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Dates to Remember

January 17	ExploraTalk
January 27	Potluck
January 28	Bulletin Deadline
February 1	Board Meeting

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WELCOME LAURIE FUNKHOUSER! 2017 Board President

Lou Maenz

EACH NEW OBSIDIAN BOARD PRESIDENT brings his or her own expertise and background to the position. With no specific criteria or qualifications for the role of president, the Club thrives from the skill sets introduced by each new individual fulfilling the role. Laurie comes to the Obsidian presidency with a wide selection of background criteria that should make hers a very productive and enjoyable term.



First of all, she is native to the area, having been born and raised in Eugene and graduated from North Eugene High School. Like many of us, Laurie’s interest in the outdoors began in childhood with family car camping, hiking and canoeing trips. She was luckier than most as her father was on ski patrol and so at an early age she was introduced to cross country skiing. Her love of the outdoors is one of the most important aspects of her life.

Professionally and academically her background is stellar and a perfect fit for the presidency position. She graduated from the University of Puget Sound with a degree in Business Economics and with a minor in Mathematics. For the past 25 years she has been a legal secretary working in firms dealing with workers’ compensation claims, insurance defense and bankruptcy.

Thirteen years ago Laurie joined the Obsidians and has enjoyed participating in a variety of activities including hiking, climbing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. In addition, she has led hikes and ski trips, chaired Concession and Entertain-

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Dog-Friendly Activities Proposed

Chris Stockdale

FOR MANY YEARS THE CLUB has had a total ban on activities that include dogs (apart from skijoring where a cross-country skier is pulled by a dog). Many dog-owning members have asked that this policy be changed to allow separate dog-friendly activities. In response, the Board appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to study the question of adding dog-friendly events to the Obsidian calendar. Benefits to the club could include appealing to nonmembers with dogs and current members who would like to meet others with dogs. ***Any activity that includes dogs will be so advertised and dogs will not be permitted on any other activities.***

At this time, the committee has drafted proposed guidelines for such activities and these are outlined below.

1. All canine activities will be clearly advertised as *dog-friendly*. Participants do not have to have a dog to sign up.
2. Participants must follow *leave no trace* guidelines and pick up all dog waste and carry it out.

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OBITUARY

RON FUNKE 1947–2016

FORMER MEMBER, RON FUNKE, PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 20. Ron was an Obsidian member on two different occasions, joining first in 1963 and then again in 2007, this time for just a year. He was very active in the climbing community, earning his three peaks and ten peaks awards through the Obsidians. While at a summer camp at Table Lake in 1964 he climbed Mt. Jefferson twice. He was also very active with the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum and helped with building the pavilion.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in December 7 issue of The Register-Guard.

Welcome New Members!

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Eugene, OR 97401

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Eugene, OR 97405

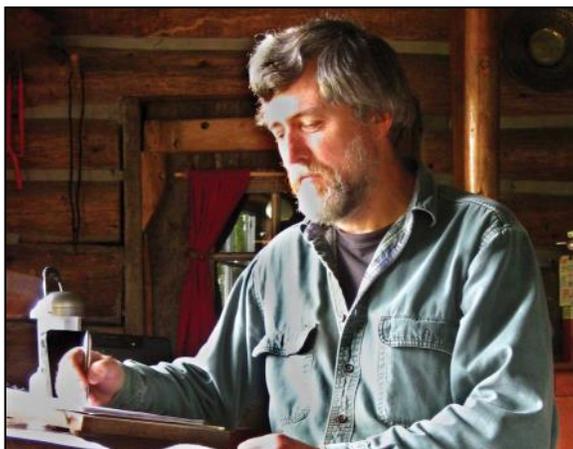
Soon... An Opportunity to Update Hiking Guidebooks

Janet Jacobsen

DO YOU NEED TO REPLACE YOUR FAVORITE EDITIONS OF SULLIVAN'S HIKING BOOKS? On a recent hike, if I had consulted my 2016 fourth edition of *100 Hikes, Central Oregon Cascades*, our group would have known that we needed to turn left and the loop trail was no longer an option.

