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Dates to Remember

September 3	Bulletin Deadline
September 7	Board Meeting
September 23	Potluck
October 14	Annual Meeting

Complete current schedules at:
www.obsidians.org or
Register-Guard – *Outdoors* – *Tuesday*
Eugene-Weekly

Reminder:

The *Bulletin* is not published in August. The next issue will be available in September.

Lightning!!!! Should I turn back?

Rich Anselmo

HEADED OUT FOR AN ADVENTURE when there is a risk for thunderstorms and lightning? Ask yourself the question that Clint proposed in the movie *Dirty Harry*: Do I feel lucky? Well do ya?

The odds of being struck by lightning are 1:700,000 or more. The odds of being killed are one in two million or more. Lightning is only the width of a pencil. I would think the odds should be even less. The fact is your risk of being injured by something other than lightning is greater just driving to the trailhead.

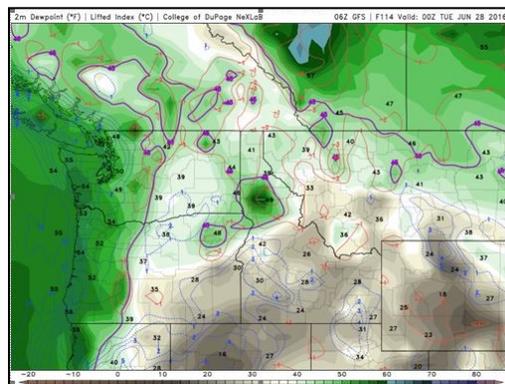
Would you like to better your odds of not being struck? Here are some suggestions:

Know Before You Go

Check the weather forecast. Specifically, check the National Weather Service (NWS) forecast from a NOAA website. Begin checking a few days before any trip. Note how the forecast is changing. Are rainfall probabilities increasing or decreasing? Note the use of such terms as *isolated*, *scattered*, or *likely*, the latter meaning greater coverage. Weather forecasts are like moving targets. Adjust the current forecast in the direction of the overall trend. This will result in greater accuracy. Don't rely on radio or TV broadcasts as sometimes they use old, outdated information.

Look at some weather charts. Lightning comes from thunderstorms and thunderstorms come from unstable air masses. You want to look at charts that display the *Lifted Index* or *LI*. The LI is a theoretical measure of air mass stability.

Values less than zero represent unstable air. Values greater than zero represent stable air. The more negative the number, the more unstable, the more likely thunderstorms and lightning. I have found that a -1 is about a 10% chance, a -3 a 30% chance and so forth. Values greater than -5 are telling you that lightning is a real possibility and you better be prepared or cancel. The LIs vary throughout the day so make sure you are looking at charts that



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Proposed Constitution Changes

HAVE YOU TAKEN A LOOK AT THE OBSIDIAN CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS?

If so, you'll notice that some of the language and references are outdated and, well, awkward. This spring an ad hoc committee—David Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen and John Jacobsen—was formed with the assignment of cleaning up the Membership Section of the Constitution. This resulted in proposed amendments to the Constitution, supported by the Board, which will be voted upon at the annual membership meeting held on October 14, 2016.

What are the changes?

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Welcome!

New Members:

GREER, ESME
Eugene, OR 97401

GREER, JOEL
Eugene, OR 97401

LOKON, DITTE
Eugene, OR 97405

MENDER, JIM
Eugene, OR 97404

SOLTESZ, STEVEN
Eugene, OR 97405

OBITUARIES

Betty Macy 1929–2016

FORMER MEMBER BETTY MACY PASSED AWAY on May 23 after a lingering illness. Betty joined the Obsidians in 1978 and she was very active with the club during her almost 30 years of membership. She attended nine summer camps, climbed 14 peaks, all but one in Oregon, and participated in over 320 hikes and activities. She was also very involved with wilderness conservation efforts and trail building.

She is survived by four children and their families.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the June 20 issue of The Register-Guard.

Barbara Payne 1936–2016

BARBARA PAYNE, A MEMBER SINCE 1978, passed away suddenly on June 19. She attended one summer camp and climbed South Sister and Diamond Peak. Her passion however was the bus group and she was a valued member of the bus committee. She led four bus trips and went on 108 other trips, most recently in June to bird watch at Summer Lake.

She is survived by Don, her husband of 40 years, who is also an Obsidian member.

Services are planned for July 30 at 1 PM at the Camp Creek Church in Springfield.

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Delegates

FOUR DOZEN CLUBS IN EIGHT STATES BANDED TOGETHER to form The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) in 1932. Its goal was "promotion of the proper use, enjoyment and protection of American's scenic wilderness and outdoor recreation resources." The Obsidians club was one of the founding members, sending delegates to the annual conventions to discuss and vote on resolutions. The 2016 FWOC president, George Milne, writes in his invitation to this year's conference: *FWOC Resolutions have played a significant role influencing the outcome of discussions and legislation related to the protection of clean air, water, global warming, wilderness protection and the privatization of public land. Members are encouraged to use previously adopted resolutions, available on our web-site, or consider submitting new ones by September 1st for consideration at our fall convention.*

Shirley Cameron attended her first FWOC conference in 1995, hosted by the

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

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Lightning! *(Continued from page 1)*

represent the time you will be exposed.

The lifted index is only part of the equation. You also need to know if moisture is available.

Watch The Sky

Clouds reveal telltale signs of air mass instability and moisture.

Cirrocumulus clouds often precede thunderstorms by 9–12 hours.



Alto cumulus clouds often precede thunderstorms by 5–6 hours.



The greater the coverage of cloudiness and the more overhead the clouds appear, the more likely thunderstorms and lightning will hit where you are.

Watch for towering cumulus clouds, especially those with black bases. This means thunderstorms are forming



overhead and lightning is probably less than an hour away.

In our area, thunderstorms typically move from south to north. Watch to the south for impending weather developments. Be particularly concerned if thunderstorms are approaching from the east. These are often associated with intense lightning, hail, heavy downpours and high winds.

Smartphones

If you have a smart phone and cell coverage, you can monitor radar charts noting the development, intensity and direction of rain cells. Not all cells will contain lightning and only about 60% of Oregon is even covered by radar. There are lightning charts available but none offer real time data without a paid subscription. A semi-useful one is: www.struckbylightning.org. However, its detection in the Pacific Northwest is not complete. Lightning may occur well before the chart shows it. There are also lightning apps available but these offer mixed results as per user reviews.

An old standby is a portable AM radio. Static or crackling sounds while tuned in the mid-band range are indicative of lightning. Static will often begin when the storms are 100 miles away. The more frequent and louder the static, the closer the storms and lightning. Never heard of an AM radio?

There is this device, which works on the same principle.



Of course, you still don't know where the lightning is and if it's headed toward you. At least you know some action may be needed on your part.

There Is No Safe Place Outdoors In A Thunderstorm

Lightning safety rules have varied over the years. We all know to get off mountain tops, don't stand under a single tree or in an open field or wet area. The fact is lightning can strike anywhere, and there is really no safe place outdoors. My advice is to keep walking, spread out further if hiking in a group, and proceed to a place of safety as quickly as possible.

Watch For Smoke?

What if lightning caused a forest fire and you had to alter your route? Would you have a map to find alternative trails or a road to exit? Do you have a compass or GPS in case you have to travel cross country? I find this to be a more serious concern.

The 30 Second Rule

Count the time from when you see a lightning flash until you hear thunder. If it is 30 seconds or less, you are in grave danger of being struck. This brings us back to our original question.

Do I feel lucky?

(Editor's note: Rich Anselmo, Obsidian member, is a meteorologist, Weathersphere, LLC.)

Proposed Changes

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Short version, the ad hoc committee's proposed revisions are as follows: (1) eliminate the Associate membership class, (2) decrease the number of qualifying bus trips from three to two, and (3) disentangle the termination language.

Why?

(1) The Associate membership is no longer needed. In the beginning of the club, members were placed on probation providing the opportunity to show their worthiness/abilities. Over time the probationary membership evolved into the Associate class which denied holding office, voting, and sponsoring new members. By eliminating the Associate membership, all members have the same privileges.

(2) Changing the bus trip qualifications from three to two trips, which must be completed within 12

months, accommodates the limited number of bus trips available.

(3) Despite the termination section *never* being implemented, continuing to have such a clause is important. Eliminating the language regarding resignation was a given—you can't force someone to continue membership! Utilize the procedures already in place within the Restriction Committee of the Obsidian Safety Manual, which has a history of being thorough and confidential, as well as providing an efficient, effective process.

Take the opportunity to review the recommended amendments. The complete red-line version is available for review in the *Members Only, Documents* section of the Obsidian website. Use these links:

<http://tinyurl.com/RedlineMemChange>

<http://tinyurl.com/FinalMemChange>

CONSTITUTION – Obsidians, Inc. Draft Revision 2016

ARTICLE III -- MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. There shall be four classes of membership: Active, Junior, Honorary, and Life. Only Active Members in good standing, Honorary Members, and Life Members who were active when so classified shall have the right to vote and hold office.

