the Tie Trail to start. We all worked our way back to the main parking lot along the Tie and Main Summit trails cleaning drainage ditches and culverts and picking up garbage. While clearing the ditches along the upper portion of the Tie Trail, Chyanne and Autumn got the opportunity to roll a large section of log out of the ditch and down off the trail. David cut down part of a tree top that had impaled itself into the drainage ditch and then he and Dan pulled the impaled portion two to three feet out of the ground before tossing it end over end off of the trail. Find of the month goes to Trenton for retrieving a blue fiberglass post with a *no hiking* sign that someone removed from somewhere on the butte and threw way off the main trail. The amount of beer containers and chewing gum we picked up was astounding. Clara again did an amazing job cleaning the kiosk and steps. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Matthew Lockfeld, Dave Predeek. Nonmembers: Alex Lockfeld, Mike Yager, Michael Heidelberg, John Lepinski.

Ridgeline Trail

April 25, 2015

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

Trail Maintenance: 50 ft. (Moderate)

FOR OUR APRIL OUTING, we met at the Fox Hollow trailhead to brush the trail sides as well as clean drainage



features along the Ridgeline trail loop in Amazon Headwaters Park. We found and cleared four culverts along the upper while we cut, scraped, shoveled, and hoed along the trail sides. Along the lower Ridgeline section, we only found one double culvert. In the culvert, Dan found one of the finds of the day, a single serving bottle of Chardonnay—litterers' tastes are getting classier. Chyanne found the other find of the day—a meticulously painted log along the trail near the Dillard kiosk. I think the multi-colored design signifies man's inhumanity to inanimate objects. Chyanne cleaned the Fox Hollow and Dillard kiosks carrying the extending scrubber for most of the nearly two miles we all hiked during this outing. I haven't heard from anyone else, but I at least got a little bit of poison oak on this outing. Members: Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, David Cooper, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Dan Gilmore, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Pat Soussan, Barbara Theus.



Hikes

Full Ridgeline Out /Back

April 24, 2015

Leader: David Cooper

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 12 miles, 1,515 ft. (Difficult)

RAIN AND WIND GREETED US as we gathered in the trailhead parking lot. As soon as we left the protection of

the kiosk, the rain stopped. We soon shed rain gear and enjoyed pleasant, cloudy weather. When we reached Spring Blvd., we decided to return to Dillard Road via the



unofficial trail around the base of Mt. Baldy. The rain stayed away until we completed the day's hike. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young.

Walport to Yachats

April 25, 2015

Leader: Scott Hovis

Hike: 8 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

WE PARKED AT SMELETS SANDS WAYSIDE. The parking was free. Three of us started our walk on the 804 trail. The trail was blocked by a landowner in the 90s. Bill Adams and others saved the trail by discovering that a roadway on the property had been bought by the county in the 1800s. Despite a poor forecast, the weather was delightful. We did shorten the walk because of threatening clouds. All of us used the picnic tables at Tillicum Beach State Park for our lunch. Afterwards, we checked out the four art galleries north of Yachats and then went on to Alpha-Bit in Mapleton for coffee. FYI—the bus leaves Yachats at 9:20 AM and 1:50 PM for Waldport. You might want to use the bus as a shuttle and then walk back to your car. Members: Marianne Camp, Scott Hovis. Nonmembers: Dorothy Kilmer.

Sweet Creek Falls

April 25, 2015

Leader: Joella Ewing

Hike: 2.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

GEOLOGIST AND OBSIDIAN TOM RUNDLE stepped up to provide very interesting information when asked to share his knowledge of the rock formations and terrain along Sweet Creek Falls. Critters we saw on the way to the trailhead included white pelicans at Fern Ridge Reservoir and two doe with their fawns along the creek. Critters on the trail included a newt, snail and water ouzels. Low snowpack reduced the usually swift, full cascading falls that prolifically charac-

terize this creek. Members: Joella Ewing, Tom Rundle, Barbara Schomaker, Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers: Deborah Tillotson.

