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Dates to Remember

June 14	ExploraTalk
June 24	Potluck
July 2	Bulletin deadline
July 6	Board Meeting

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Editor's Note:

Due to the Summer Holiday and the Olympic Trials, the July/August Bulletin will be published one week later than usual.

Old Man On a Mountain

Tom Rundle

WE ARE CLIMBING UP A STEEP RIDGE on the southwest corner of Diamond Peak. The snow is ankle deep and the sky is turning gray as clouds race over the white ridges. I am synchronizing my breath with my feet, trying to keep

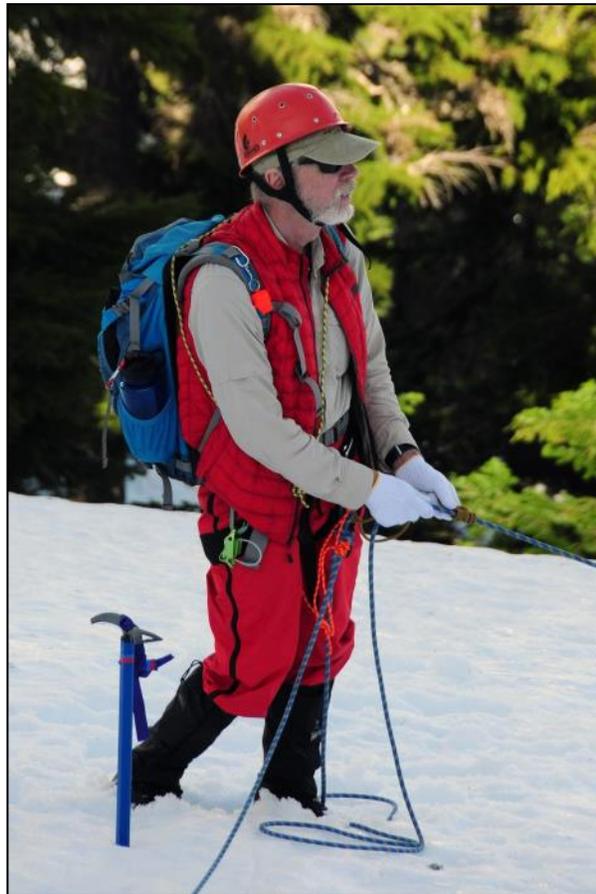


Photo of Tom Rundle by Laurie Monico

up with the other climbers, all decades younger than me. Three steps, inhale. Three steps, exhale. My pack feels like a ton of bricks even though we have stashed our snowshoes by an outcrop a few hundred feet below. Up ahead the false summit looms above us and to our left the long summit ridge points north to the ultimate goal.

As we approach the false summit a gust of wind nearly takes me down. With my ice axe in my left hand and my trekking pole in my right, I barely manage to stay on my feet. The wind gusts continue pushing me around and for the first time there is a faint doubt about whether I can keep up. Luck is with me. When I come off the false summit the wind gusts fade away and the party pauses for guidance from Danni Harris and Dalen Willhite, the leaders. There is a

huge cornice to our right and we need to stay far away from it. Looking up at the summit my confidence returns. I am bone tired, but I know I can do it. All of the training and conditioning I have done in climb school are going to get me to the top.

When we get to the summit slope I start falling behind. Danni stays with me every step while I pause several times to catch my breath. Looking up the slope, I notice the whole party has stopped about fifty feet below the summit. When I approach, they are all smiles and grins. They have been waiting there in the cold for me to catch up so I can be the first to summit. Why, I ask? Because it's my birthday month. I turn 71 in May. On top, Laura Osinga gives me a big hug and

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2017 Board Nominees

Lana Lindstrom

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE consisting of John Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, and Maryanne Reiter met in April to recommend three candidates for the Board of Directors. Traits that the Committee considered important were past experience, enthusiasm, new ideas and commitment to the club. The following names will be presented at the May Board meeting: Laurie Funkhouser, Marci Hansen, and Lyndell Wilken. All three women have been active in leadership roles in the club for a number of years. One of the nominees, Laurie Funkhouser is currently the Vice President of the Board; several years ago, she served a 3-year term, including being the Secretary. Laurie joined Obsidians in 2003 and has led 42 summer and winter trips, and taken numerous others. Lyndell Wilken also joined in 2003 and has served on the Summer Trips and Safety Committees; she has led 19 summer and winter trips. Marci Hansen became an Obsidian in 2010 and has been an active leader on the Climbs Committee; she has participated in 23 trips. Full bios of all three individuals will be in the September *Bulletin*. The nominees will be formally voted on by the general membership at the October 14 annual meeting. 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. Voting will be for three individual nominees. Majority vote elects. The newly elected directors will officially begin their three-year term effective January, 2017.

OBSIDIAN MEMBERSHIP REPORT

6/1/2016

Active Members	436
Associate Members	10
Honorary Members	6
Junior Members	8
Life Members	15
 Total Members	 475



Welcome New Members

Augden, Michael
Eugene, OR

Ellis, Mary
Eugene, OR

Brown, Ben
Eugene, OR

Soderlund, Cari
Eugene, OR

Cooney, Marguerite
Eugene, OR

Westerfield, Sam
Springfield, OR

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Stewart Hoeg, Treasurer
John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch,
Todd Larsen & Maryanne Reiter.

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

Committee Chairpersons

Byways By Bus Sharon Cutsforth
Climbs Maryanne Reiter
Concessions TBA
Conservation/SciEd..... John Pegg
Entertainment ... Lana Lindstrom/Judy Ness
Extended Trips..... Lana Lindstrom
Finance Stewart Hoeg
Librarian/Historian Lenore McManigal
Lodge Building..... Doug Nelson
Lodge Grounds John Jacobsen
Membership..... Laurie Funkhouser
Online Wayne Deeter
Publications Lou Maenz
Publicity Jan Jacobsen
Safety..... Pat Esch
Summer Camp John Jacobsen
Summer Trips John Cooper
Trail Maintenance..... Matt Bell
Winter Trips TBA

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we all celebrate the group success with mutual congratulations and photo taking.

Reflecting back on these events, my mind is flooded with memories of Climb School. I remember the first Lodge session, practicing knots I hadn't tied since I climbed in the Alps; the wonderful essentials of a climber's diet—water, salt, fat and sugar. I remember the practice session at the indoor climbing wall where I won a door prize for being the oldest person present. I learned to belay using an ATC brake device I had never seen before. I was asked to climb a wall with three overhangs. I couldn't even make it over the first one. Maryann Reiter and others did the whole wall in less than two minutes. Awesome.

The following weekend we went to the Skinner Butte basalt columns for the real deal—rock climbing, belaying,

the last field session at Hayrick Mountain. This is where the boot meets the snow, and the snow was wet and mushy. Try to imagine what it's like to slide down a 150 foot snow cone on your back, head first, while trying to spin around on your chest with your head up and self-arrest with your ice axe. Then try to imagine doing this three or four times until the instructor thinks you might have a clue about this life-saving technique. Altogether we learned to self-arrest in four different body positions after a fall, at least four times in each position. Oh yeah, did I mention that each time you do this, you need to posthole up to the starting position again for another run? This adds up to a combined elevation gain of over a thousand feet. Ain't we got fun!

Another field exercise involved a roped climbing team of four moving up through several simulated crevasses and snow bridges marked with wands. We learned how to clip



Tom Rundle on recent Owyhee trip

rappelling, moving up fixed lines and doing traverses across tiny ledges—whatever we were likely to encounter on a technical climb. We also learned the safest ways to set up anchors for belaying and rappelling. The instructors were patient and helpful watching me fumble around with ugly prussic knots. George Williamson finally took me under his wing and showed me some cool tricks with prussic and carabiner clip-ins. Again, luck was with me. I ended up in the Sunday climbers group. We had good weather and the rock felt warm to the touch.