SECTION 2. Any person of good character, who is in sympathy with the objects of the Club and who qualifies as hereafter stated, is eligible for membership.

SECTION 3. An application for membership must be made in writing, endorsed by two Active Members in good standing, accompanied by the appropriate dues and filed with the Membership Chairperson.

SECTION 4. After review by the Membership Chairperson, the name of the applicant shall be presented to the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting. The vote of the Board being favorable, the applicant shall be declared elected to the class of membership for which application was made.

SECTION 5. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: To become an Active Member, an applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

- (a) Complete at least three (3) trips or two (2) bus trips within the preceding twelve (12) months, or one (1) climb to the summit of a major peak, taken with the Club and designated by sponsoring Obsidian committee(s) as qualifying; and
- (b) Application for Active status giving dates and trips in support of the application filed with the Chairperson of the Membership Committee; and
- (c) Election to Active status by the Board of Directors; or
- (d) For extraordinary circumstances, by majority vote of the Board of Directors, the above requirements may be waived or reduced for an individual. This provision will be rarely used.

SECTION 6. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP. Any person of good character under 18 years of age, may become a

Junior Member upon meeting the requirements as set forth above.

SECTION 7. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. Persons who have rendered distinguished services to the Club or are eminent for achievements in exploration, science or art shall be eligible for Honorary Membership. Nominations for Honorary Membership must be made in writing and endorsed by five members of the Club and shall state the reasons for such nomination. Nominations must be in the hands of the Board of Directors thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting. A two-thirds vote of all members present at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary for election. Not more than one (1) Honorary Member may be elected each year. An Active Member, if elected to Honorary Membership, shall retain all privileges and duties of an Active Member but shall be exempt from paying dues.

SECTION 8. LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Any Active Member in good standing and having paid Annual Member dues for a total of fifteen (15) years may be granted a Life Membership upon payment of the current onetime dues as listed in the Bylaws' Section 4 - Dues and Other Fees: A. Dues

SECTION 9. DUES DELINQUENCY. Membership in the Obsidians, Inc. (excepting Life Members and Honorary Members) shall be maintained by regular payment of dues, payable October 1 of each year. If dues are not paid by the Annual Meeting the member is considered delinquent and not in good standing. If dues are not paid before November 1, a final notice shall be sent by the Membership Committee. If dues are not paid within one month of the sending of such notice, the person shall be dropped from membership and from the Annual Membership list.

SECTION 10. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership in the Club may be terminated for gross misconduct. The Board of Directors must convene a Restriction Committee in accordance with the Obsidian Safety Manual to determine if termination is warranted. Termination of membership will result in loss of all privileges of membership and restriction from participating in all Obsidian events.



Last Call for Camp Robertson

John Jacobsen, Camp Boss

HERE WE ARE, IT'S JULY, and Summer Camp is just around the corner, July 30–August 5. This is the last chance for me to cover a few items in the *Bulletin*:

- **Summer Camp Signup Openings**—So far we have had about a dozen cancellations from Summer Camp which has emptied the *Wait List*, so I would encourage people to sign up even if a *Wait List* develops again—usually we are faced with several late cancellations at which point we are looking for someone who can say, “I am ready and willing to go.” You don’t want to miss scenic Lamoille Canyon, Island Lake, Liberty Pass, and just hanging out with Obsidians and guests.
- **Daily Camp Host**—We have exclusive use of Lions Camp Lamoille facilities for the week. However, there is a public trail that passes through the camp making access relatively easy for all, so there may be some non-Camp Robertson folks coming through where we will be camping. I plan to have a Daily Camp Host(s) who will stay in camp each day and keep an eye on things. The task could be split up into half-day stints or multiple campers could share the duty. If any Summer Campers are interested in being a Daily Camp Host, please let me know and we will sort out a schedule at camp. This is a great opportunity to get a rest day, catch up on reading or just relax.
- **A-frame Assignments**—Originally A-frames were to be available on a first-come basis at camp, but currently only seven people (or couples) have indicated that they will use an A-frame if available. Since there are 9 A-frames, I have decided to switch to a reservation system. I will be contacting the seven people (or couples) to

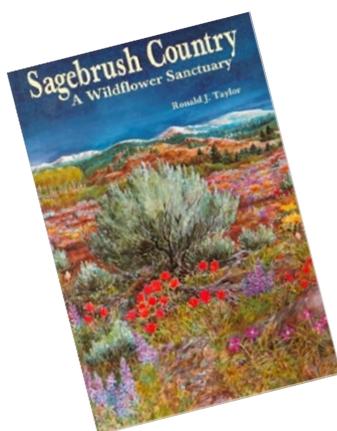
confirm that they still want an A-frame. If anyone else is interested in one of the two remaining A-frames, contact me and I can reserve them for you. Note that the A-frames are bare-bones with wood floors—no lights, cots, bed frames or mattresses.

- **Car Pooling**—Bring lots of small bills. Just like all Obsidian trips, Summer Camp drivers are paid \$.09/mile immediately upon returning to camp from a trip.
- **Last Call for Reference Material**—There is still time to get map and reference books for the Ruby Mountains, but don’t delay. See your camp booklet for lists of books/website resources and where you can order area maps. For a wilderness map:

www.nationalforestmapstore.com/product-p/nv-12.htm

- **Last Minute Questions**—If you’re a first timer, chances are good that your Camp Buddy can answer them. Lots of answers are in your camp booklet (including a handy *What Should I Bring* list)—don’t forget to bring your booklet to camp. You may want to check the Obsidian web page under *Summer Camp* shortly before departing for camp just in case new information has been added. We don’t have an email list for Summer Camp participants, but if there’s a major disaster like a forest fire in the vicinity, we will phone or email everyone, as well as post it on the web page. And you can always contact me with questions.

See you at Camp Robertson—no earlier than 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 30. It will be a great time!



Sagebrush Country; A Wildflower Sanctuary

by Ronald J. Taylor, 1992

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FLOWER FIELD GUIDE to take to Ruby Mountains Summer Camp? Ronald Taylor’s book, *Sagebrush Country; A Wildflower Sanctuary*, will help you discover and identify the beauty of the sagebrush steppe. His color photographs and descriptions show off the plant life in northern Nevada, eastern Oregon and Washington, and other western states. We used the book on the recent Owyhee Canyon raft trip and Summer Lake bus trip. The book will be available for browsing at the information table at summer camp but you might want to have your own copy to take with you on the trails.

BOARD NOTES

July 6, 2016

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, Lenore McManigal, Wayne Deeter, Dave Lodeesen, Doug Nelson, and Lyndell Wilken.

The Board approved the minutes of the June 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: The Board approved a bid for upgrading the plumbing and installing an automated irrigation system, allowing Doug Nelson to sign the bid agreement on behalf of the Board, and a check to Graham Landscape and Design for \$9,633.38 which is 50% of the estimate and is required to start work.

Tree removal: City code requirements have been met and a total of 53 trees can be removed. A formal proposal was created and submitted but only MR Tree Service provided a bid (\$14,500). The Board voted to accept this bid and to give John Jacobsen temporary authority to sign contractual documents.

Winter Chair vacancy: The Board approved Dave Lodeesen as the new chair of the Winter Trips Committee.

FWOC representative: Jorry Rolfe has agreed to serve as the representative to attend the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs meeting. Shirley Cameron has been the long-time Obsidian representative and she too will be attending the FWOC meeting. The Board approved payment of the registration fee (\$150) for both Jorry and Shirley. The Board wishes to thank Shirley for the commitment she has shown in this role.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): From April 1 through June 29, 92 trips have been scheduled with 84 being completed. Among these, other than hikes, were two backpacking trips, three bike trips, two extended trips, and four presentations. 68 trips remain to be completed.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing this past month during which we helped city staff replace the railings along the concrete stairs at the Spencer Butte main Willamette Street trailhead.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): The next trip will be More Food V, July 14.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): The wait list for Camp Robertson has been emptied and we now have room for one more sign-up on the Summer Camp roster.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Another trip is on the calendar: September 18-21, Hiking in the Redwoods, led by Nancy Whitfield.

Entertainment (Judy Ness & Lana Lindstrom): Thirty-eight people attended the June 24 potluck. Tyler Burgess presented *A Southern California Coast Walk*.

Membership (Laurie Funkhouser): Current membership, including new members, is as follows: 444 active, 10 associate, 6 honorary, 8 junior, and 15 life members for a total of 483.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): The Y bulletin board and monthly events flyer were updated July 1. Thanks to Darko Sojak who posts flyers at local venues and Chris Stockdale who submits activities to *The Eugene Register-Guard* and *Eugene Weekly*. Our committee appreciates the up-to-date information on the Obsidian website and Facebook.

Concessions: Due to the time and effort of Patricia MacAfee, concessions had successful sales with the June Bus Trip. Concessions set up for ExploraTalk as well as the Potluck. Totals sales: \$118.00.

Concessions will be traveling to Ruby Mountains with Summer Camp. No events at the Lodge in July and August - see you in September!