Patterson Mountain

April 26, 2015

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 5 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

I THINK I SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF PATTERSON MOUNTAIN. I spent most of Saturday looking for the trailhead without much luck. I had already picked a back-up hike by Sunday. I read Bill Sullivan's book and checked out the



forest service site. Both sources indicated the trailhead could be hard to find. I recognized the road numbers and thought I now understood where I should be. So, off we went up Hwy. 58 to Shady Dell Campground and up road 5847 eight miles and then a right turn on to road 555. Down the road 0.4 miles was a trailhead sign for Lawyer Trail—no mention of Patterson Mountain. I had two cars stop at a point where they could turn around and I drove to the end of this narrow road to a small turnaround. Still no trailhead sign for Patterson Mountain. So, now we are hiking Lawyer Trail, because I am sick of driving and looking. My hope was that we would find a trail junction and we would go to Patterson Mountain. After about 0.5 miles, the trail splits and the trail to Lone Wolf Shelter is to the left. The shelter is on the trail to Patterson Mountain. Ten of us continued on to the shelter, which has no sign. The trail to the shelter is off to the right and you have to watch for it. Three of us hiked past it, and so there were whistles blasting out. I was probably 0.25 miles past the shelter, blowing my whistle for what reason I do not understand, but soon found Roberta telling me I had passed the shelter. So, back we go. The shelter is great. We took lots of pictures and then went off to the top of Patterson Mountain. The top is a small open meadow at the top of a cliff with great views of the valley below, Hardesty, and Mt June. Lunch was taken here. What I noted is that over the

next four weeks or so this will turn into a great wildflower hike. Also, the trail is entrenched with good switchbacks. If you can find the sign to Lone Wolf Shelter, this is a great hike. Members: Roberta Chord, Jane Hackett, Anne Hollander, Debbie Krakauer, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Diane Schechter, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Haley de Luca, Nancy Allender.

Crescent Mountain

April 26, 2015

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 8.6 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

A TOUGH, BUT WELL WORTHWHILE TRIP into the lower Cascades. I had no idea what the storm the day before had brought, but the roads were good, and the road up to the trailhead is a LOT better, but still must be driven carefully. There were a lot of blowdowns in the first mile to Maude Creek, but only a couple of big ones after that. We picked up snow at the 4,000 foot level, and the meadows were coated with a couple of inches. Further up where the forested area starts again, for the last 500 feet of vertical climbing there were about 4-6 inches of snow. The trail was easily seen, and the summit was calm, with occasional light flurries. The sight of snow sublimating into fog, the snow patterns on trees below us, and Three Fingered Jack right out in front of us were all stunning. Crescent Lake was, not surprisingly, ice-free. The only other group we saw was after we were well down from the summit. It is ten miles round trip with 2,200 feet vertical, 100 of which is double climbing. Good group who hung in there with snow and mud and a few blowdowns that required some creative thinking to surmount!!! Issues with early season trips are blowdowns and few wildflowers. I look forward to maybe putting this hike on the schedule later this spring or early summer. Members: Rob Boese, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Consuelo Gomez, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Rich Romm, Mike Smith, Fumiyo Tao, Nancy Whitfield.

Skinner Butte Eagles Nest

April 28, 2015

Leader: Janet Jacobsen, Assistant: Rick Ahrens

Hike: 1 mile, 200 ft. (Easy)

ON THE TRAIL TO THE BEST VIEWING SPOT, Rick helped us identify plants, hear bird calls and locate a bushtit nest. He answered question after question. The excitement built until Rick put up his scope to give a close-up view of the eaglets and the parent eagle. On the way down we checked out the climbers on the columns. The nature walk took around two hours. We thank Rick for sharing! Watch the schedule for another eagle hike early in June. Members: Rick Ahrens, Barbara Bruns, Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, May Fogg, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Ruthy Kanagy, Tom Rundle, Tommy Young.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

April 29, 2015 through May 13, 2015

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

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

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: April 29—Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Tom Rundle, Tommy Young. May 6—Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young. May 13—Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Bob Johnson, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young.