Bill Sullivan, the featured speaker at the January potluck, will be selling and autographing his books. Bill makes every effort to assure the accuracy of the information in his hiking books. He updates them every year. He writes, "Nonetheless, construction, logging, and storm damages may cause changes." Bill recommends that you check the latest trail updates on his website, <http://www.oregonhiking.com/oregon-adventures/trail-updates>. The next reprint of his Central Cascade book with updates will be April 2017. Digital versions of the *100 Hikes* guidebooks are now available for iPad, iPhone, and Kindle, with hundreds of color photos, large maps, links, and recent updates.

My advice is, before the January potluck, note the editions and copyrights of your hiking books. Bill will be glad to help you with your list and offer purchase suggestions.



William L. Sullivan writing at his log cabin.

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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.

Committee Chairpersons

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New President
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ment, served as a Board member and Board secretary. She brings to the position a variety of club involvement which will be beneficial to the club in her position as President.

The question that arises now is: what does Laurie want for the organization? Other than skills, a president must have an agenda that will benefit the club and enhance what it is and where it is going.

As President, Laurie first and foremost wants to foster

openness between the members and the board. She understands that when there is a perceived divide between the two, members are not willing to work with and for the club with much enthusiasm. An organization is only as good as its members. Laurie also wants to see the club embrace new ideas and be open and ready to try new things. The world around us is changing ever faster, and although the Obsidians need to remain who they are, they also need to be ready to make the small adjustments to concepts and processes to remain relevant to the times and the needs of the members.

2017 Officers and Committee Chairs

President:..... Laurie Funkhouser
Vice President: John Cooper
Secretary: David Cooper
Treasurer:..... Stewart Hoeg

2017 Board Members

Through 2017: Sharon Cutsforth, John Cooper, Pat Esch. Through 2018: David Cooper, Todd Larsen, Maryanne Reiter. Through 2019: Laurie Funkhouser, Marci Hansen, Lyndell Wilken.

2017 Committee Chairs: Bus Trips: Sharon Cutsforth, Climbs: Maryanne Reiter, Concessions: Carla Cooper, Conservation, Science and Education: Jorry Rolfe and Tom Rundle, Entertainment: Lana Lindstrom, Extended Trips: Lana Lindstrom, Finance: Stewart Hoeg, Lodge Building: Dave Cooper, Lodge Grounds: John Jacobsen, Library/Historian: Lenore McManigal, Membership: Laurie Funkhouser, Online: Wayne Deeter, Publications: Lou Maenz, Publicity: Janet Jacobsen, Safety: Lyndell Wilken, Summer Camp: John Jacobsen, Summer Trips: John Cooper, Trail Maintenance: Matt Bell, and Winter Trips: Dave Lodeesen.

Dog-Friendly Activities
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3. Leaders are responsible for verifying rules and regulations governing dogs on trails and in other areas before leading an activity, and for ensuring compliance by all participants.
4. Dogs must be leashed in all areas and trails where so required by regulations.
5. Leaders will thoroughly screen owners about their pets beforehand and deny participation to any if so warranted. To do this screening, the trip sheet will not list a meeting place but ask that potential participants call the leader for details.
6. Dogs must be socialized, well-behaved with people and other dogs, leash-trained, and male dogs must be neutered. Owners of female dogs that are in heat should not bring them to activities. The leader will have authority to ask owners of barking and/or aggressive dogs to leave the activity.
7. Owners must carry sufficient water for their dogs.
8. Participants are limited to two dogs each; the total number of dogs per activity is limited to six except for such activities as beach romps or visits to the dog park.
9. Participants will meet 15-20 minutes before departure time to make sure the dogs will get on with each other. Carpooling can then be organized to ensure dog passengers are compatible.

10. Hikes and other activities will be organized away from popular areas (i.e., Mt. Pisgah, Ridgeline Trail, Goodman Creek and other mountain-biking trails).
11. Participants will be required to sign waivers that include the statement that participation on the activity is at the owner's risk.
12. Carpooling costs will be regular Obsidian mileage charge for humans and \$2 per dog.

The Ad Hoc Committee will hold an informational session allowing for members' questions and answers prior to the February Board meeting on Wednesday, February 1. It will be held at the Obsidian Lodge at 5 PM.

The Committee welcomes comments and suggestions from members prior to the meeting. Such comments will not be answered individually, but will be compiled and considered at the meeting. Comments can be sent to Chris Stockdale, committee chair at happyhiker2010@hotmail.com. Members with comments, questions or concerns should also plan to attend the informational session.