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 7,847 photos in 560 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery, up from 7,451 photos in 535 albums in June. From Marci and Shelli, our Facebook Page maintainers: 11 more people are following the Obsidian page, for a total of 537 followers. We had 265 people like posts on the page. We had 19 people share posts. We had 18 comments on our posts. Half of the likes and comments were around the Mt. Hood climb report.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): On Tuesday, June 14, Lana Lindstrom and David Hawkins met with Stewart Hoeg and satisfactorily audited the general fund and the treasury function for 2015.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Trips and activities from the June Bulletin have been recorded.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): June 13: Mowing and cleanup for ExploraTalk. Thanks to Jim Northrop and Jim Whitfield. June 23: Mowing and cleanup for Potluck. Thanks to Jim Northrop and Jim Whitfield. June 28: Cleaned and weeded around planting beds, ferns and other shrubs and then mulched them. Thanks to Larry Dunlap, Daphne James, Brenda Kameenui, Joanne Ledet, Jim Northrop and Jim Whitfield.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved five new members as requested by the Membership Committee.

Adjournment for dinner at The Pub at Laurelwood.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Bike Trips

Parvin Covered Bridge

June 3, 2016

Leader & Photographer: Patricia Esch

Bike: 28 miles, 250 ft. (Moderate)

THE RIDE FROM PLEASANT HILL STARTED OUT COOL AND SUNNY with the hope we'd miss the heat later in the day. Two minutes into the ride, I made a wrong turn into a dead end. Fortunately it was short. Back on track, we coasted down Ridgeway Road past the back door to Mt. Pisgah. The fields were full of belly-high grass, if you were a horse, with llamas and miniature burros for variety. A train rumbled over a viaduct just before a pit stop at the Elijah Bristow equestrian staging area. There we met some horses and riders and saw them again on our way back for lunch. We peddled through Dexter and on to Parvin covered bridge which is still looking fit after being refurbished a few years ago. On our return we had a good view of Parvin Butte with its top flattened and looking ravished. We stopped at the store in Dexter for refreshments—it was getting warm—and headed into Elijah Bristow Park for lunch at a shady picnic table. It was a slog on the return because the afternoon wind blew in our faces. Cool, but like peddling up hill. What a relief to get back to our cars and air conditioning. I spotted one Oreo cow. Members: Barbara Aten, Anne Bonine, Patricia Esch, Steve Hennes, Ruthy Kanagy, Greg Milliman, Jack O'Donnell, Eric Swegles. Nonmembers: Caryl Smartt, David Gregston, Greg Maynard.



Backpacks

Blacklock Point

May 20, 2016

Leader: Scott Hovis

Backpack: 2.5 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

THE WEATHER WAS NICE FOR 48 HOURS, but turned to rain Sunday at dawn. There were 25 seals at Sixes River. Don't forget a tide chart, there are cliffs in the area. The bridge is out on the creek that starts by the airport. The beach is almost plastic free. Members: Keiko Bryan, Nikki Frank, Scott Hovis.

Extended Trips

Hiking the Columbia Gorge

May 4, 2016

Leader: Helen Martz, Assistant: Jim Duncan

Photographer: Holger Krentz

NINETEEN OBSIDIANS ENJOYED A VARIETY OF HIKES AND SPECTACULAR SCENERY in the Columbia Gorge, including Dog Mountain, Angels Rest, Triple Falls, Larch Mountain Crater, Latourell Falls, and Tom McCall Preserve where the wildflowers were at their splendid best. Our accommodations at the Menucha Conference Center were very comfortable, also providing a visual treat in a park-like setting where the spring shrubs were in full bloom. Simply *Gorge-ous!* Members: Anne Bonine, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Bea Fontana, Nikki Frank, Betty Grant, Scott Hovis, Holger Krentz, Mary Livingston, David Lodeesen, Darlene Mancuso, Helen Martz, Evelyn Nagy, Judy Newman, Jorry Rolfe, Diane Schechter, Mike Smith, Pat Soussan, Nancy Whitfield.



Smith Rock

June 3, 2016

Leader: Darko Sojak, Asst: Kathy Randall

Extended Trip: 12.8 miles, (Difficult)

HOT, HOT, HOT! THREE DAYS IN MID 90 DEGREE TEMPERATURES. We enjoyed two great hikes (9.2 and 4.7 miles), watching the eagles in the sky, climbers on stunning rock walls, ice-cream in local parlor, and time in bivy area. Special thanks to Tom for geology lessons and to all for good times. Members: Keiko Bryan, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Holger Krentz, Judy Ness, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak.



Birding at Summer Lake

June 7, 2016

Leader & Photographer: Sharon Cutsforth

GREAT BIRDING! GREAT PEOPLE! GREAT TRIP! Our first multi-day trip to Summer Lake was a real success. The serious birders recorded over sixty species of birds identified. We traveled through many different landscapes driving over and home on this trip to include forests of Douglas fir, ponderosa pine and juniper trees. There were scenic views of rivers, lakes, and snow-covered mountains, marshlands, alfalfa fields, sagebrush flats and amazing rock formations, ranch lands and national forests. All of it was beautiful. We enjoyed our lunch stop at the Klamath Marsh Wildlife headquarters, where manager Mike Johnson made us very welcome—even setting up tables and chairs outside for our use. The weather gave us a variety also. There was sunshine, clouds, sprinkles of rain, a little wind, and a bit of thunder and lightning. Overall, it was very pleasant for birdwatching. We made multiple trips out onto Summer Lake Wildlife Refuge where we parked the bus and spent time walking the dikes and exploring other habitats. Some favorite sightings were families of great horned owls and western grebes, a killdeer nest with four spotted eggs, sand hill cranes, white pelicans, white faced ibis, American avocets, black-necked



stilts, yellow-headed blackbirds, Baltimore oriole, prairie falcon, bald eagles and a resident trumpeter swan. We had opportunities to talk with the staff at the refuge which was interesting and informative. It was fun to have the entire Summer Lake Lodge reserved just for us. The drive south between Summer Lake and Winter Ridge is lovely. Our lunches at the historic Pioneer Saloon and Restaurant in Paisley and the Waterin' Hole Tavern in Fort Rock were tasty and fun. We were all impressed with the local volunteer efforts in creating the Homestead Village Museum at Fort Rock. Most people enjoyed hiking around the inside of Fort Rock where the wildflowers were quite lovely. A short stop at Salt Creek Falls allowed riders a quick look at the falls and the blooming rhododendrons. The trip ended with several comments, that we need to do this trip again. Special thanks to Rick Ahrens for sharing his nature knowledge with us and to Rick Ahrens and Charley Thomas for bringing their scopes for up close bird viewing. Members: Thomas

Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Judy Garwood, Donna Halker, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Patricia Mac Afee, Jim Northrop, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Margaret Prentice, Ginny Reich, Charles Thomas, Mary Ellen West. Nonmembers: Pat Bitner.



Climbs

Diamond Peak Graduation

May 7, 2016

Leader: Dalen Willhite, Asst: Dannelle Harris

Climb: 8 miles, 3,750 ft.

STARTING AT THE PIONEER GULCH TRAILHEAD, we hit snow near the trail junction and started cross-country up the gulch. Good glissading on the way down. The wind was gusty in a few places, but overall great climbing weather. Great group of climb school graduates with wonderful contributions whether it was smiles, stories, or cookies. Made pretty good time starting about 6:30 AM and back at the cars around 2:00 PM. Happy 71 to Tom! Members: Dannelle Harris, Laura Osinga, Tom Rundle, Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: John Henrichsen, Alayna DuPont, Charles Warren, Eric Thornton, Mikel Rhodes.

Mt. Hood

May 14, 2016

Leader: Dannelle Harris

Climb: 7.2 miles, 5,200 ft. (Difficult)

THIS CLIMB HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY OR SATURDAY but by Thursday morning it was obvious that the weather window was going to slam shut before the weekend. One climber proposed that we go Thursday night and, after some consideration, the leader decided that doing the climb on such short notice could actually work. After a flurry of calls, texts, and emails it turned out that all six of the folks who had signed up to do the climb could ditch work on Friday and go climbing. We opted to keep it simple. Just leave Eugene at 10:30 PM Thursday night, drive to Timberline Lodge, and start climbing. The team made steady progress up to the Hogsback where two climbers made the tough decision to turn back. The remaining team of four roped up and headed for the Pearly Gates. The route was crowded and slow. We took a small side chute left of the gates and spent a few minutes on the windy summit. By then, the Pearly Gates were less crowded so down the gates we went. The snow had softened up nicely and made for epic glissades on the descent. Thanks to Marge for assisting. Members: Dannelle Harris, Marge Huseman, Kimberly Van Winkle. Nonmembers: Scott Chase, Bill Lowder, Daniel Phillips.