Eagles Rest

May 1, 2015

Leader: Marianne Camp

Hike: 13.4 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)

ONE MUST REMEMBER when you describe a trip as a work-out, you are in for a hike that will feel pretty hard. By the end of the day, we were tired but it was worth the effort. We saw many wildflowers and the word lush came up often in our description of the day's hike. The four of us enjoyed the beautiful spring day in the woods and along the creek. We were a tired but happy crew. Members: Marianne Camp, Consuelo Gomez, Janet Jacobsen, Fumiyo Tao.

Lowder Mountain

May 2, 2015

Leader: Jonathan Jost

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 5.6 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A PICTURE-PERFECT DAY FOR THIS HIKE. The lightly overcast sky cleared just in time for our start up the trail. There were numerous blowdowns, but all had been cleared to allow our passage. We found that we were too



early in the season for the wildflowers, but the clear skies and bright sunshine rewarded us with beautiful views along the way and at the top. I should also mention we had no mosquitoes. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Alan Curtis, David Hawkins, Jonathan Jost, Debbie Krakauer,

Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Haley de Luca, Mary Marshall.

Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise

May 3, 2015

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 4 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

WE LEFT AT 7:00 PM for the 8:04 moonrise and 8:18 sunset. Instead of going up the main trail, we hiked up Trail 3



and connected to Trail 4 and Trail 1, reaching the top right before the red sunset and the moonrise above the clouds. It was a balmy night, but we needed jackets to escape the mosquitoes. Venus and Jupiter were easy to find on our way down. Members: Rick Ahrens, Marianne Camp, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Darko Sojak.

Horsepasture Mountain

May 3, 2015

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 3.3 miles, 900 ft. (Easy)

DARKO SAID I HAD TO PUT THE FACT THAT I FORGOT MY BOOTS IN THE TRIP REPORT. So, now I can get on with the



report. It was a great day. We saw a few wildflowers as we went through the woods, but the top was still pretty bare with the exception of the daffodils planted by some past fire lookout. It was kind of a surprise—I had never seen them before. The view from Diamond Peak to Mt. Hood was the best. The road and trail were cleared of many fallen trees. If you have problems with rocky trails, you might want to avoid this trail or take hiking poles. It does have one of the best views of the Three Sisters. Members: Ken DenOuden, Jane Hackett, Holger Krentz, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Kathy Randall, Haley de Luca, Nancy Allender.

Little North Santiam

May 12, 2015

Leader: Dan Christensen

Hike: 9 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

THE PROBABILITY OF RAIN WAS HIGH for the Little North Santiam hike. Nearly every signee was undeterred and completed the hike. We were rewarded in that it did not rain significantly. The hike was quite wet due to tree and bush drip, but overall very pleasant. The river was beautiful as always, with lots of emerald green pools, waterfalls and rushing water. Further to the north, in the same drainage, better-known Opal Creek drains into the North Santiam. Henline Falls, falling off of Henline Mt. across the river from the trail, was a spectacular sight. Water levels in the river have dropped noticeably from just a month ago. Other than some carpets of fawn lilies and false solomon seal, flowers were absent. Rhodies were about a week away from blooming. Several years ago, major flooding washed out most of the bridges traversing the small creeks which empty into the river. By last year all of the bridges had been replaced except the very last one before trail's end. That location now has a brand new and very nice wooden bridge. The trail itself roughly follows the course of the river under a typical Douglas fir/hemlock forest canopy. The elevation gain is due to a major ridge which bisects the trail. There is a very nice view of the mountains to the west from the top of the ridgeline. Although this hike requires about a ten-hour day with a long drive to the trailhead, the beauty of the river makes it well worth the time and effort. Members: Keiko Bryan, Dan Christensen, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Frank Lulich, Diane Schechter, Art Skach, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Lamonte Smith, Beverly O'Connell, Ian Lowell.