Back at the Lodge for the indoor snow climbing session the plot thickened. First, we did a drill in the parking lot to simulate four climbers roping up for a glacier climb. The indoor orientation on glacier travel mentioned several interesting ways you could die on a mountain—and presumably how to avoid doing so by learning the fundamentals of glacier navigation. The instructors presented a simple and effective overview of dangerous glacial features such as crevasses and bergschrunds, followed by strategies on how to deal with them. We also learned about the basic equipment and clothing required for safe snow climbing activities.

For me, the most fun and useful part of climb school was

through a series of snow pickets and how to instantly anchor the whole team with our axes when one climber takes an unexpected fall. One intentional fall by another climber literally knocked me down. After a reflexive self-arrest, I found myself staring at the sharp adze of my axe only inches from my face. As usual, an instructor was there to give me some friendly tips on how to take care of my nose during a bumpy slide with my axe. Later in the day we learned several ways to set up secure snow anchors with pickets. The day ended with a contest to see who could do the longest glissade.

I could never put into words the gratitude I feel for the superb instruction and encouragement I received from all of the instructors in climb school. These instructors dedicated many hours to planning and gathering equipment in addition to many more hours of group instruction and organization during the field sessions. Dalen Willhite volunteered to lead a series of conditioning hikes on Spencer Butte so we could get in shape for the climbs. The Obsidians garnered several enthusiastic young members from climb school participants. Once again I reflect with awe and gratitude on the privilege of being a part of the Obsidian circle of outdoor friends.

June Board Notes

By Dave Cooper

President Shellie Robertson called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, David Cooper, John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Todd Larsen, and Maryanne Reiter. Also present were: Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Janet Jacobsen, Wayne Deeter, Judy Ness, Doug Nelson, and Lana Lindstrom.

The Board approved the minutes of the May 2016 meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-versus-Actual Report and the balance sheet. The Board approved payment of the bills.

OLD BUSINESS

Action items review

Plumbing/Irrigation upgrade: Bids currently being solicited with one bid received so far. If all goes well there could be a recommendation and request for funds at the July Board meeting.

Tree removal: Approximately 50 trees have been flagged for removal. First bid received was for \$14,500 and a second bid is scheduled. A buyer for the firewood produced from the tree removal has been located which would possibly offset the cost of removal by about \$1,000.

Callahans access: The Southwest Oregon Climber's Coalition and the Mazamas proposed developing an agreement with Weyerhaeuser that would allow for easier access to rock climbing in the Callahans. As part of this initiative, climbing organizations in the regional area were contacted and asked to provide their support for a letter that would be sent to Weyerhaeuser. In late May the Board read the draft Callahans letter and voted to support the letter as did the Cascade Mountaineers and the Chemeketans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): Through May 30 there were 45 trips completed, including 39 hikes, two bike trips, one backpacking trip, and three classes. There are currently 90 more trips scheduled.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): There were three climbs (Mount Hood, Mount Thielsen and Diamond Peak) in May with one postponed due to weather. Fourteen members and nine nonmembers went on the climbs. The Climbs committee also was heavily involved in the logistics of putting on the Red Cross First Aid class for Obsidian trip leaders. George Williamson, a new climb leader, was the instructor.

Climbs sponsored a traditional climbing skills evening at the Columns for climb leaders. Mark Gully of Eugene Mountain Rescue, a highly skilled traditional and sport climber, taught how to place gear in cracks and how to build anchors. It was a good class for both beginners and those who needed a little refresher.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): Nine members attended this month's outing along the Amazon Headwaters Trail. We

hiked up the trail cutting back plants from the trail side. Todd worked with Dev cutting back brush with gas-powered hedge clippers.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): The May bus trip to the New Museum & Aquarium at Charleston was enjoyed by 22 members and four nonmembers.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): The camp roster for Camp Robertson is full with five people on the wait list.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Two very successful trips were completed in May. Helen Martz led a hiking trip to the Columbia Gorge area, staying at Menucha retreat center. Diane Schechter coordinated a rafting/kayaking trip down the Owyhee River guided by Ouzel Outfitters.

Conservation, Science, & Education (John Pegg): At the May ExploraTalk, Rick Ahrens gave a slideshow and talk on *Butterflies of Lane County*.

Entertainment (Judy Ness & Lana Lindstrom): Thirty-eight people attended the May potluck. Maryanne Reiter presented *From Alpenstocks to Ice Axes: A History of Obsidian Climbs and Climbers*.

Concessions: With new merchandise to present, the sales continue at a good pace with total sales of \$107 in the month of May. *Thank you* to the crew who make up the Concession Committee—dedicated, devoted and determined!

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 7,451 photos in 535 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery. From our Facebook Page maintainers (Shellie and Marci, Marci reporting): We started May with 515 followers to our page and ended with 526. We had 99 likes to posts. Of the 99 likes, 47 were on the Mother's Day post with twelve Obsidians in dresses climbing Mt. St. Helens.

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

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): We had two work parties during the month of May for routine mowing and cleanup. Thanks to Jim Whitfield. Clara Emlen continues in her individual efforts at weed control and cleanup of the grounds. Thanks Clara.

The first bid for removal of the 50 ± firs from the Lodge grounds came in this morning. I am still waiting on a second bidder for the removal to set a meeting time. The meeting with the Extension Forestry Agent has been postponed until next week. I have been in contact with Eugene Planning and Development, but have yet to be filtered down to the tree folks there to discuss the situation with them—hopefully they will get back to me soon. I don't anticipate any issues with them. We have worked with them before on tree removal projects at the Lodge and I have found them to be very helpful.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved six new members as presented by the Membership Committee.

Adjournment for dinner at Falling Sky Brewing House.

Trip Reports & Other Activities



Bike Trips

Ankeny Wildlife Refuge

May 17, 2016

Leader: Richard Hughes

Bike: 26 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

THE WEATHER GODS DISPENSED THEIR FINEST RAYS of sunshine upon the eleven riders on two wheels. Once introductions took place, the group meandered the roads to the Buena Vista ferry for a crossing of the Willamette River. Once across, we headed north for the town of Independence where we had lunch in the city park. With ten miles to go, we returned to our cars feeling that we had refreshed our bodies and souls. Members: Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Betty Grant, Steve Hennes, Richard Hughes, Don Kindt, Lana Lindstrom, Greg Milliman, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Charlie Van Deusen.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte

April 30, 2016

Leader: Matthew Bell

Trail Maintenance: .5 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET UP at the main Spencer Butte parking lot for our last Saturday morning outing before we start our summer schedule to work with Dev (Deverton Cochrane) of EPOS to block illicit side trails along the West Trail. We packed shovels, saws, weed wrenches, and buckets, the tools of the trade for the day, up the trail. To disguise and dissuade people from continuing to use the side trails and shortcuts we transplanted ferns, digging them up, carrying them in buckets, and planting them in the trails. Some of our work killed two birds with one stone—we used the weed wrenches to pull holly (an invasive species) and pile it in the shortcuts between switchbacks to further deter people and dogs from short-cutting them. For the last side trail, a very well used and well established one, we cut down trees from around a meadow area to pile along the trail. This not only served to block the side trail but helps to maintain some of the remaining open meadow on the butte. Janet and Laurie did an excellent job cleaning the kiosk and steps at the main trailhead making the rest of us feel guilty walking down the steps in muddy boots. Members: Matthew Bell, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Dan Gilmore, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Isabelle Salle, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak.