Mt. Hood

June 4, 2016

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Climb: 7.2 miles, 5,200 ft. (Difficult)

THIS CLIMB WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 14 but was postponed due to weather. After almost a month, the

weather and work schedules aligned for the climb on June 4. The weather was forecast to be clear, but very warm so we decided to start climbing at 11:00 PM and climb through the night. The team was strong and fast and we stood on the summit at 6:00 AM. We looked down and saw several people coming up through the Pearly Gates route we took and I made the decision to start down before we got stuck in all those people heading down. We left the summit after a few photos and snacks. We were able to get through the Pearly Gates, but were mobbed on the slopes below by more people heading up. Since the people heading up were reluctant to let us through, the Obsidian rope team leaders, Marci Hansen and myself, had to get assertive. While we did not physically elbow anyone (really, we didn't), we did let them know we were coming through and they needed to move. Finally, we made it back down to the Hogsback and were able to un-rope and swiftly descend the mountain by lots of glissading. We made it back to Timberline Lodge before the day became unbearably hot so we were happy. Members: Richard Anselmo, Hayden Banks, Larry Banks, Marci Hansen, Trina Kanewa, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Alayna DuPont.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte
May 25, 2016
Leader: Matthew Bell
Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

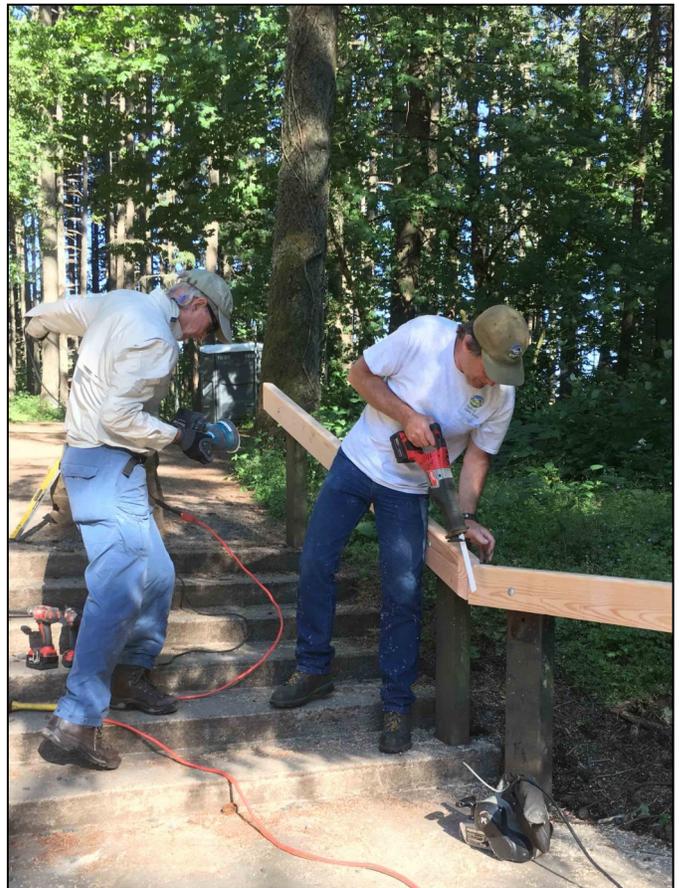
THIS MONTH'S OUTING WAS OUR FIRST WEDNESDAY EVENING OUTING of our summer schedule. We met Dev Cochrane at the Martin Street trailhead to hike up the Amazon Headwaters Trail and cut back brush. The majority of our group chose to use hand tools such as hand-clippers, machetes, loppers, and rakes. Todd worked with Dev cutting back brush with gas-powered hedge clippers. Members: Matthew Bell, Oliver Bell, Dan Gilmore, Jane Hackett, Todd Larsen, David Lodeesen, Isabelle Salle, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak.

National Trails Day
June 4, 2016
Leader: Matthew Bell
Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

FOR OUR NATIONAL TRAILS DAY OUTING, we hiked up the Main Trail and down the Tie Trail cutting back overhanging vegetation from the trailsides. We also picked up litter as we went. Clara Emlen did an amazing job cleaning the trailhead kiosk and stairs. Members: Matthew Bell, Oliver Bell, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Mike Smith, Pat Soussan.

Spencer Butte
June 29, 2016
Leader: Matthew Bell
Photographer: Janet Jacobsen
Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET UP WEDNESDAY EVENING TO HELP CITY STAFF replace the railings along the concrete stairs at the Spencer Butte main Willamette Street trailhead. Our group split into



several small groups to complete a variety of tasks. Steve and Ditte hiked up the West Trail cutting back trailside brush. Todd, Tom, Dave, and Mari hiked up the Main Trail and part way down the Tie Trail doing the same. Clara Emlen worked diligently cutting back blackberries from along the trails around the trailhead. Janet, Dave, and Mike helped remove the rotting railings and install, sand, and stain the new railings. Members: Mari Baldwin, Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, David Lodeesen, Dave Predeek, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Ditte Lokon, Steven Soltesz.



Hikes

Skinner Butte Eagles' Nest

May 16, 2016

Leader: Margaret Essenberg

Assistant: Richard Essenberg

Hike: 1 mile, 200 ft. (Easy)

ON THE WAY UP THE NORTH SIDE OF SKINNER BUTTE, we saw an adult eagle perched above the nest. We also discovered a bushtit nest hanging above the trail. From the summit loop trail, we saw the eagles' nest with an eaglet dozing within. An adult eagle flew across the space that separated us from the nest, and then a red and gold western tanager flew across the same space. We walked to the western slope of the butte and looked through a spotting scope at the osprey that resides on a nesting platform high above the highway loop between Route 105 and Delta Highway. Members: Anne Bonine, Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, Jack O'Donnell, Pat Soussan.

Dog Mountain

May 28, 2016

Leader: Jim Pierce, Assistant: Becky Lipton

Photographer: Daphne James

Hike: 7.5 miles, 2,900 ft. (Difficult)



WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY. Apparently, everyone else in the Portland area thought so too. The parking lot was packed. There are so many hikers during the flower season in May and June, that they have a shuttle from Stevens, WA to the trailhead (\$1 each). As Sullivan suggests, we did the loop counterclockwise. We took two hours up and two hours down. In the fern-filled fir forests, Pacific wrens serenaded us, both up and down, with their long, undulating melodies. The views of the Columbia Gorge are worth the steep hike all by themselves—and they are not even the highlight. The upper meadows were filled with a huge variety of wildflowers. The flowers are so thick with such vivid splashes of color that they look like giant bouquets, but these bouquets cover acres. There were several hundred pictures to take, but the

leader wisely restrained himself to only 127. Because of the crowds, lunch at the top seemed like a community affair, with maybe 75 lunchers. The trail down is cooler with more forest, more gradual and not as rocky. All these were good for our tough lady who twisted an ankle near the top. Yes, it was a glorious day. Members: LaRee Beckley, Daphne James, Becky Lipton, Jim Pierce, Isabelle Salle.

Horsepasture Mountain

May 28, 2016

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 3.3 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

THERE WERE SOME OF THE BEST VIEWS OF THE MOUNTAINS you can get. I drove up to check the road on Friday. Lots of clouds. Today it was perfectly clear. We had views from Diamond to the base of Mt. Hood. It was nice to see snow along the roadside as well on the mountains. Nine trees are in need of removal. The downed trees were easily negotiated. On the way back to the cars, we did a little trail maintenance removing loose branches and other debris. The wildflowers are just getting started. Members: Charles Ashmore, Brad Bennett, Steve Cordon, Jane Hackett, David Hawkins, Steve Hennes, David Lodeesen, Diana Masarie, Tom Rundle, Cari Soderlund, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Marissa Athens.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

June 1 - June 29, 2016

Various Leaders: Mike Smith, David Lodeesen, Barbara Gunther, David Cooper

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

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: JUNE 1: Members: Mike Smith (leader), Mari Baldwin, David Cooper, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, David Reinhard, Jorry Rolfe, Art Skach, Cari Soderlund, Gary Spizizen, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Sandy Rice. **JUNE 8:** Members: Mike Smith (leader), Brad Bennett, Hilary Fisher, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Darian Marray, David Reinhard, Art Skach, Cari Soderlund, Tommy Young. **JUNE 15:** Members: David Lodeesen (leader), Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Tommy Young. **JUNE 22:** Members: Barbara Gunther (leader), Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, Carla Lyon, Marlene Malone, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Nancy Hoecker, Jiayu Shi, Gary Lineburg, Lynn Lineburg. **JUNE 29:** Members: David Cooper (leader), Jennifer Baer, Mari Baldwin, Steve Cordon, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Jim Northrop, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Nancy Hoecker.

Spencer Butte Loop

June 1, 2016

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 7.1 miles, 1,870 ft. (Moderate)

NICE, EARLY MORNING WAKE-UP HIKE. Dave Cooper had an unavoidable delay and got to the trailhead a little late. I met

up with him on my way down. He signed the sheet, paid his buck and completed the hike on his own. Members: David Cooper, Tom Rundle.

Pisgah Obscura

June 3, 2016

Leader: John Jacobsen

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

ANOTHER GREAT HIKE WITH A GREAT GROUP wandering around Buford Park. Foggy start, brilliant sun at the top of Pisgah, fog down the east side and finally sunny as we skirted the south meadow to complete the loop. We checked out a hairy woodpecker nest near the lily ponds that was busy the week before, but the chicks must have fledged since things were very quiet this time through. We did our usual tromping through poison oak on some of the more obscure parts of the hike and as we completed the trip, Mike said, "I'm itching to do this again next week." Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Jim Whitfield.