McKenzie River Trail (Entire)

May 16, 2015

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 25.9 miles, -1,726 ft. (Difficult)

TEN HIKERS MADE AN EARLY 6:00 AM START from Eugene with the intent to hike most or all of the 25.9-mile McKenzie River trail in one day. After dropping off a vehicle at the trail's lower end at McKenzie Bridge and another at Trail Bridge campground, we were able to start our hike at the trailhead near Fish Lake before 8:00 AM. As we had a long

hike ahead of us, we kept up a brisk pace. We couldn't help but make brief stops to take in the early morning views of Clear Lake, Sahalie Falls, and Koosah Falls. After about 2 ½ hours of hiking, we arrived at Tamolitch Pool, where we made a ten minute stop to enjoy this popular destination as we had it all to ourselves. The next two miles we encountered around 50 hikers, who were all headed into the pool including a familiar looking group of 12 Obsidians on another scheduled hike. Around 12:15, we arrived at Trail Bridge campground where we stopped for a 20-minute lunch break. One of our group ended the hike early to drive a shuttle vehicle to Belknap Springs. The next nine miles lacked the spectacular scenery of the previous 12 miles, so it seemed to take a long time. However, we arrived at Belknap Springs before 4:00 PM. Here another four members of our group ended their hike and retrieved the two vehicles we left at the trailhead, while our five remaining hikers continued on to finish the last 5.2 miles of the trail. After 9 ½ hours of hiking, we arrived at the end of the McKenzie River trail around 5:30 PM. We then drove back to Belknap Springs where several of our tired and sore hikers relaxed in the warm pool. This was a challenging but fun adventure with a great group of Obsidian hikers. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Elle Weaver. Nonmembers: Aaron Rohrer.

Castle Rock

May 17, 2015

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 11.4 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)

IT WAS A GOOD DAY TO HIKE IN THE CASCADES. We were able to take just one car and got to the top in just over two hours. There were nice views of the Sisters and Mt. Washington from the top. It took us two hours to get back down. There were two mountain bikers and a lot of skid marks were seen on the trail. This is a difficult hike because of the distance-elevation combination. The only steepness was near the top, and the trail is in good shape. Members: Caroline Moore, Kathy Randall, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Joel Hutchins.

Horse Rock

May 24, 2015

Leader: John Cooper

Hike: 4 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

ELEVEN PEOPLE ON A CLOUDY SUNDAY headed up to Horse Rock expecting wildflowers, a good time and sun. The flowers were good, given the dry spring. The camaraderie was great, but no sun. No matter—a beautiful spot to explore in late spring. Members: Roberta Chord, John Cooper, Steve Cordon, Haley de Luca, Chyanne Edwards, Yuan Hopkins, Debbie Krakauer, Darko Sojak, Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers: Ean Estes, Carlyn McCormack.



Bike Trips

Eugene/12 Bridges Extension

May 1, 2015

Leader: Richard Hughes

Bike: 26 miles, 453 ft. (Moderate)

THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT as we rode the lanes and paths in Eugene/Springfield. We visited 12 bridges, seven of which have significant history as to the funding, utility and even timing to get them built. Seven of the riders researched their assigned bridge giving the group details of each structure. Others added historical comments as well. Members: Barbara Bruns, Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Betty Grant, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Angela Hirst.