Climbs

2016 Climb School

March 28, 2016

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Assistant: Brian Hamilton

IT WAS ANOTHER GREAT CLIMB SCHOOL! This year the weather cooperated for both the rock and snow weekends. The students also enjoyed a fun evening at the Willamalane Sports and Recreation center rock wall. Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Brian Hamilton, Laura



Osinga, Maryanne Reiter, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Bruce Kreitzberg, John Henrichsen, Michelle Blackwell, Emily Williams, Jon Ellington, Deven Smith, Claudia Norton, Alayna DuPont, Charles Warren, Patrick Duerr, Jordan Livingston, Eric Thornton, Ashley Barnhill Hubbard, Nicole Budine, Jessica Ellingson, Mary Ellis, Tami Boehm, Benjamin Fahlgren, Mikel Rhodes, Charlie Hann.

2016 Climb School - Snow Field Session

April 9, 2016

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

THE SNOW DAY WEATHER was amazing. The students practiced snow skills (self arrest, glacier travel and anchor building) on Hayrick Butte. Everyone had a great time and said they learned new skills. Members: Rebecca Eastwood, Laura Osinga, Maryanne Reiter, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Bruce Kreitzberg, John Henriksen, Michelle Blackwell, Emily Williams, Jon Ellington, Deven Smith, Claudia Norton, Alayna DuPont, Charles Warren, Patrick Duerr, Jordan Livingston, Eric Thornton, Nicole Budine, Jessica Ellingson, Mary Ellis, Tami Boehm, Benjamin Fahlgren, Mikel Rhodes, Charlie Hanna.

Unicorn Peak

April 16, 2016

Leader: Dalen Willhite

Climb: 14 miles, 2,451 ft.

THE GROUP RALLIED AT THE PARKING LOT for Narada Falls since the gate for Stevens Pass Road was still closed for the season. Starting at 12:15 PM, with a short and interesting walk through a snowy trail to find a shortcut, we found ourselves at a very nicely paved road. Making good time, even with snowshoes on the unplowed section, the GPS and terrain landmarks were the only way to identify the Snow Lake Trailhead. Snowshoes were needed all the way to our camping area at Snow Lake; approximately three hours and a five-mile hike from the car. The first part of the route was visible from camp and avalanche risk was deemed low enough to continue the climb the next morning with an early start to avoid the warmest weather of the following day. Armed with ice axes and starting at about 4:30 AM, we kicked steps up the first chute (20-30 degree slope), but crampons were needed for the firmer and steeper second chute (30-40 degree slope). The group made it to the rock pinnacle by 7:00 AM. *The classic route* was lead by George, a variation of *the roof route* (to the left of the roof) lead by Dalen, and a top rope was thrown down the East Side route. Rappel anchors were built off the dead tree and a large boulder over the *classic* (recommended anchor). After some plunge stepping and glissading, we were in camp just after 10:00 AM to pack up and back at the cars by 1:30. It was a great group and a great trip. Members: Sara Bowen, Kerry Edinger, Alexander Ellis, Danneille Harris, Todd Larsen, Dalen Willhite, George Williamson. Nonmembers: Daniel Phillips.

Mt. Thielsen Graduation

May 21, 2016

Leader & Photographer: George Williamson

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

THE STROKE OF SIX RECENT CLIMB SCHOOL GRADUATES was high Sunday morning at 3:00 AM, despite the forecast for snow showers and a wind chill of 9° F above tree line. We set out from the parking lot at 4:15 AM. The trail was mostly covered in snow after the first mile, and the small burned area with the first significant switch-back proved to be a hazardous snow field with potential for deep holes around the fallen trees, but we made it through without a problem.

The next leg of hiking before the intersection of the PCT was mostly covered in good snow, which allowed for a direct line to the ridge. We reached an elevation of approximately 7,500 ft in three hours, and I decided to prepare for anything above tree line by adding our crampons, axes, hard shells, helmets and harnesses. This decision is unusual for this mountain at this elevation, but I thought it would be a wise choice given the limited experience of the group and potential for hazardous conditions above. If we needed a rope for anything, we would all be ready. As we began moving again, the visibility fluctuated between 100m-300m. I explained to the group that if conditions worsened, we would find shelter and wait for improvements, or descend. Fortunately, the conditions did not deteriorate, and the wind was not persistent. So, the wind chill factor was seldom felt. However, the snow showers did pass frequently, but without much precipitation. For the most part, the snow on the ground was four inches of fluffy powder, with a few more inches of spring corn snow below it. I dug hasty pits as we proceeded, and found an obvious weak layer, but without much mass. Occasionally, we crossed a drift of deeper snow, but they were infrequent and on low angle terrain. So, I determined the risk for an avalanche to be negligible and avoidable on our route. As the ridge steepened, the snow became even thinner and we had to negotiate with the rocky terrain through shallow skiffs of powder. Everyone learned quickly what mixed climbing feels like, and they performed wonderfully! As we neared the dark and ominous summit pinnacle, excitement developed within the group, but a



certain concern was also shared because of the snow cover on the rocks. As we collected on *chicken ledge*, I prepared the gear and Sam gave me a belay. As I climbed the pinnacle, I had to scrape off several inches of powder snow from the ledges that had collected there in the previous 72 hours. Fortunately, the protection was good where it needed to be, and I found my way to the top. I tied webbing around the large boulder that everyone uses just below the summit, pulled up half the rope, tied it off, and welcomed a climber. Meanwhile, I rigged the other half of rope for rappel, and then tied it off and tossed it down so that two climbers could climb at once on independent strands. This strategy worked well to reduce overall time on the summit, which was especially important given the variable conditions. In one hour, everyone was on top and stoked beyond measure. Several people exclaimed that it was the hardest thing they

had ever done. During the time on the summit, the clouds receded and the winds were infrequent with 15 mph gusts. The view was incredible even though we could only see the



tops of clouds in the distance. The team took some incredible photos and we got out of there in good time. Upon descent, we took our time negotiating through the uneven rocky terrain and powdery snow. We ate some food while removing our climbing gear and adjusting layers. The showers intensified with some small hail and greater breaks that allowed for several miles of visibility, albeit for brief periods. Everyone reached the cars around 5:30. Overall, I was thoroughly impressed with the persistence and courage exhibited by everyone. This climb was no small task, and certainly a full-fledged mountaineering experience. Members: Michelle Blackwell, Patrick Duerr, Jon Ellington, Laura Osinga, George Williamson. Nonmembers: Sam Westerfield, Claudia Norton, Mary Ellis.



Byways By Bus

New Coastal Museum and Aquarium

May 19, 2016

Leader: Mary Ellen West

A KILLER WHALE AND A JUVENILE GRAY WHALE (SKELETONS) are the greeters at the brand new Marine Life Center, located at the Charleston Marina and sponsored by the nearby University of Oregon Institute of Marine Biology. Obsidian bus riders had a peek at the new two-story, five gallery museum and aquarium two days before the grand opening. It was fun and educational to view the exhibits featuring the coastal ecosystem, local fishing industry, deep water habitat, marine mammals and diverse sea life. Institute Director Craig Young and Museum Director Trish Mace, as well as several students, were on hand to answer questions and explain exhibits. An excellent lunch was served in the school cafeteria. Professor Jan Hodder spoke about the Institute of Marine Biology, a U of O program, and shared information about the marine mammals at nearby

Cape Arago. Our next stop was at the Cape Arago overlook to observe hundreds of pinnipeds (northern elephant seals, harbor seals, California sea lions and stellar seals) lounging on the beach and rocks of Simpson Reef and Shell Island. This rocky coastal area is part of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge. Al Solemon, a local volunteer, provided scopes for viewing. Naturalist and fellow Obsidian, Rick Ahrens, was very much appreciated as he shared information on several subjects throughout the trip. Best of all, the weather was warm and sunny in spite of predictions and secured the *no rain on my trip day* rule for the leader. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barby Bakke, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Yuan Hopkins, Ray Jensen, Joyce Norman, Jim Northrop, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Margaret Prentice, Virginia Prouty, Marian West, Mary Ellen West, Cristy White. Nonmembers: Judy Adamcyk, Sharon Gadowski, Mary Jane Odom, Walt Odom.