Mt. June (Lost Creek Trail)

June 4, 2016

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 6.5 miles, 1,850 ft. (Moderate)

THE GOOD NEWS WAS THAT THE MT. JUNE AREA was at least 10 degrees cooler than the valley. The bad news was that Eugene set a record high of 96 degrees, topping the previous record set in 1935 by eight degrees! Even though almost of all the hike was in the shade, it was still hot, even on the long downhill section. But the views at the top were fantastic—Mt. Hood to Diamond Peak were very clear. And lots of flowers, including bright pink penstemon, coral root, purple larkspur, white oxalis, and shy ginger blossoms. Plus some old growth trees. Thanks very much to the Daves for driving. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Ann Kloos, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Patricia Mac Afee, Lynn Meacham, Evelyn Nagy, Brian Popowsky, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Jim Mender.

Skinner Butte/Art Walk

June 4, 2016

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 4 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THREE OF US MET AT CAMPBELL SENIOR CENTER at 10:00 AM. We climbed over Skinner's Butte and made a side trip to the eagles' nest. LaRee had not been there before. No one was home but we could hear them calling out from the trees. We arrived at the Fifth Street Market at 10:35, too early for lunch, but a great time for a cold drink. Joella and I had walked this route the day before, but I reversed the order to accommodate a class being held at Oregon Art Supply. Our first find was the new sculpture of a rooster in front of the Fifth Street Market, perched high on the trunk of a cedar tree that had been topped. We continued on to Oregon Art Supply where the two owners had their personal collections on display. I knew two of the Friday Art walk venues would be closed so we added a walk through the Out On A Limb Gallery on Broadway. Wonderful wood work and a sculpture, along with a selection of Imus maps. We made a

stop at Mosaics, a fair trade store with a wide selection of handmade furniture and jewelry among other items. On to the New Zone Gallery with its many paintings. Along the way we visited the Betsey Wolfston ceramic tiles on the parking garage near Oregon Art Supply, as well as the four pieces at Willamette and Broadway. Eventually we included the last piece in front of the train station roundabout. From New Zone we went on to the second floor of the library where there is a wonderful collection of photographs, taken in New Orleans, Italy and France with many colors of doors, windows and buildings. Then to the Hilton to see the wall created by Obsidians member Dallas Cole, the same person who created our hikers mosaic mural near the Lodge climbing wall. Finally, the Japanese Peace Garden, the train station and Mecca. Mecca, new to me, is a wonderful place to donate or buy art supplies of all kinds. We could have gone to lunch, but it was too hot and everyone wanted to see the new dedication piece in front of the Willie Mims house. Members: LaRee Beckley, Jane Hackett, Karla Rusow.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

June 4, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

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

WOW, WHAT A CHANGE IN WEATHER. Hiking under the lush, canopy of trees was very pleasant. The flowers are waning but plenty of green. Temperature was about 56 degrees to begin and 80 degrees by the end. Lots of people were on top, with views of the mountains and coast range. Good day to be out hiking! Members: Jennifer Baer, Marianne Camp, Laurie Funkhouser, John Jacobsen, Diana Masarie.

Crescent Mountain

June 5, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 10 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

"THIS HAS BEEN THE NICEST HIKE I'VE BEEN ON." (Cari); "This is a fantastic hike." (Roy). It's not the leader, it's Crescent Mountain, one of my favorites. We were hiking during Heatwave #1, arriving at the trailhead by 9:30 AM. After the initial downhill and the last regrouping at Maude Creek, we negotiated about two dozen blowdowns before reaching the meadows. Our new hikers, Steven and Ditte, helped with flower identification—although they claimed the six they knew happened to be blooming. We got everybody on top shortly after noon, passing two small collections of snow at 5,400 feet, having lunch with views of the Cascades from Mt. Adams to Diamond Peak. There were high clouds far to the south, but the sky over us remained clear. On the way down, we again regrouped at Maude Creek for foot soaking, hat soaking, and general cooling off in this lovely stream. We then returned to the cars, trying to identify flowers. At the trailhead, there were dark clouds and thunder was heard. On the drive home, we encountered a nice shower. This is a tough hike, but the views from the top and the meadow make it one of my favorites. It was a good day to spend my *half birthday*. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Caroline Moore, Patty Morrow, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund. Nonmembers: Ditte Lokon, Roy Ward, Steven Soltesz.

Tamolitch Pool

June 5, 2016

Leader: Judy Terry

Hike: 4.2 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS GOING TO BE HOT, HOT IN THE VALLEY, therefore it was a good thing to head up to Tamolitch Pool. The trail is basically in shade and has the McKenzie River flowing by it much of the way. Our group enjoyed an easy hike up to the falls. The pool was a beautiful turquoise. As we enjoyed lunch, more and more hikers arrived. Many young people went on the trail leading down to the pool and did a fast plunge into and out of the water. Todd timed how fast they got back out of that freezing water! It was a nice day, with a stop for ice cream on the way back to a hot town. Members: Kathie Carpenter, May Fogg, Anne Hollander, Debbie Krakauer, Karla Rusow, Guy Strahon, Michelle Tambellini, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Todd Papisadero, Joel Greer, Esme Greer.

Vivian Lake

June 6, 2016

Leader: Brad Bennett

8 Miles, 1,600 ft. Difficult

I SCOUTED THIS TRAIL AND DUE TO 108 DOWNED TREES this hike was elevated to difficult. Five hardy souls started hiking at 9:30 AM on a very warm morning stopping first to view Salt Creek Falls. We took trail 3662 up past Too Much Bear Lake, hundreds of rhododendrons blooming in pink and a few viewpoints including Diamond Creek Falls. We hiked through a section of skunk cabbage and over the railroad tracks. Continuing on, we entered Diamond Peak Wilderness where the trail steepens. After another 2.3 miles, we arrived at Vivian Lake, which was lined with snow. During lunch at the lake's edge, hundreds of the resident frogs serenaded us, "ribbit! ribbit!" Members: Brad Bennett, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Art Skach.

Spencer Butte Loop

June 8, 2016

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 7.1 miles, 1,870 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A COOL, CLOUDY MORNING and a little breezy on the summit. We met up with the other Wednesday group on top for some socialization and shared snacks. Members: David Cooper, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Mary Holbert.

Owosso Bridge to Springfield

June 9, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 15 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

FOUR OF US MET EARLY AT GREENWAY BRIDGE and did the river loop counterclockwise. We took short breaks at five and ten miles and everyone got the opportunity to visit with each other during the entire hike. It was interesting how that just happened. This was a distance hike, 15 miles in all, nine days prior to attempting to hike the whole McKenzie River Trail. We thought about adding another ten miles to the hike and canceling, but decided that wasn't a good idea. The

weather was great: cool, some mist, and not much water was required. Members: David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith, Elle Weaver.

Pisgah Obscura

June 10, 2016

Leader: John Jacobsen

Hike: 7.5 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

BECAUSE OVERNIGHT RAINS THE NIGHT BEFORE left the planned route of this hike through heavily grassed areas very wet, we opted to do a straight-forward hike around the north meadow to the top of Pisgah and returning via the same route. I think all four of us enjoyed having dry shoes and pants when we got back to the cars. The weather was cool and mostly cloudy. As always, the group was congenial and the conversation lively. Highlights were deer having breakfast along the trail and seeing three western tanagers on our descent. Members: Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jim Whitfield.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

June 11, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

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

UNDER CLOUDY SKIES WITH A TEMPERATURE OF 58 DEGREES, the crew had a prompt start. Botanist Janet pointed out the ghost orchid hiding in plain view along the connector trail. Several plants were blooming with cascading white flowers. Upon reaching the top, a quick break was taken along with several other hikers taking in the limited view. We enjoyed the company of Jiayu, from China, in the final two weeks of her internship with the University. Completed the hike with more sunbeams and patches of blue sky. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Diana Masarie, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Jiayu Shi.