Deer Creek Center Extended Trip

May 8, 2015

Leader: Chris Stockdale
Photographer: Daphne James

PLENTIFUL WILDFLOWERS, HIKES WITH GORGEOUS VIEWS, a myriad of birds and butterflies for the enthusiasts, and last, but not least, intriguing caves to visit. All of this in addition to a quiet camping location outside Selma, Oregon, with solar-powered hot showers, flush toilets, a covered picnic area with its own stove, refrigerator and BBQ grill, and plenty of space for spreading out tents. What more could a group of 20 Obsidians want for a camping outing to a beautiful and less visited area of our state? The twenty (well, one was a nonmember who completed her third hike and immediately had us sign her membership application) spent four nights at the Deer Creek Center of the Siskiyou Field Institute, an educational and learning facility 20 miles southwest of Grants Pass. The trip price included camping fees (a very reasonable \$12/night/per tent or RV) and four dinners prepared by the participants. The group ate well, as is customary on Obsidian trips. Those with some energy left gathered around the camp fire but most drifted off to their sleeping bags by 9:30 or so. Hikes were varied and catered to all abilities. One of the most spectacular ones was a stiff climb up Kerby Peak (about 2,600' gain in 3.5 miles), but the effort was more than worthwhile. Hikers were rewarded with a variety of terrain ranging from forest to rocky outcrops and great views from the top. However, a true highlight of this hike was the variety of wildflowers, including several none of us had seen before. The most stunning of the latter was a vivid deep scarlet plant that grew in the shady forest, which we later identified as the snow plant. We christened it *the fireplug plant* due to its shape and color. To add to the excitement, the hike leader just missed stepping on a large rattlesnake, nearly causing a multiple pile-up of hikers behind her. Other energetic souls drove further south and hiked (or scrambled) 6.5 miles to the Devil's Punchbowl, which is a spectacular lake in the mountains. Shorter hikes were led along parts of the Illinois River trail (one trailhead a mere three miles from camp), Eight Dollar Mountain and Babyfoot Lake. Large areas of Darlingtonia (pitcher plant) were spotted on several of the hikes. See the gallery on our website for photos of the snow plant and Darlingtonia. A number of people also visited the Oregon Caves

National Monument. Although Cave Junction is only seven miles from camp, the road from there to the Monument is twisty and takes a fairly long time. However, the caves are definitely worth a visit and several hikes can be taken right from the Monument parking lot. Many thanks to all of those who led hikes and drove to the trailheads. And of course, thanks to those who prepared our dinners and cleaned up afterwards. Stay tuned for a repeat visit in 2016. Members: Rick Ahrens, Marsha Barr, Dan Chamness, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Betty Grant, Lisa Grissell, Jane Hackett, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Valerie Metcalfe, Nola Nelson, Chris Stockdale, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Julie Barnas.



Upcoming Bus Trips



Wildwood Recreation Area & Salmon River

Date: June 30 (Tuesday)

Leaders: Paul & Barbara Beard

Cost: \$48 (\$50 nonmembers)

Reservations/Checks: Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO SEE SOME COUNTRYSIDE we have not visited in recent years.

- Travel Hwy 26 to the scenic Welches area.
- Enjoy time walking trails in the park and along the Salmon River.
- Bring a picnic lunch, have time to relax and chat with friends.
- See fish in their natural habitat—underground viewing area.
- Visit Bauman Farms—great flowers and produce.
- Strawberries should be available, bring a cooler for shopping (optional).

More Food IV

Date: July 16 (Thursday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$50 (\$52 nonmembers)

Reservations/checks: Janet Speelman 344-3019

VISIT MORE WILLAMETTE VALLEY FOOD PRODUCERS—always a fun and educational trip.

- Groundwork Organics—fresh from the farm produce.
- Camas Country Mill—variety of legume and grain products.
- Lavender Lakes Farm—learn all about lavender.
- Willamette Valley Cheese—many kinds of cheese.
- Last but not least, a surprise stop.
- Bring a sack lunch and (optional) a cooler for shopping.

Fun at Yellowstone & Jackson Hole

Date: Sept 13—19 (Sunday - Saturday)

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$1,124 (\$1,138 non) Barbara Payne 746-1964

EACH YEAR THE BUS COMMITTEE SCHEDULES A MULTI-DAY TRIP. Our destination this year is Yellowstone National Park and the Tetons. Yellowstone, with its unique geological features, is one of the most beautiful and unusual landscapes in the world. Jackson, Wyoming sits near the base of the Grand Tetons with spectacular views of the mountains. Elevations in Yellowstone range from 5,000 – 8,000 feet.