Hikes

Short Mountain Landfill

April 9, 2016

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 1 mile, (Easy)

ROUGHLY FIVE MILES FROM EUGENE is the County landfill. Not a top-of-the-list destination for outdoor enthusiasts, but it is a place for gaining perspective about our personal and societal use of resources. This is a short, but very educational trip. A handful of curious folks made the trip to learn about the facility's methane recovery operations, how the landfill cells are designed, how space is maximized via compaction, leachate management (trash juice), wetlands mitigation, and impacts on the Middle Fork's water quality. Members: Patricia Esch, Mark Hougardy, Becky Lipton, Cindy Rust, Darko Sojak.

Rooster Rock

April 16, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 6.6 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

THIS WAS A WARM, CLEAR DAY TO HIKE ROOSTER ROCK. I was concerned about the number of blowdowns I had been told were there (15, including three big ones). However, there were very few and the three big ones were from last year, where one has to go under them. If you are small, you can leave your pack on. If you are tall, you can climb over them. Middle sizers, like me, have to divest themselves of their pack. The upper part, the last 1/2 mile, was every bit as difficult as I remembered. We all got on top without incident and were treated to good views of North and Middle Sister, Iron and Cone mountains, and the Santiam Valley. After a group picture (at the base of the rock), we headed back down the trail, enjoying the calypso orchids and the occasional trillium. This is a great hike to get one into condition, although we didn't try the old route this time around.

Maybe next year. Members: David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Koester, David Lodeesen, Toresa Martell, Lynn Meacham, Darian Morray, Evelyn Nagy, Mike Smith, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Cindy Rice, Isabelle Salle.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

April 20 - May 25, 2016

Various Leaders: David Lodeesen, Mike Smith, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, David Cooper

Photographer: Tommy Young

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

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: APRIL 20: Members: Dave Lodeesen (leader), Brad Bennett, David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, David Reinhard, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Cari Soderlund. **APRIL 27:** Members: Mike Smith (leader), David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet



Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Cari Soderlund, Sandy Rice. **MAY 4:** Members: Janet Jacobsen (leader), David Cooper, Barbara Gunther, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Jim Northrop, David Reinhard, Tommy Young. **MAY 11:** Members: Jorry Rolfe (leader), David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Jim Northrop, David Reinhard, Tom Rundle, Art Skach, Gary Spizizen, Mike Smith, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Garth Cheff. **MAY 18:** Members: David Cooper (leader), Mari Baldwin, Barbara Gunther, Michael King, Lana Lindstrom, Marlene Malone, Jim Northrop, Gary Spizizen, David Strutin, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Jack Loe. **MAY 25:** Members: Mike Smith (leader), Steve Cordon, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, David Schroeder, Art Skach, Cari Soderlund, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Michael Augden.

Mt. Pisgah Under the Full Moon

April 21, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

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

FOURTEEN OF US WENT UP MT. PISGAH to see the full pink moon named for ground phlox. It was cloudy, started to sprinkle on the way up, and it looked like the Coast Range was getting hit hard with rain. On the way down, we heard one clap of thunder to the north. There was no more rain on the way down. About a half-hour later, it started to rain hard. At first glance, it looks like we timed the trip just right. I had misgivings, however, before the trip, and I had a lot of self-flagellation after the trip. There were some lessons to be learned. I think in retrospect that I should have cancelled the trip. I got no external pressure to do it, but I had an internal feeling that I ought to do the trip. Thunderstorms in the forecast two to three days out don't necessarily require canceling a trip, but when their onset has a reasonable probability to coincide with a trip two to three hours later, this ought to provoke more thought than I gave. The fact everything worked out doesn't make it right. I learned a lesson on this trip. I hope others will, too. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Jon Ellington, Sen Wang.

Earth Day Spencer Butte Litter Pick-Up

April 22, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 6.7 miles, 1,700 ft. (Moderate)

BEST ON TIME LTD BUS CONNECTIONS:

- Bus 73 at 9:10 AM from Amazon Community Center to 46th & Willamette.
- After the hike, Bus 28 at 12:53 PM from Martin Street to Hideaway Bakery for lunch.

Not the best litter: Dog poop bags

Best gracious hiker to carry dog poop bags to the summit: Steve Cordon

Best hard-to-get litter treasure seeker: Mike Smith

Best long distance litter gatherer who summited the west trail: Tom Rundle

Best precision pruner: Dave Cooper, the only person carrying a pruner, who clipped away at low branches dripping over the trail.

Best pack for storing bags of litter: first internal frame Gregory backpack.

Best bird song on the summit: pygmy owl

Best role model to wash her hands: Carla Cooper

Best Earth Day inspiration: John Muir's 175th birthday the day before.

The next day Laurie Funkhouser's hiking group picked up litter on the Blanton Heights section. It takes many volunteers to



keep the Ridgeline Trail system in continuous good health. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

April 23 and May 7, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: APRIL 23: Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Betty Grant, Tom Rundle. **MAY 7:** Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Daphne James, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Isabelle Salle.

Goodman Creek

April 23, 2016

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 4 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

EXCEPT FOR THE MUD ON THE TRAIL, it was a very good trip. The three trees I thought I would have to climb over had been cleaned up by volunteers. We had lunch at the falls. We continued up the trail to the bridge before turning around to return to the cars. We noticed a dogwood tree just before the bridge with the biggest flowers anyone had ever seen. A little light rain off and on. The heavy stuff hit on the way back to Eugene. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Lynne Eichner, Clara Emlen, Jane Hackett, Noah Lee, Lucy Nelson. Nonmembers: Jim Zajac, Deborah Sinnott.

Hardesty Mountain

April 24, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 11 miles, 3,400 ft. (Difficult)

EIGHT OF US DID THE 3,400 FT. CLIMB up Hardesty and encountered about every kind of weather. We left Eugene in sunshine and reached the trailhead under thick clouds. Hardesty trail is noted for its mud, and it did not disappoint us. We encountered rain and then sleet on the way to the summit. On top, we were treated to bright sunshine before it clouded over. A clap of thunder was heard, and then it began to sleet again. We came down the trail over several blow-downs, which were all called in, as they are significant.

Then we encountered snow which later turned to rain. The trail was quite slick with flowing water and mud the last mile. Everybody pitched in and did a good job, and we were treated to a downpour on the drive back to town. Lots of good wildflowers out, and the trillium, while smaller, are now at their peak at 4,000 feet, whereas they are past their peak on Spencer Butte. A grouse was heard, too. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Sen Wang.