Dark Grove/Devil's Staircase Wilderness

June 12, 2016

Leader & Photographer: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

THE PROPOSED DEVIL'S STAIRCASE WILDERNESS is one of the most remote and inaccessible regions of rainforest left in the Coast Range. This impenetrable area has limited hiking trails or roads and is visited by only a few hundred people a year. Yet it remains unprotected despite the efforts of conservation groups and Oregon's congressional delegation. To find out more about this compelling landscape, eleven Obsidians joined Chandra LeGue, the Western Oregon Field Coordinator at Oregon Wild, for a day of hiking to the Dark Grove. The Dark Grove has never been logged, and is home to ancient trees that are 400-500 years old. Our caravan of cars departed Eugene and meandered on back roads through the coast range. At one point, the green surroundings were cleaved from our sight as we drove through a wasteland of cut and darkened stumps: one member in the car likened the lifeless land to the desolated area at Mount St. Helens just after its eruption. This sight was a stark contrast to the lush biomass that we would encounter later that day. About 15

miles northeast of Reedsport, we pulled off the pavement and slowly traveled up a single-laned, overgrown backroad. Salmonberries grew in abundance here and scratched the sides of the car. We parked at a junction and walked down an old logging road that was being reclaimed by the forest. Then we disappeared into the bushes, venturing down an elk trail. Posted on a tree was a sign that told us this was not the path to the Devil's Staircase waterfall and unless you're prepared to stay the night, and have Search and Rescue to look for you, to turn back. Fortunately, we had a guide for our inaugural visit. The so-called *trail* was on loose soil and maintained a direct angle downward at 45–50 degrees. For the next hour and a half, we carefully descended 1,000 feet. Roots frequently caught our feet as we clambered over fallen logs and beneath large trees that had crashed across ravines



and splintered. Ferns grew in abundance and they helped us balance ourselves with their solid fronds. We quickly learned that ferns were our friends. The weather that day was pleasant and sunny, though had our schedule been a day or two off, our visit might have been plagued with slippery trails. Finally the trail leveled out and we enjoyed lunch in an amphitheater-like area of fallen logs surrounded by a carpet of greenery. We saw a shadow over the canopy as a turkey vulture circled far overhead, no doubt curious to see if the humans had lost their way. A forest of salmonberries obstructed our path, so we made a trail straight up a ridge, then down into a forest of sword ferns. The ferns stood at five to six feet in height, so they engulfed us all and many of

the shorter members traveled with their arms raised straight overhead. These tranquil glens often hid downed logs and it was easy to twist ankles or slam shins. A fallen giant became our catwalk above the salmonberries, foxgloves, and ferns. We crossed a creek, but could barely see the water because of the thick undergrowth. Scampering down the side of the massive tree, we squatted and crawled through a small jungle, then emerged at the root base of the fallen giant—it was 25 feet tall! In front of us was the Dark Grove, a cathedral of eight-foot wide Douglas Fir trees. The trees were dark in appearance, the result of a fire about 150 years earlier. Touching the bark, a charcoal residue was imprinted on fingers. Crossing back across the fallen giant, we stood at the base of one of the largest trees we saw that day. Eight people stood at its base, arms outstretched and hands grasped. They counted one, two, three—their calls became muffled as they rounded the opposite side. Then, the voices returned and the loop stopped—at seven and a half people! This immense tree was somewhere between 35 to 40 feet in circumference! Several Obsidians mentioned they felt like kids in a giant outdoor playground. We continued through the ferns and back again along the ridge (which was unmarked on the Forest Service map). We lost the trail several times but finally found what we were looking for: a small rocky outcrop along Wasson Creek where the channeled water made a small waterfall for us to enjoy. We rested for half an hour in the sun. The rest of the afternoon was spent returning via the same trail that we had descended earlier, which was a workout! At about 4:00 PM, we returned to our cars and started our two-hour drive back to Eugene. This hike was a rugged and demanding off-trail experience, and all of us got scratched and dirty, some of us stung by insects, and one person had a fall (fortunately the ground was padded by an abundance of moss and there was no injury)! I understand why people get lost in this wilderness; even with directions, I could never have found this remote location. The sheer scale of the forest is very disorienting, but experiencing this place at ground level provides clarity as to why it needs to be protected. Members: Jennifer Haynes, Mark Hougardy, Becky Lipton, David Strutin, Michael Wolf. Nonmembers: Ditte Lokon, Cindy Rice, Todd Papisadero, Meg McNabb, Steven Soltesz, Patti McInroe.

Tire Mountain

June 12, 2016

Leader: Jonathan Jost

Hike: 7.6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A PICTURE PERFECT BLUE SKY DAY with temperatures in the 70s for this beautiful hike. The first large field afforded us crystal clear views of Diamond Peak, Mt. Bachelor and the Three Sisters. Wild flowers including Indian paint brush, larkspur, balsam arrowroot and trillium and more were in abundance. Because of the heavily treed summit and blowdowns blocking the trail, we chose to turn around ½ mile short of the summit. Members: Michael Augden, Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, Steve Cordon, Jonathan Jost, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Kelly Fitzpatrick, Stephen Ramey, Deborah Sinnott, Jim Mender.

Beach Walk/Yaquina Head Lighthouse

June 12, 2016

Leader: Evelyn Nagy

Hike: 7 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

A SUPER LOW TIDE ALLOWED US TO ENJOY A BEACH WALK in both directions un-harassed by any sneaker waves. On our return walk we were helped by a brisk 18 mph wind at our backs. The cloudless view was stunning from the top of Salal Hill and we were able to spot Marys Peak. The timing was perfect for enjoying the tide pools. An unexpected view of baby peregrine falcons at the Interpretive Center and a possible whale sighting seemed to add even more pleasure to a perfect day at the Yaquina lighthouse. Members: John Cooper, May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Ann Kloos, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Meg Stewart Smith, Nancy White, Kris Wolters. Nonmembers: Leslie Cooper Parsons.

Pisgah Obscura

June 17, 2016

Leader: John Jacobsen

Hike: 8 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

ONLY THREE OF US THIS WEEK, BUT IT WAS A SPECIAL HIKE since it was Cari's first time to the top of Mt. Pisgah. We did a grand tour of the mount, going up through the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, swinging by the South Meadow, around to the east side, up to the top via Trail 2, then down and out via Theodore's Trail. Nice cool, but sunny morning, great for hiking, turning cloudy by the time we were done. Started at 7:00 AM, finished at 9:45 AM. Members: John Jacobsen, Cari Soderlund, Jim Whitfield.

Erma Bell Lakes

June 18, 2016

Leader: John Cooper

Hike: 5 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)

THE WEATHER FORECAST WAS MORE PROMISING than the weather we received—clouds, a dry spell or two, and then cold persistent rain. The nine of us did enjoy seeing the woods alit with blooming rhododendrons at their peak and three beautiful lakes. We did not linger but did stop to see the first lake. Then just before the water fall separating the Middle and Lower Erma Bells, two bald eagles in nearby trees were spotted. We had lunch in the sun at the Middle Lake before heading up to the Upper. At first I had thought we had arrived at the Upper, but it was a pond instead. Tom's GPS showed the Upper to be a short distance away. In a few minutes, we did reach the lake and went down to the shore before turning around. The group made haste back to the cars due to the cold rain that started. Even in the rain, Erma Bell Lakes were spectacular. Members: John Cooper, Cindy Cowell, Gary Haliski, Noah Lee, Tom Rundle. Nonmembers: Cindy Rice, Jennifer Haliski, Joel Greer, Esme Greer.

Entire McKenzie River Trail

June 18, 2016

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

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

THIRTEEN PEOPLE SHOWED UP AT 6:00 AM for a marathon 25.9 mile hike of the entire McKenzie River trail despite a

questionable weather forecast. We started the hike at the upper Fish Lake trailhead and true to the forecast, we hiked the first half of the trail with intermittent showers. We made occasional short stops at the beautiful viewpoints along this trail like Tamolitch Pool, Sahalie Falls, and Koosah Falls. We reached our lunch spot at Trail Bridge campground around noon where people ate their lunch under the trees to avoid the light shower. After lunch, we saw some actual blue sky and sunshine which seemed to warm everyone's mood along with drying their clothes. We arrived at the McKenzie Bridge end of the trail about 11 hours after we started. All 13 participants completed this long but beautiful hike. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Rich Romm, Mike Smith, Elle Weaver. Nonmembers: Justin Johnson, Jim Mender, Jiayu Shi.



Crabtree Valley

June 19, 2016

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 6.5 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

NEAR CRABTREE LAKE, WE HUGGED A (39-FEET IN CIRCUMFERENCE) FIR named *Nefertiti* and had lunch at a vista above Waterdog Meadow. On the way back, we meet with five Chemeketans on the trail up and then, guided by Tom's GPS, bushwhacked through a swamp jungle of Skunk Cabbage and Devil's Club to the oldest known Douglas fir, 43-foot circumference, *King Tut*. We were very happy and proud to reach this remote, hiker-unfriendly location. At the end, we stopped in Brownsville at Linn County Pioneer Picnic and had elephant ears fried dough and ice cream. Great group of people, great outing, great day! Members: Rebecca Eastwood, May Fogg, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Deborah Sinnott.

Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice

June 20, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

A FULL MOON SMACK ON THE SOLSTICE IS A RARE EVENT! The last time was 1967 and they won't coincide again until

2062. Twenty-one of us joined the crowd for the 8:59 PM sunset to view the sun rays glow through the slot in the Mt. Pisgah Sighting Pedestal. The pedestal was constructed and installed in 1990 by Peter Helzer. Bas-relief symbols, which cover the pedestal, depict 200 million years of Oregon's geologic history. The bronze relief map on top points out the 360-degree topography surrounding Mt. Pisgah. We then began what seemed to be a long wait for the full moon to show itself. We kept repeating to celestial doubters, "Don't go back down yet." Cheers erupted when the red full moon began to appear. Mike Smith, our celestial navigator, reminded us that the moon was not rising; the earth was turning. Photographers were busy. Our guest from China pointed out the rabbit and the tree on the moon's face. It was a unique solstice celebration! Members: Jennifer Baer, Marianne Camp, Steve Cordon, Cindy Cowell, Larry Dunlap, Hilary Fisher, Laurie Funkhouser, Dana Furgerson, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Fumiyo Tao. Nonmembers: Cindy Rice, Joel Greer, Jiayu Shi, Esme Greer.