If the Board believes after this informational session that there is enough support for these dog-friendly activities, it will permit the Committee to conduct a three-month trial period during which activities such as hikes, beach romps, dog park visits, etc. will be held. At the end of that trial period, a final decision on allowing dog-friendly activities will be made by the Board.

Meet the New Committee Chairs

LODGE BUILDING—DAVE COOPER

Dave joined the Obsidians in the spring of 2014 after retiring from his job as the electrical supervisor at a local wood products company. Since then he has completed well over 200 hikes and has led twenty-five. In 2016 Dave became a member of the Board and serves as its secretary. After serving on the trail maintenance, summer trips, and ad hoc membership committees, the next step for his increasing involvement is chairing the Lodge Building committee. If you have suggestions or questions about the Lodge let him know—especially if you'd like to be part of a Lodge work party. It's sure to be good, clean(ing) fun.



Dave Cooper



Carla Cooper

CONCESSIONS—CARLA COOPER

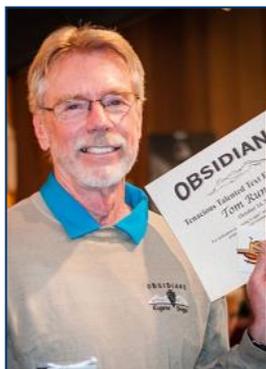
Carla Cooper is a retired elementary educator and has always enjoyed hiking with her husband, Dave. With camera in hand, she combines her love of photography and the outdoors. Since joining the club in the spring of 2014, Carla has earned her 100 trips award and served on the Publicity, Publications, and Concessions committees. This past year, she took on the challenge of learning and sharing the responsibility of producing the layout for the *Bulletin*. Her latest challenge will now be taking on the chairmanship of the Concessions committee.

CONSERVATION/SCIENCE/EDUCATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR—JORRY ROLFE

Jorry hiked with the Obsidians for the first time back in 2007 but did not become active with the club until 2011 when she retired from her career as a librarian at LBCC. She is very proud to have completed 200 hikes in five years! Last year she was our delegate at the annual FWOC Convention where member clubs unite behind conservation goals. She hopes to bring presentations, trips, and activities to the club about challenges and opportunities for conservation and science. If you know of a speaker or yourself have a program in mind that concerns current conservation, educational, and scientific issues, she is very open to your ideas.



Jorry Rolfe



Tom Rundle

CONSERVATION/SCIENCE/EDUCATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR—TOM RUNDLE

Tom is involved in many Obsidian activities and has received his 200-trip patch. After his Diamond Peak graduation climb, he wrote an article, *Old Man on a Mountain*, for the June 2016 *Bulletin*, where he said, "Once again I reflect with awe and gratitude on the privilege of being a part of the Obsidian circle of outdoor friends."



Lyndell Wilken

SAFETY COMMITTEE—LYNDELL WILKEN

Lyndell retired after 37 years at the LCC college where she was the women's Track & Field/Cross Country coach and Physical Education/Health instructor. She continues to teach a Wilderness First Aid class. She is a member of the High Cascade Forest Volunteers and a member of Oregon Shores Coast Watch program. Her first hike in Oregon was with the Obsidians in 1979. She has led trips, is a member of the Safety committee, and has been elected to the Board starting in 2017.

What a Mess!

John Jacobsen, Obsidian Lodge Grounds Chair

WHILE TREES WERE CRASHING DOWN around our house during the mid-December ice storm, I knew that the Obsidian Lodge and grounds were probably getting hammered too. In short order I received an email from a Lodge neighbor saying she could see many downed trees around the Obsidian property. I was not able to get to the Lodge until a couple days later when I was joined by Dave Cooper and Rick Ahrens to remove a tree that had fallen on the fence of our uphill neighbor and clear the main drive into the Lodge.



The good news was that the Lodge and our new storage building were untouched and the overhead electrical line into the Lodge had not been knocked down, although the power was out. I was pleased that our work over the last several years to get the taller trees removed from near the Lodge, storage building, and power line had paid off.



Larry Dunlap.