The Top Ten Reasons for going on this fun-filled trip are:

- 7 days/6 nights—travel on luxury motor coach with skilled driver.
- Visit Craters of the Moon National Monument.
- Tour Yellowstone National Park with experienced local guide.
- Two nights lodging in the park, Canyon Village western style cabins.
- Float trip on the Snake River.
- Ride Big Red Aerial Tram to top of Rendezvous Mountain, 11,000 ft.
- Bar-T-5 Covered Wagon Cookout & Show.
- Two nights in Jackson, WY and a free afternoon to explore this quaint town.
- Travel through Teton Pass and Pine Creek Pass to Swan Valley, ID.
- Visit Idaho Potato Museum at Blackfoot, ID.

We are excited about this trip and there is space available for more people.

Here is what fellow Obsidian, Holger Krentz has to say about extended bus trips:

Alice and I have been on the previous two extended bus trips and have thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, from the comfortable bus ride, the fun and knowledgeable bus drivers (who are not afraid to take us off the beaten path), the variety of very interesting places we've visited and all the unique activities throughout the week. The bus committee does an incredible job of organizing the whole event and as members of the trip, we never have to worry about all the little details, they have it all planned out in advance. That makes for a very relaxing but exciting and busy week for us, and the upcoming trip looks to be more of the same.

For more information or a detailed itinerary contact: Sharon Cutsforth, 746-4929.

Limited space available—reserve soon.

Fall Color-North Santiam & Breitenbush Rivers

Date: Oct 8 (Thursday)

Leaders: Paul and Barbara Beard

Cost: \$48 (\$50 nonmembers) Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

Christmas Party at the Lodge

Date: Dec 3 (Thursday) 2-4 PM

Desserts and entertainment

Contact: Liz Reanier 687-1925

Cost: \$1 (at the door)

Bus trip information is also available on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org

Contact information at: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

At The Lodge



POTLOCK

Friday June 26 at 6:30 PM

Travelling in Vietnam and Cambodia: Nose to Nose with Culture, History, and Cuisine

Maryanne Reiter

IN FEBRUARY OF 2015 four friends took a trip to Vietnam and Cambodia, travelling from the north down to central Vietnam and then over to northern Cambodia. While we were growing up Vietnam was a war and Cambodia was a violent regime. I wanted to see the places as countries and people, as did my friends. So we set up a private tour where we met guides along the way who helped us with our adventures in trekking, boating, sight-seeing and delving deeper into the local customs.



June Potluck

Friday, June 26, 2015

Social hour 6 PM, Potluck 6:30 PM, Program 7:30 PM
Obsidian Lodge

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



ExploraTalkTuesday June 16 at 7 PM

Global Warming Presentation And Open Microphone

THE JUNE 16 EXPLORATALK WILL BE OPEN TO MEMBER COMMENTS on global warming and the appropriate Obsidian responses to that and other conservation issues after the formal presentation described below. Each person will be allotted two minutes for comments.

In 2013 James Hansen and seventeen other scientists, worried about our persistent unwillingness to limit CO₂ emissions, crafted a new plan to keep us within limits. The June 16 ExploraTalk will feature member Tom Giesen explaining that it requires quick and decisive action. The program begins at 7 PM.

During the last 10,000 years, CO₂ concentrations stayed below 350 parts per million (ppm). However, we are at 400 ppm today. Tom will explain why we have to get back to and maintain 350 ppm and that it requires rapid and large reductions in emissions—reductions of 6% per year. Unfortunately we are still increasing emissions. He will present the need for a revolution in our attitudes and activities.

Tom teaches Public Policy Planning and Management 443-543 (Natural Resource Policy) at UO, and is retiring this summer. He is primarily interested in global warming mitigation and energy insufficiency issues, and in other related natural resource areas.

Upcoming

July 9 & 10 Hikes

JANET JACOBSEN AND OTHER OBSIDIAN MEMBERS will help Lane County Events Center by leading guided afternoon hikes on the Ridgeline Trail from Fox Hollow to Mt. Baldy for The Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons on July 9 and 10. A van will transport 20 out-of-town hikers from the Hilton Hotel to Fox Hollow to connect with Obsidians.