Marys Peak, North Side

April 29, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 11.5 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

WE HAD A GOOD, SOLID TRIP TO MARYS PEAK. All twelve of us were early. We divided into three cars and took about 90 minutes to get to the trailhead on the north side. We couldn't see the top from the road, and soon after starting the hike, we encountered fog and light rain. At the junction with the tie trail, about 3.7 miles up, most of us changed into rain gear, and when we reached the road, it was cold, windy and spitting rain. We had views, but they were about 50 feet. Janet pointed out all the avalanche lilies in the meadow. After summiting, we went down the east ridge trail and had lunch deep in the woods, where it was drier, quiet, and marginally warmer. We then continued the descent to the road above Conner's Camp, and walked the road back to the cars, finishing the loop. I hiked alone in the middle of the group, 100 yards from anybody. Other than an occasional raindrop or bird call, it was almost completely quiet. It's not just sequestering carbon that makes the woods important; it is the quiet that can't be found in many other places. This is the third Marys Peak hike I've led in the last 12-1/2 months, but the first time leading it as a loop. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Brian Popowsky, Mike Smith, David Strutin, Fumiyo Tao, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Ben Brown.

Yachats

May 1, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 11.2 miles, (Moderate)

SKIRTING THE EUGENE MARATHON to meet other hikers at Target at 8:15 was the navigational challenge for the day. Before we started hiking from Smelt Sands State Park, we had an exciting whale sighting. I thank Mike Smith who orga-



nized the group of five who turned around at the Tillicum Campground at 3.3 miles. The rest continued on to Big Stump another 2.3 miles before heading back. The low tide at 2:50 PM of 0.4 feet gave us wide stretches of beaches for a warm 81 degree walk in the sun. People in swim attire asked us, "What kind of group are you who carry such big packs?" Yes, Mike's crew stopped for ice cream at BJ's as did most of the tired hikers who arrived back at the cars at 3:10. Members: May Fogg, Laurie Funkhouser, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Isabelle Salle, Janice Smith, Mike Smith, Meg Stewart Smith, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Cari Soderlund, Marguerite Cooney.

Middle Fork Path

May 5, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THE PAVED FOUR-MILE MIDDLE FORK PATH was a new experience for several in our group. Anticipating tamales to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, we picked up our pace when we turned around at Clearwater Park. Owners Baldo and Hernandez of La Granada at the Sprout Food Hub in downtown Springfield made our lunch so special with their tasty tamales. Members: Jane Hackett, David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, Harriet Kelly, Karla Rusow, Janice Smith.

Goodman Creek/Ash Swale Shelter

May 6, 2016

Leader: Marianne Camp

Hike: 12 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

WE STARTED OUT OUR DAY WITH THE PROMISE OF SUNNY SKIES and the prediction proved true. What a great day to hike and enjoy the shade of the trees. There were wildflowers and lots of little critters on the trail. Although the trail was a little muddy, all agreed it was a perfect trip. Good company and shared stories made this a great opportunity to meet two soon-to-be new members. Members: Keiko Bryan, Marianne Camp, David Cooper, Cari Soderlund, Fumiyo Tao. Nonmembers: Ben Brown.

Patterson Mountain

May 7, 2016

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 4.6 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS A GREAT DAY TO HIKE PATTERSON MOUNTAIN, with a very nice group of people who enjoyed the hike. We had to work around a group of bikers who were also having a good day. The top was covered with bright yellow avalanche lilies that added to the good view of the drainage below. Members: Joan Bradley, Kathie Carpenter, Dan Christensen, Steve Cordon, Cindy Cowell, Clara Emlen, Jane Hackett, David Lodeesen. Nonmembers: Marissa Athens.

Macduff Mountain

May 8, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 10 miles, 2,700 ft. (Difficult)

A STRONG GROUP OF ELEVEN TACKLED MACDUFF from the lower trailhead 2.7 road miles up from Cougar Dam. The

trail is every bit as difficult as it has been, now with a mountain bike trail, which makes route finding a little more challenging. It is quite possible that this hike may have to be abandoned from below in the future. We saw trillium



blooming at 3,500-4,000 feet and the rhododendrons were just beginning to bloom as well. On top, it was cloudy, although we had views of the McKenzie valley below us. It drizzled briefly and it was cool, so we had lunch and returned via the road, throwing rocks off and doing general clearing so that cars can come up for the June hike. Members: Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Isabelle Salle, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Michael Augden, Marguerite Cooney.

Transit of Mercury

May 9, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Class: 0.5 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

ELEVEN PEOPLE, FIVE OF WHOM WERE OBSIDIANS, saw the Transit of Mercury from in town, near Autzen Stadium, on May 9, 2016. These are uncommon events, and while not striking in appearance, Mercury's appearing like a sunspot, is interesting to see. I had never seen one before, despite many years of observing. It is always interesting to see who is interested in looking, and who does not want to look. I always offer the telescope for viewing, but I never push people to look. The sky is free. The next such event in town will be in 2033, and while I would love to repeat the show, I may not be around. I did do it once, however, and that mattered. Members: Keiko Bryan, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Janice Smith, Mike Smith.

Pisgah Obscura

May 13, 2016

Leader: John Jacobsen

Hike: 7 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

THE INAUGURAL PISGAH OBSCURA HIKE, the first of hopefully a regular (sort of) weekly hike on some of the lesser traveled trails and ruts at Buford Park, got off with a full roster of eight hikers willing to get up early enough to make it out to Buford Park for the 7:00 AM departure. It went pretty much as advertised with a swing around the north end of

the park, over the top of Pisgah, down the south side and through the South Meadow. As warned, there was poison oak to dodge and some soggy overgrown trails, but the mud, still around the previous week, had largely dried up. We had no rain, but it was somewhat overcast—great hiking weather. In the South Meadow we stopped by to see the older wildlife blind and viewing area and then moved on to see the newer Water Garden blind. Great group. I think we will do another hike next week. Members: Brad Bennett, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Nancy White, Jim Whitfield.

Brice Creek

May 14, 2016

Leader: Judy Terry

Photographer: Holger Krentz

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

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY DAY. However, nine hikers drove into the storm with pouring rain and lightning in the distance to the trailhead. During the entire drive, the leader questioned “Why am I taking these poor hikers into the



storm?” Upon arrival, the sky became brighter and the rain receded. Everyone was so delighted that our merry little group completed the short, very lovely, and basically dry hike. The falls that we walked behind were going full blast. The flowers were lovely and plentiful. I appreciate the spirit of the group supporting me to “lead on!” Thanks to Holger for his assistance. Members: Brad Bennett, Kathie Carpenter, May Fogg, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Todd Papisadero.

Pisgah Obscura

May 20, 2016

Leader: John Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

THE SECOND OF HOPEFULLY MORE TO COME Pisgah Obscura hikes involved trails both official and unnumbered up the west side of Pisgah, over the top, directly down the east side to Trail 2, around the east end TH and along the south boundary of Buford Park. As advertised, we encountered a bit of poison oak and lots of wet grass, particularly in the South Meadow. While mostly cloudy, the rain stayed away. A welcome to Teri—her first time hiking with the Obsidians. Members: David Cooper, John Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Teri Berlant.

Horsepasture Mountain (Saddle Trail)

May 21, 2016

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 8 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

OUR GROUP OF TWELVE set out for a Saturday hike up Horsepasture Mountain, with the hope that the weather prediction of cloudy with a chance of showers was wrong. It



was, but not in a good way. We started our hike with a light rain which never seemed to stop all day except above 5,000 feet when it turned into snow. The view from the top was of the inside of the clouds that enclosed the summit, where we huddled under the trees for a quick lunch until we got too cold. We were however rewarded with a great workout from our 2,300 foot elevation gain and great conversation from the dedicated and determined hikers in our group. Members: Betty Grant, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, Jorry Rolfe, Isabelle Salle, Fumiyo Tao. Nonmembers: David Clinger, Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, Jim Mender.