Pisgah Obscura

June 24, 2016

Leader: John Jacobsen

Hike: 7.5 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

SEVEN EARLY-RISING OBSIDIANS HEADED AROUND AND UP AND OVER PISGAH on some of its lesser-hiked trails. We first hiked to the North Trailhead to the start of Trail #3 (the longest trail in Buford Park) and hiked its entire length of 3.95 miles to the East Trailhead, a first for all including the leader. From there it was up Trail #2 to a unnumbered side trail and on to the top. It was a beautiful morning with lots of wildflowers along the trail. Nobody seemed to mind the leader's miscalculation of trail-miles, which turned out to be 9.5 total miles rather than the 7.5 miles as advertised, or the elevation gain, which was over 1,500 ft. rather than 1,200. Oops! Members: Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Jim Whitfield.

Iron Mountain/Cone Peak Loop

June 25, 2016

Leader: John Cooper

Hike: 8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

A MILD AND CLEAR DAY SEEMED TO BRING PEOPLE OUT in great numbers to enjoy Iron Mountain. Our 7:30 AM start time did assure us a parking space at Iron Mt. trailhead. Leaving there at 9:45, we headed up to Tombstone pass and onto the Cone Peak Trail. The woods were blooming with the white flowering Bunch Berry. Then up to see the meadows below Cone Peak, which were at their peak. From there, we made good time settling in for lunch at the observatory on top of Iron Mt. We went back down through the rock gardens, enjoying seeing the flowers again—rock penstemon, buckwheat, cat's ears, lupine, flax, and phlox plus many more. The other showstopper of the day was the mountains—with clear skies the mountains were vibrant in the

distance, still holding much snow. The cars were reached around 2:00 PM. A delightful day with fun and interesting people. Members: Steve Adey, Ben Brown, Marguerite Cooney, John Cooper, Caroline Moore, David Reinhard.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

June 25, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

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

CLOUDS AND COOL WEATHER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE HIKE kept us moving along. The summit was flirting with the sun, but not enough to open any views. Nice and lush under the canopy of trees. A few flowers are blooming. Another perfect hike. Members: Steve Cordon, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith.

Dome Rock and Tumble Lake

June 26, 2016

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 5.8 miles, 1,550 ft. (Moderate)



THIS WAS A NEW HIKE FOR EVERYONE ON THE OUTING. We had a beautiful, sunny day—unlike the previous week when I scouted part of the trail in rain and a snow flurry. First we headed to Dome Rock, where we had our lunch while enjoying spectacular 365-degree views! Everything from Mt. Hood to Diamond Peak was visible. Only glass, rusting nails, and a little concrete remain from an old fire lookout here. From Dome Rock, we descended 1,249 feet to Tumble Lake. Much of the shoreline is brushy and overgrown. The lake itself is very pretty, with many newts near the shore and interesting rock formations (Tumble and Elephant Rocks) at the top of the cliffs on the far side. Two in our group took a refreshing dip in the lake. It was a hot day so we took our time on the steep section of trail returning to our cars. Everyone agreed to return to town via the McKenzie Highway, making a loop drive with a stop for ice cream passing through McKenzie Bridge. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Barbara Gunther, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Cari Soderlund, Dar-ko Sojak. Nonmembers: Lamonte Smith.

Macduff Mountain

June 28, 2016

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Mike Smith

Hike: 4.5 miles, 1,260 ft. (Moderate)

WITH TEMPERATURES IN THE 80S PREDICTED FOR EUGENE, this was a great day to get out of town into the cooler foothills. Getting to the Macduff trailhead involves driving a rather steep and rocky gravel road. However, the trail is especially nice on a hot day as it's well-shaded and the wildflowers were at their peak. I was able to get several members to try eating a few leaves of Oxalis, an edible wild plant that has been consumed by humans around the world for millennia. The summit itself offered great views of the Cascades this year. This was a great improvement from last year's hike on which we were in the clouds. This was the 85th anniversary of the placing of the brass plaque on the summit of Macduff to honor Nelson F. Macduff, a Forest Service



supervisor and Obsidian member. After our hike, five of us decided to stop at the Finn Rock restaurant at milepost 38.3 for some cool drinks and pizza on the beautiful outside deck next to the McKenzie River. Members: Ben Brown, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith. Non-members: Jiayu Shi.

Obsidian Loop

July 1, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 12 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

THIS WAS A WINTER ADVENTURE ON CANADA DAY. I took ten others into an area that I had scouted solo five days earlier. From what I encountered earlier, I expected an out and back only to Obsidian Falls. On the trail into the volcanic area, it was quite clear to me that the 200 yard walk on three feet of snow that I had advertised was no longer required. The trail above the junction with the Glacier Creek Trail was more visible, although some route finding was necessary. We had lunch at the falls, during which I ascertained that we

could walk carefully over snow to reach the area above the top of the falls. We then were able to hike mostly in snow to the descent of the PCT towards Glacier Creek. That was the first problem I had, finding the junction. With a little effort, I did find it, and the dry trail soon disappeared under snow for—well, at least a half mile. Undeterred by such losses, I did what I did five days earlier and bushwhacked, periodically ensuring the rest of the group was following me. The highlight-lowlight came on a short but steep section of snow above Glacier Creek, where several hikers did excellent glissading down to the bottom, where I found the trail open. Two years ago, the whole loop including the volcanic area was under snow. Last year, the wildflowers had already peaked at this time. This year was in-between. The group had a good sense of humor and tolerated the frequent, “Wait here a sec, while I see what I can get through up ahead.” I thought this might be a special Obsidian Loop hike, and it really was. Why do I lead? Had I not decided to do this hike, no Obsidian—indeed, no person would have seen the vast stretches of snow that we saw on July 1, 2016. Nobody would have glissaded, nobody would have seen a lake emerge from its winter ice, nobody would have seen the winter wren calling, and nobody would have known what they had missed. Members: Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Steve Cordon, David Lodeesen, Daniel Phillips, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund. Nonmembers: Ditte Lokon, Roy Ward, Steven Soltesz.

Waldo Mountain Lookout

July 3, 2016

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 9.1 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

PERFECT WEATHER WAS ENJOYED FOR THIS HIKE to the old, decaying Waldo Mountain Lookout. We had views from Mt. Hood to Diamond Peak, with Waldo and Eddeleo Lakes laid out at our feet. Before heading back to our cars, we took a nice side-trip to Upper Salmon Lake and Salmon Creek Falls, where we were treated to an amazing display of rhodias in bloom. The return hike included a wide variety of meadow and forest wildflowers in bloom. Members: Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Laurie Funkhouser, David Lodeesen, Brian Popowsky, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Cari Soderlund, Darko Sojak, Fumiyo Tao.



UPCOMING

Fort Umpqua Days

September 3, 2016

Leader: Joella Ewing

LAST YEAR'S TRIP-GOERS TO FORT UMPQUA DAYS AND THE BUTTERFLY PAVILION IN ELKTON declared the day a huge success, so we are going to do it again—Saturday, Sept. 3. The full day, from leaving at 11 AM includes:

1:00ish—Homemade BBQ lunch with several options including a drink and salads for about \$8 (or bring your own).

1:00—Pie auction (optional).

5:00—Very charming local history pageant put on under the trees with the help of about 100 participants, including a live, local bluegrass band.

6:30—Dinner at Tomaselli's, a fine small restaurant in Elkton (check out the menu online).

You can choose from the following optional activities to fill the afternoon: The Butterfly Pavilion, garden and gift shop; local craft vendors; market produce stand; Outpost Cafe for drinks and snacks; historical enactments at the fort near the river put on by people dressed in period costumes to portray life in the time of Fort Umpqua, including special family activities and demonstrations.

Also, you can enjoy an art exhibit in the on-site community library, and stroll trails through the woods on the 30-acre property to view interesting large yard art sculptures. After lunch we'll spend a few minutes with founder Carol Beckley, to learn briefly how the Butterfly Pavilion and the fort came about. Dinner at Tomaselli's after the pageant was, and is expected to be, great fun. No one complained last year about not getting home until about 9:30 or 10:00 PM.

Women's Kayak at Little Cultus Lake

September 8–10, 2016

Leader: Pat Esch

FOR THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S KAYAK TRIP, I've reserved the two large spots we had in 2012 at Little Cultus Lake campground in the Cascades. There are vault toilets, no hook-ups, and no showers. We will be there two nights which will give us one full day and two half days of paddling. The many lakes in the area will give us plenty of choices for trips, but will require shuttling. We could do a non-rapid paddle on the Deschutes. No mosquitoes, but no promises.