Publicity and Summer Trips Committee

2015 FWOC ANNUAL CONVENTION

THE 83RD ANNUAL FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS CONVENTION is Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30 at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, Corbett, Oregon. The Trails Club is a co-host of the convention. The theme is *Innovative Conservation*.

Check the website for details.

<http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org/>

The Obsidians is a member club. If you are interested in attending and representing the club contact president Matt Bell.



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Summer Camp 2016
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Near Elko, Nevada

Obsidian Calendar

June

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| 10 Wed Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen..... | 343-8030 |
| 13 Sat Mt. Jefferson Climb D Ellis | 917-880-6744 |
| 13 Sat South Sister Climb Deeter..... | 954-0924 |
| 13 Sat North Fork Willamette Hike M Hackett.. | 953-7046 |
| 14 Sun Iron Mountain Hike M Cooper | 344-8517 |
| 16 Tue Global Warming | ExploraTalk |
| 17 Wed Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen..... | 343-8030 |
| 20 Sat Orcas Island, San Juans Lindstrom | 683-1409 |
| 21 Sun Browder Ridge Hike D Smith..... | 357-5208 |
| 24 Wed Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell..... | 503-884-8829 |
| 26 Fri Vietnam and Cambodia Reiter | Potluck |
| 27 Sat Cone Peak Hike M Lipton | 736-7498 |
| 28 Sun Mt. Whitney Climb Hamilton | 343-6550 |
| 28 Sun Macduff Mountain Hike M Johnson..... | 520-2470 |
| 29 Mon Mt. Pisgah/Sunset Hike M Jacobsen..... | 343-8030 |
| 30 Tue Wildwood Rec Area Bus Beard..... | 994-2337 |

July

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| 1 Wed Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen..... | 343-803010 |
| 8 Wed Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen..... | 343-8030 |
| 10 Fri Siuslaw Falls Bike M Esch | 338-8280 |
| 11 Sat North Sister Climb Deeter | 954-0924 |
| 15 Wed Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen..... | 343-8030 |
| 16 Thu More Food IV Bus West..... | 343-5492 |
| 17 Fri Mount Baker Climb D Ellis | 917-880-6744 |
| 18 Sat Opie Dillock Hike D Johnson..... | 520-2470 |
| 19 Sun Three Mile Lake Hike M Hackett | 953-7046 |
| 22 Wed Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen..... | 343-8030 |
| 25 Sat PCT Santiam/McKenzie Hike D Cooper . | 868-5427 |
| 25 Jul Three Fingered Jack Climb Harris | 729-3460 |
| 29 Wed Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen..... | 343-8030 |
| 29 Wed Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell..... | 503-884-8829 |

August

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| 2 Sun Mt. Thielsen Climb Hansen | 360-852-2041 |
| 8 Sat Scott Mountain Hike D Wolling..... | 345-2110 |
| 8 Sat Mt. Washington Climb Harris | 729-3460 |
| 9 Sun Canyon Creek Meadows Hike M Cooper . | 344-8517 |
| 9 Sun PCT Mt. Hood/Jefferson Bk Pk D Lipton | 736-7498 |
| 15 Sat Red Butte Hike D Smythe..... | 757-6357 |
| 21 Fri Mount Shuksan Climb McManigal.... | 503-635-9973 |
| 22 Sat Crater Lake Bike D Wolling | 345-2110 |
| 22 Sat Butterfly Pavilion Hike E Ewing..... | 344-9197 |
| 22 Sat Opie Dillock Hike D Smith | 357-5208 |
| 26 Wed Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell..... | 503-884-8829 |
| 26 Wed Wonderland Trail Bk Pk D Johnson..... | 520-2470 |
| 29 Sat Broken Top Climb Hansen | 360-852-2041 |
| 30 Sun Arrowhead Lake Hike D Harrison | 556-3654 |

September

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| 1 Wed Hand Lake Area Hike E Duncan | 343-8079 |
| 5 Sat Middle Sister Climb D Johnson | 520-2470 |
| 5 Sat Camp Lake Bk Pk Lipton | 736-7498 |
| 9 Wed Matthieu Lakes Hike M Duncan..... | 343-8079 |



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