Sweet Creek Falls

May 21, 2016

Leader: Joella Ewing

Hike: 3 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)

SWEET CREEK AND ITS 1.5 MILE SERIES OF CASCADING FALLS never fail to delight. Overcast sky with scattered sun made for perfect walking weather. The overflowing parking lot meant more people on the trail than I’ve ever seen, including two vans of UO foreign students. Yet there was plenty of room for everyone to spread out and enjoy some serenity from city life. Abundant wild flowers included rhododendrons, candy flower, monkey flower, columbine, lavender iris, thimbleberry, bleeding heart, among others. The sun’s reflection on a bird’s eye made each blink look like a lighthouse light flashing. Everyone agreed that Our Daily Bread in Veneta is a great little restaurant for a delicious lunch. Members: Joella Ewing, Noah Lee, Mary Marshall, Margaret Prentice. Nonmembers: Todd Papisadero.

Horse Rock

May 22, 2016

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 3.5 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

OOPS. AFTER THE LEADER’S WRONG TURN, our drive was seven miles longer. Most of the day was windy with drizzle

and no view, until we finished the hike and the sky started to clear. We saw flowers, but not as many as expected. It's still



a week or two too early. Members: Steve Cordon, Anna Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Isabelle Salle, Darko Sojak. Non-members: Tami Boehm, Benjamin Fahlgren.

Cape Perpetua Trifecta

May 22, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 6.8 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

DAVE LODEESEN AND I WENT TO CAPE PERPETUA. We visited Big Tree, climbed the Cape, returned to look through the visitor's center, and went to see Spouting Horn and Devil's Churn where we had lunch at the last. It's always nice to be at the Cape, and while the campgrounds are full, there weren't too many people out and about. On the way back, we stopped at Sea Lion Caves and then had ice cream at BJ's in Florence. Members: David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

Finley Wildlife Refuge

May 23, 2016

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 6 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE, ELEVEN FOLKS WERE SIGNED UP; then over half wimped out due to the occasional showers forecast. But we lucked out and didn't get wet at all! We saw about 20 species of birds; thanks very much to Leila and Meg, the avian experts. The best place to have lunch is at the picnic tables at headquarters; quite a variety of birds enjoyed their meal at the same time we did. Unfortunately, we didn't spot any of the bobcats which live in the vicinity. Apparently the staff at headquarters sees them frequently and my husband and I saw a bold one on the scouting trip. Members: Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Leila Snow. Nonmembers: Meg McNabb.

Extended Trips

Owyhee Rafting Trip

May 15, 2016

Leader: Diane Schechter

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Extended Trip

LUCK WAS WITH US for an amazing five-day trip to the Owyhee River. After four years, there was finally

enough water to run this river—although it was touch and go till the last minute. The Obsidians and Ouzel Outfitters were perfect partners. The canyons were beautiful, the river was exciting, the food was delicious, and the guides were fun. Although it rained at times, we had dry skies while we were paddling! Our group consisted of two paddle rafts, a lunch boat (aka the princess boat), three inflatable kayaks and two gear boats. The gear boats went ahead of the group to secure a campsite and set up. People had the choice of rotating throughout the week on the various boating options. The Owyhee is mostly class 2 and 3 rapids, along with stretches of flat water. There were some class 4 rapids and the guides did an excellent job of coaching the kayakers through these stretches. This made for a fun trip with whitewater to keep it exciting and calm stretches to enjoy the scenery. Throughout the trip, the guides and Tom answered questions and gave us lots of information about the geological formations, the processes that shaped the canyon, the thousand-foot rhyolite cliffs, sand castle rock formations and deeply carved canyons. It was like a field trip to a very remote location, that only a few people are lucky enough to experience. There were opportunities throughout the week for short hikes to



vistas, slot canyons, caves, hot springs, hoodoos and petroglyphs. The wildflowers were in bloom, we saw eight big-horn sheep and Randy, our birding expert, counted over 30 species of birds! The cheat grass was everywhere and we all found ourselves pulling it out of our socks in the evenings. The food was absolutely outstanding! Our guides provided hors d'oeuvres for happy hour. The dinners were great which included salmon, tri tip steak and more, along with hearty breakfasts and wonderful lunches. We had desserts every night including a birthday cake for Tom- made in the Dutch oven. We had a great group of people, who shared lots of laughs together, while enjoying the beautiful Owyhee River. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, David Lodeesen, David Morris, Effie Neth, Tom Rundle, Diane Schechter, Randy Sinnott, Art Skach, Mike Smith, Elle Weaver. Nonmembers: Cari Soderlund.

Upcoming



More Food V

Date: July 14 (Thursday)
Leader: Mary Ellen West
Cost: \$49 (\$51 nonmembers)
Barbara Payne, 746-1964

FOOD ALERT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A FOODIE to enjoy our stops in the fifth year of visiting local farms and food businesses. We'll start again at the Camas Country Mill whose new kitchen will provide our morning coffee break (included), think muffins and scones with our coffee and tea. Next stop will be the Lonesome Whistle Farm, grower of ancient grains, beans, whole wheat flour and popcorn. Then it is on to Glory Bee, started in a garage and now a large wholesale honey business. We'll watch the bees at work and see the large variety of flavored honey available. On the road again, this time to the Creswell Bakery for lunch (your cost). Bakery goodies galore are available here. This business provides its own meat and sources from other local farmers, including our

next stop—River Bend Farm near Pleasant Hill. Our final stop will be at the Red Wagon Creamery in downtown Eugene, ice cream anyone? Plan to relax and enjoy this fun day. Suggestion: bring a cooler for shopping.

An Oregon Coast Adventure

Date: September 11–17 (Sunday–Saturday)
Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard
Cost: \$1,045 (\$1,059 nonmembers) Barbara Payne, 746-1964

Fall Color & Harvest Time

Date: October 6 (Thursday)
Leader: Sharon Cutsforth **Cost:** \$54 (\$56 nonmembers)
Judy Phelps, 726-0118

Willamette Queen Dinner Cruise

Date: December 1 (Thursday)
Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard
Cost: \$98 (\$100 nonmembers) Barbara Payne, 746-1964

Camp Robertson: This and That

John Jacobsen, Camp Boss

WE HAD A WELL-ATTENDED CAMP ROBERTSON RALLY ON MAY 13. I enjoyed sharing information about our 2016 Summer Camp near Elko, Nevada and showing slides of the Ruby Mountains and the Lamoille Canyon, the location of our camp. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the presentation and got their questions answered. There was a partially unanswered question about our cancellation policies that I cover fully below and also a reiteration/reemphasis of a couple of items from the Rally.

Wait List/Cancellation Policy (taken from the Camp Robertson Registration Form, available online).

Wait List: Camp Robertson is limited to 85 persons. The names over 85 will have a *Wait List* status on the online signup sheet. If you are on the Wait List, do not mail a registration form or check until your status changes to *Signed Up*; please monitor the website periodically to check your status.

Cancellation Policy: The Summer Camp Committee recognizes that sometimes cancellations are unavoidable; however, due to fixed costs, and in fairness to those who may be on the Wait List, the refund policy is as follows: \$35 of total camp fee is nonrefundable for all cancellations. Registrants who cancel online before July 1—if your vacancy is filled, the full fee, less \$35, will be refunded after camp. If your vacancy is not filled, no refund will be made until after all camp expenses have been paid in full. At that time, funds permitting, a percentage of your fee will be refunded. Registrants who cancel online on or after July 1 will not receive a refund.