Each participant will provide her own boat with gear, camping gear, breakfasts, lunches, snacks and drinks. We will divide into two teams for the potluck dinners.

There will be a pre-trip meeting Monday, August 29 at 7 PM at the Obsidian Lodge to discuss car pooling, camping, dinners, etc.

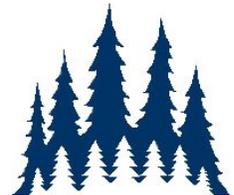
Signups, limited to 12 participants, will go online July 15 at approximately 7 AM and will be limited to members only for the first 48 hours. No signups after September 1.

The Redwoods Extended Trip

September 18–21, 2016

Leader: Nancy Whitfield

Cost: \$25 (\$30 nonmembers)



JOIN THE FIRST EVER OBSIDIAN EXTENDED TRIP TO THE REDWOODS for some fall hiking! The base camp is at Elk Prairie state campground located about 30 miles south of Crescent City, California. The campground is perfectly situated in the midst of a network of trails. You can literally walk out of your tent and hike all day, or drive to other sites within the Redwood National Park.

Participants will share campsites and the evening meals. The cost of dinners are shared among participants. Bring your own breakfasts and lunches.

This trip is limited to 16 participants. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Preference will be given to members. Sign up online, and within five days mail your check for the full amount (payable to the Obsidians) to Nancy Whitfield, 390 East 36th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405. There will be a pre-trip-meeting in early September.

Online signups will start on July 18 for members and July 21 for nonmembers. There will be no refunds after August 15 unless your spot is filled.

If you want more information about the area before signing up, google *Elk Prairie Campground*. If large trees intrigue you, a good read is *The Wild Trees* by Richard Preston.



Byways By Bus

An Oregon Coast Adventure

Date: September 11–17 (Sunday–Saturday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$1045 (\$1059 nonmembers)

Note Change For Reservations

Sharon Cutsforth, 746-4929

THE FOCUS OF THIS SEVEN-DAY COASTAL TRIP IS LIGHTHOUSES of the Oregon and southwestern Washington coasts. Of the 15 lighthouses from Long Beach to the California border, we plan to visit all that are open to the public and hope to hike to viewpoints of the ones that are not. The first of these lighthouses was built in 1846; the construction and history of each is remarkable. Starting with North Head and Cape Disappointment—only three miles apart in Washington—we will work our way south. Before crossing into Oregon at Astoria, we will also visit the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center near the Columbia River. Upon arrival in Oregon we will view locations of two lighthouses that have been lost to storms and are out of commission:

Desdemona Sands and Point Adams, located near the town of Warrenton. Then we continue on to some of the better known sites.

Throughout the week there will be other activities such as: dune buggy and jet boat rides, visiting a wildlife rehabilitation site and more. Add to this fantastic food options, great photo opportunities, some time to walk off a few calories, make some new friends and just relax on the bus. This trip will be limited to 30 riders so sign up early—leave the planning and driving to your leaders and the bus driver.

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) Judy Phelps 726-0118

NOTE: In-town transportation can be arranged for people who no longer drive after dark and would like to go on this trip. Contact Judy Phelps or Sharon Cutsforth (746-4929)

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

Contact information at: bustrips@obsidians.org

Help Wanted—Trail Maintenance in the Three Sisters Wilderness

THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HAS ANOTHER FUN SERIES OF ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED in the Cascades this season. The first outing is planned for July 29–31 in Linton Meadows. This project will be working right alongside Linton Creek as it makes its way through several meadows.

The second outing is planned for August 26–28 in the Obsidian Limited Entry Area. We'll be continuing our efforts from previous years to restore Sunshine Meadow.

Both outings consist of backpacking into the area for a base camp, and then working from there. Tools and on-the-job training will be provided along with spectacular views of the Three Sisters.

For more information, contact Todd at toddwlarsen@gmail.com



Betty Grant and another wilderness volunteer working on a meadow trail, August 2013. Photo by Todd Larsen

FWOC Delegates (Continued from page 2)

Chemketans at the Santiam River Canyon Campground. She was soon asked to be our club's delegate. She was the FWOC club news reporter for their newsletter for many years and currently is the State Vice President for Oregon. Shirley plans to live year round in Arizona. She is pleased to pass the torch to Jorry Rolfe as our next delegate. Jorry plans to attend the 2016 FWOC Convention, September 16–18, at the Island Wood Educational Learning Center on Bainbridge Island in Washington state.

Our club thanks Shirley for her work with FWOC and its commitment to preserve and enjoy nature. We look forward to reading Jorry's report about the fall conference.

Obsidian Calendar

July	
10 Sun	Middle Pyramid Hike M Adkins 344-4163
11 Mon	Bachelor Mt. via Bugaboo Ridge Hike M James ... 683-7488
12 Tue	Grasshopper Mountain Hike M Castleberry 513-8504
13 Wed	Amazon Hdwtrs/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
14 Thu	Oregon Dunes Hike M Rundle 653-0741
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 D McGlinsky 232-0421
16 Sat	Whale Watch E Rundle 653-0741
17 Sun	Browder Ridge Hike D Randall 844-5916
19 Tue	Mt. Pisgah under Full Moon Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
20 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Lodeesen 214-709-0352
20 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle 653-0741
21 Thu	Heceta Head Loop Hike M Rundle 653-0741
23 Sat	Scott Mountain/ Benson Lake Hike D Wolling 345-2110
24 Sun	Three Fingered Jack/ P.C.T. Hike D Cooper 868-5427
27 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
27 Wed	Spencer Butte Loop Hike M Rundle 653-0741
29 Fri	Sky High Lakes Bk Pk D Sullivan 683-6837
29 Fri	Thousand Creek Gorge Hike E Sojak 525-1124
30 Sat	Camp Robertson - Ruby Mtns SmCmp Jacobsen . 914-1132
30 Sat	Lowder Mountain Hike M Terry 345-0720
30 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Climb D Harris 729-3460
August	
4 Thu	Pamela Lake Hike E Cooper 868-5427
6 Sat	Mt. Washington Climb Harris 729-3460
6 Sat	Skinner Butte/Art Walk Hike E Ewing 344-9197
10 Wed	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 PCT to Hwy 242 Bk Pk D Lipton 736-7498
14 Sun	Mt. McLoughlin Climb Huseman 743-3658
14 Sun	Green Lakes Hike M James 683-7488
17 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
18 Thu	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Full Moonr Hike M Smith . 520-488-9569
19 Fri	Duffy Lake Backpack M Randall 844-5916
20 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Graduation Climb Hamilton 343-6550
20 Sat	Black Crater Hike M Baer 431-0767
21 Sun	Pair O'Cones Hike D Smith 520-488-9569
24 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
25 Thu	Upper North Fork Willamette Hike E Christensen 343-8941
26 Fri	The Wife Hike D James 683-7488
26 Fri	Waldo Lake Kayak Overnight Water M Sinnott .. 915-0234
27 Sat	South Sister Climb M Van Winkle 615-686-4402
28 Sun	Matthieu Lakes Hike M Rundle 653-0741
31 Wed	Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell 503-884-8829
31 Wed	Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
September	
1 Thu	Young's Rock, Moon Point Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
2 Fri	Creswell Environs Bike M Esch 338-8280
3 Sat	Butterfly Pavilion/Umpqua Days Hike E Ewing ... 344-9197
3 Sat	Broken Top-TamMcArthurRim BkPk D Lipton .. 736-7498
7 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
8 Thu	Women's Kayak/Little Cultus Lk ExtTrp E Esch .. 338-8280
8 Thu	Smith Rock Car Camp D Rundle 653-0741
10 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hansen 360-852-2041
11 Sun	Charlton Lake and 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/Harvest Moon Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
18 Sun	AckerRock-Peregrine Traverse Climb Reiter 521-8472
18 Sun	Redwoods Extended Trip Whitfield 343-7163
19 Mon	Lost Coast/North Humboldt Ca. Bk Pk D Hovis ... 731-3412
23 Fri	Birds & Butterflies at the Border 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
28 Wed	Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen . 206-1251
30 Fri	Salmon Lakes/Waldo Wilderness Bk Pk M Hovis . 731-3412

Shopping for trips? A few tips...

TO SEE THE LATEST UPDATES TO OUR TRIP SCHEDULE, be sure to visit the Obsidian Online System Login at: www.obsidians.org/onlinesignup/index.htm. There you will find the necessary links to retrieve your password, if you have forgotten it, or to register if you are a nonmember.

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

On the Obsidian home page www.obsidians.org—you will find a handful of links (Summer Trips, Climbs, Bus Trips, and many more) taking you to expanded descriptions of upcoming trips and events.



Save the Date

OUDDOOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS course taught by Laurie Monico at the Obsidian Lodge on Saturday, November 5, 8:30 AM–4:30 PM. This is a fun non-first aid certified class. There will be an article in the September *Bulletin*.

Lyndell Wilken, Safety Committee



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*Holger Krentz enjoying the view from Dome Rock. Photo by Carla Cooper.
See trip report page 15.*