The camp roster is currently full with five people on the wait list, but if someone wants to sign up they are encouraged to. People on the wait list should be patient since historically there are some cancellations that occur as camp time approaches and most people who wait it out get to go ... but there are no guarantees.

Camp Robertson Booklet: This booklet has detailed information on the campground and area, what to bring, what to expect in camp, activities and a selection of hikes in the area. A copy of this booklet was provided to all campers at the Rally, and a PDF version is also available online at the Obsidian website on the Summer Camp page and would be quite useful for people contemplating joining us. A registration form and instructions was provided as an insert to the *March Obsidian Bulletin* and is also available online along with a lot of additional information at: www.obsidians.org/com_summertimecamp.

Area Maps: At the Rally I spoke about the opportunities in the Rubies for off-trail travel, for doing some interesting loops near camp that involve cross-country hiking or for climbing Ruby Dome. While good topo maps should be carried by all leaders of hikes or climbs at Summer Camp, they would be especially needed for any off-trail travel. This is a reminder not to wait until the last minute to get area maps. The Camp Robertson Booklet has details on where to acquire those maps at:

Forest Map, www.nationalforestmapstore.com/product-p/nv-12.htm and

Wilderness Map, www.nationalforestmapstore.com/product-p/nv-3.htm

Just two months to Camp Robertson, so it is not too early to start planning your trip down to the Rubies and what you would like to do when you get there. If you have any questions drop me an email or give me a call.

Saturday, July 16 Whale Watch/Discovery Tour

RELAX ABOARD A FLOATING ADVENTURE endorsed by the Oregon Coast Aquarium—a two-hour Sea Life Cruise on board Marine Discovery Tours, Oregon's award winning marine program on Newport's bay front. Last year's charter with Marine Discovery Tours was the best we've had in recent years, so we are engaging them again for a two-hour tour on Saturday, July 16.

In addition to actually seeing whales last year (though whales are never guaranteed), a naturalist keeps the kids and kids-at-heart busy with hands-on learning activities such as catching, examining, learning about and releasing crabs,

catching and filtering sea water to see what's in it, and lessons in the wheelhouse.

No worries about a rough ride. If the ocean is too rough, the route follows an easterly course through the 4,000 acre Yaquina bay and 5.5 miles up the Yaquina River, with stories about Oregon's largest fishing fleet's seasons and catches, aquaculture and oyster farms, NOAA vessels, Coast Guard stations and colonies of sea lions and harbor seals.

Cost is \$40 per person, payable by check made out to Joella Ewing, 2384 Washington Street, Eugene OR 97405 and in her hands by July 5. Discovery Tours will not make refunds after July 8.

Save the Date
Redwoods Extended Trip
September 18 - 21, 2016
Leader: Nancy Whitfield
Cost: \$25 (\$30 nonmember)

HIKE AND CAMP THREE NIGHTS in the verdant Redwoods on the northern California coast. The home base is at Elk Prairie

Campground at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, located about 25 miles south of Crescent City. It's close enough to hike to the beach while camping in the Redwoods—fall hiking at its best!

Look for the complete description in the *July Bulletin*.

Summer Trips Update

John Cooper, Chair

WITH JUNE UPON US a whole new array of potential hikes of extraordinary beauty will gradually open up for hiking. The McKenzie Hwy 242 is being cleared of snow and downed trees—it is expected that by the third Monday of June this road over McKenzie Pass to Sisters will be open to cars. The earliest the road was fully opened was March 21, 1934, and the latest was July 29, 1999. A very thorough web site at oregon.gov (or google ODOT Region 4 McKenzie Highway OR Hwy 242) has in-depth information on the area including up-to-date road conditions.

Five outstanding hikes starting on or near McKenzie Pass are already on the schedule:

- 7/1/16 Obsidian Loop, Mike Smith

- 7/16/16 Hwy to Hwy (PCT from Hwy 242 to Santiam Pass), Dave Cooper
- 7/23/16 Scott Mt. / Benson Lake, Sue Wolling
- 8/13/16 Black Crater, Mike Smith
- 10/1/16 Four-In-One Cone, Mike Smith.

For more information, check online signup to view trip descriptions.

As always, more trips leaders are needed to fill in activities for the latter part of the season. Easy hikes, fall foliage, and mushroom hikes would be good additions to the schedule as would be any trips that interest the leader. Please check your calendars and send trip information to summer-trips@obsidians.org. Thanks to all the leaders that have scheduled trips.

High Cascade Volunteers

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHO MAINTAINS THE MANY TRAILS WE ENJOY IN OUR NATIONAL FORESTS? It might be someone you know. The Forest Service relies heavily on volunteer groups to report trail conditions, log out trails, improve drainage, cut back brush, and much more. A great way to give back, discover new trails, and just get out there is through the High Cascade Forest Volunteers. Among their members you'll find Obsidians like Larry Dunlap, Rob Castleberry, Keiko Bryan, Dave Cooper and Bub Theus. These folks are part of the Scorpion crew of the HCF Volunteers. This crew is out on the trails all year long. In the winter they work on lower elevation trails like Fall Creek, the North Fork Trail out of Westfir, or the Drift Creek Wilderness in the Coast Range. As snow levels rise they begin clearing the higher trails. Recently they've been working at Linton Lake, Proxy Falls, and Rebel Creek.

Hike leaders are now increasing the Obsidians' level of involvement by reporting trail conditions. Think you might want to try being involved in helping to help maintain trails? Visit www.highcascadesvolunteers.com/. If you are interested in mid-week trail work and want more information or to be placed on the Scorpion Crew email list, contact Ron Robinson at lescass12@earthlink.net or give him a call at 736-9697.

Successful First Aid Classes

GEORGE WILLIAMSON, A CLIMB LEADER, taught two Red Cross First Aid and CPR classes for seven members on May 19 and eleven members on May 24. George's teaching strategies, supported by PowerPoint slides, kept Obsidians focused for the five-hour session. The objective was to learn how to provide immediate care in cardiac, breathing and first aid emergencies until advanced medical personnel arrive. The 911 number was a quick learn. Most challenging was the CPR practice session with repetitive thirty rapid compressions followed by two breaths on a mannequin. George observed, offered tips, and inspired confidence. He thoughtfully answered many questions. A retired nurse commented, "He is a great teacher."

Thanks go to Maryanne Reiter, Climb Chair, who organized the leader training events. Another thank you goes to the Obsidian Board who supported the leaders by paying for the remaining cost above the participants' \$10.00 fee. Congratulations to the new trained leaders: Bill Arthur, Brad Bennett, Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Jane Hackett, Marci Hansen, Brian Hamilton, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Steven Johnson, Juli McGlinsky, Evelyn Nagy, Judy Phelps, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, and Tommy Young.

(Editor's note: If you would like to see a Red Cross First Aid class offered next year, contact Pat Esch, Safety Committee Chair, at safety@obsidians.org)



Obsidian Memories

How I long to walk beside you
Down the trails we used to know
To explore the worlds of wonder
Where the alpine forests grow.

Oh we'd speak on many topics;
Of the books we'd like to share
Or the stories we are writing
And our photographs so rare.

We would marvel at the structure
Of the spider's silver web.
And we'd name the ferns around us
Where the waters flow and ebb.

Through the trails of mountain meadows
We will climb the Sisters Three
Praising nature and the sunshine
For the summit views we see.

Then we'd camp beside a lakeshore
'Neath a grove of fragrant pine
While the night-frogs serenade us
Till the morning sunrays shine.

With compassion for all peoples
We would strive to help them see
The joy of trust and friendship
And the peace that is to be.

Don Hunter, c. 2007

Editor's Note: Long-time Obsidian Don Hunter passed away in April at 101. His Obsidian obituary can be read in the May Bulletin. In addition, an obituary was printed in the Sunday, May 29, 2016 Register-Guard.

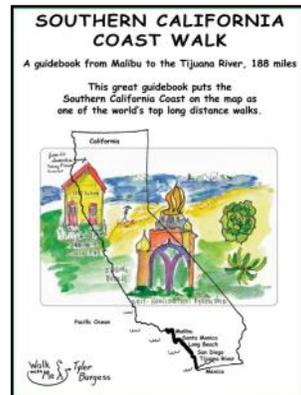
At The Lodge



POTLUCK

Friday, June 24 at 6:30 PM

Southern California Coast Walk



INTERESTED IN A LONG-DISTANCE WALK IN THE U.S., with nice lodgings every night and your luggage transported for you, as is done in Europe? Tyler Burgess shows us a world-class, long-distance walk in Southern California, including stunning natural beauty, spectacular sandy beaches, homes of Hollywood stars studding the path, and cozy neighborhood enclaves. Her daily diary of trip sketches will inspire the artists/hikers among us. Tyler Burgess is the author of several guidebooks about walking. She organizes and leads walking trips worldwide and leads marathon walking training groups in Eugene.

June Potluck

Friday, June 24, 2016

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

Obsidian Lodge

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



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 PM

Coastal Tide Pools and Mudflats

A Presentation by Tommy Young

JOIN BIOLOGIST AND Obsidian, TOMMY YOUNG, for the last ExploraTalk until fall at the Obsidian Lodge on Tuesday, June 14. His presentation will be a comparison of Seal Rock Tidal Pools and Sarasota Bay Tidal Mud Flats, a beautifully illustrated slideshow about the ecology of Sarasota Bay in Florida and our own Seal Rock.



Obsidian Calendar

June

6 Mon	Vivian Lake Hike M Bennett	359-5198
7 Tue	Birding at Summer Lake Bus Cutsforth	746-4929
8 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
8 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle	653-0741
10 Fri	Pisgah Obscura Hike M Jacobsen	914-1132
11 Sat	Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
12 Sun	Devil's Staircase Hike D Hougardy	505-7031
12 Sun	Tire Mountain Hike M Jost	485-1612
12 Sun	Beach Walk/Yaquina Head Hike E Nagy	514-4110
14 Tue	Baker Beach/North Jetty Hike M Hovis	731-3412
14 Tue	Tide Pools	ExploraTalk
15 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
15 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle	653-0741
17 Fri	Mt. Adams-Technical Training Climb Reiter	521-8472
17 Fri	Pisgah Obscura Hike M Jacobsen	914-1132
18 Sat	Erma Bell Lakes Hike E Ewing	344-9197
18 Sat	Entire McKenzie River Trail Hike D Johnson	520-2470
19 Sun	Crabtree Valley Hike M Sojak	525-1124
20 Mon	Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M Jacobsen	206-1251
22 Wed	Mt. Whitney Climb Hamilton	343-6550
22 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Gunther	654-3576
22 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle	653-0741
24 Fri	Southern California Coast Walk	Potluck
24 Fri	Pisgah Obscura Hike M Jacobsen	914-1132
25 Sat	North Sister Climb Willhite	406-570-4514
25 Sat	Iron Mountain/Cone Peak Loop Hike Cooper	344-8517
25 Sat	Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
25 Sat	Brice Creek Bk Pk E Lipton	736-7498
26 Sun	Dome Rock & Tumble Lake Hike M Randall	844-5916
28 Tue	Macduff Mountain Hike M Johnson	520-2470
29 Wed	Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
29 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper	868-5427
29 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle	653-0741

July

1 Fri	Obsidian Loop Hike D Smith	520-488-9569
2 Sat	Mt. Jefferson Climb D Ellis	917-880-6744
2 Sat	Blanton Heights Hike M Funkhouse	206-2303
3 Sun	Olallie Mountain Hike M Randall	844-5916
6 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
6 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle	653-0741
8 Fri	Siuslaw Falls Bike M Esch	338-8280
9 Sat	Crater Lake Hike/CarCamp Hougardy	505-7031
9 Sat	Mt. Adams Climb D Huseman	743-3658
10 Sun	Middle Pyramid Hike M Adkins	344-4163
13 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Gunther	654-3576
13 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle	653-0741
14 Thu	More Food V Bus West	343-5492
16 Sat	Hwy to Hwy Hike D Cooper	868-5427

16 Sat	Hwy to Hwy Support-Metolius Hike E Cooper	517-6785
16 Sat	Middle Sister Climb McGlinsky	232-0421
16 Sat	Whale Watch Ewing	344-9197
17 Sun	Browder Ridge Hike D Randall	844-5916
19 Tue	Mt. Pisgah/Full Moon Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
20 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
20 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle	653-0741
23 Sat	Scott Mtn./ Benson Lake Hike D Wolling	345-2110
24 Sun	Around Three Fingered Jack Hike D Cooper	868-5427
27 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
27 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle	653-0741
29 Fri	Sky High Lakes Backpack D Sullivan	683-6837
29 Fri	Thousand Creek Gorge Hike E Sojak	525-1124
30 Sat	Camp Robertson Summer Camp Jacobsen	914-1132
30 Sat	Glacier Peak Climb D Ellis	917-880-6744
30 Sat	Lowder Mountain Hike M Terry	345-0720

August

6 Sat	Mt. Washington Climb Harris	729-3460
6 Sat	Skinner Butte/Art Walk Hike E Ewing	344-9197
10 Wed	Amazon /Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
13 Sat	Mt Thielsen Climb Huseman	743-3658
13 Sat	Black Crater Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
13 Sat	Mt. Jefferson/Hwy 242 Backpack D Lipton	736-7498
14 Sun	Mt. McLoughlin Climb Huseman	743-3658
14 Sun	Green Lakes Hike M James	683-7488
17 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
18 Thu	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
19 Fri	Duffy Lake Bk Pk M Randall	844-5916
20 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Grad Climb Hamilton	343-6550
26 Fri	The Wife Hike D James	683-7488
26 Fri	Waldo Lake Overnight Kayak M Sinnott	915-0234
27 Sat	Mt. Shuksan Climb D Ellis	917-880-6744
27 Sat	South Sister Climb M Van Winkle	615-686-4402
31 Wed	Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
31 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe	206-9501

September

2 Fri	Creswell Environs Bike M Esch	338-8280
3 Sat	Butterfly Pavillion/Umpqua Days Hike Ewing	344-9197
3 Sat	Broken Top/Tam McArthur Backpack Lipton	736-7498
7 Wed	Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
10 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hansen	360-852-2041
11 Sun	Charlton Lake/Beach Clean Up Hike E Sojak	525-1124
11 Sun	An Oregon Coast Excursion Bus Beard	994-2337
14 Wed	Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe	206-9501
16 Fri	Mt. Hubris/Cosmic Wall Climb Reiter	521-8472
16 Fri	Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
18 Sun	Ackers Rock Climb Reiter	521-8472
19 Mon	Lost Coast/North Humboldt Backpack D Hovis	731-3412
23 Fri	Bugs, Birds & Butterflies of S Texas	Potluck
24 Sat	National Public Lands Day Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
24 Sat	Mt. Washington Climb Hansen	360-852-2041
24 Sat	Broken Top Climb Harris	521-5807
24 Sat	Fuji Mountain Hike D Wilken	343-3080
30 Fri	Salmon Lakes/Waldo Backpack M Hovis	731-3412

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