The grounds elsewhere were a disaster, with downed trees and limbs all over the place. All our drives were blocked. Eight large oak trees and a large cedar were down, several with the root ball turned up. Dozens of large downed branches were scattered about and several dangerous branches were left hanging in the trees. Unbelievably, even though trees and branches had fallen all around and by our parking lot lights, not a single parking light got dinged!

The real cleanup did not start until the danger subsided with the heavy ice melted out of the trees, and trees and branches no longer falling—almost a week after the initial storm. Dave Cooper, Larry Dunlap, Ron Robertson of the

Scorpions, Jim Whitfield, and I showed up with three chainsaws. Four hours later all the drives were cleared, downed



Dave Cooper and John Jacobsen at work. .

trees cut into rounds, and remaining branches and debris stacked for later removal. One large leaner that was beyond our abilities to get down remained as well as a couple of hangers that we couldn't pull down. I have calls in to several tree services for help but have yet to get a call back—I am sure they are swamped.

Two weeks after the initial storm Dave Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Ken Kodama, Joanne Ledet, Greg Milliman, Jim Northrop, and Jim Whitfield helped me start removing all the rounds, branches and debris that had been stacked up. Four hours of back breaking work later, about 80% of the major stuff had been removed and rounds stacked for firewood. As I write this on the last day of the year it looks like one more big work party will probably finish the cleanup work.



Unfortunately, many of the oaks that came down had just been given some breathing room last summer when we removed all the dead Douglas firs that were overshadowing them. The oaks may have been made more vulnerable to the heavy ice by opening them up. We may need to do some replanting of oaks.

Thanks to all those that have helped with working to get our Obsidian grounds back in shape.

Photos by John Jacobsen and Ron Robinson

DECEMBER BOARD NOTES

By Dave Cooper

President Shellie Robertson called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: David Cooper, John Cooper, Matt Bell, Pat Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Todd Larsen, and Maryanne Reiter.

Also present were: Stewart Hoeg, Marci Hansen, Lyndell Wilken, John Jacobsen, Dave Lodeesen, Doug Nelson, Wayne Deeter, Chris Stockdale, and Tom Rundle.

The Board approved the minutes of the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board approved payment of bills totaling \$1,857.35.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): Summer trips season ended Nov 15. Thirty-nine members led 194 activities. One trip remains to be approved. Participants totaled 1477 members with 156 being nonmembers. \$2153 has been collected in trip fees.

Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen): Since Winter Trips season started on November 15, 2016 there have been 65 trips scheduled.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): Climbs has purchased new gear for climb school and climbs.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing in the Wild Iris Ridge area helping to revegetate the trailsides disturbed by ongoing trail construction.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): Completed eight bus trips in 2016. Total participants were 167 members, 34 nonmembers. We averaged 25 participants per trip. We continue work on 2017 bus trip plans.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): The 2017 Obsidian Summer Camp is planned for Sunday, July 30, through Saturday, August 5, in the North Cascades near Winthrop, WA.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): The Extended Trip Committee met and discussed several trips for 2017. Six extended trips are either scheduled or in the planning stage.

Entertainment (Judy Ness & Lana Lindstrom): Bob Welch had a huge turn-out for the November potluck. \$85 was collected. He presented the club with a copy of his book, *Cascade Summer*. It will be available on the lending library's bookshelf at the Lodge.

Membership (Laurie Funkhouser): Request Board approval of the following new members: Jack Loe, Bill Lowder, and June Sutterfield. Member status count as of December 7: 451 active members, eight associate members, six honorary members, nine junior members, 17 life members, 491 total members. Approximately 80 individuals have not submitted renewals yet. Their status will be changed prior to January 1.

Concessions: (Carla Cooper): From our November and December activities, we have taken in \$315. Many thanks to Keiko Bryan for organizing our holiday sale and to Darlene Mancuso for sharing her marketing expertise.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): November 10: Mark Hougardy hosted the Obsidian table at the U of O Knight

School of Law for a book presentation, *The Pacific Crest Trail: Exploring America's Wilderness Trail*. Mark said, "The enthusiasm and awareness for the Obsidians at this event was high; this was a good audience for us. Contact was made with fifteen, with six being prospective new members." In his presentation, the author, Barney Scout Mann, focused on the history of the PCT including a reference to Larry Cash, a former Obsidian. If you happen to see the book at a bookstore, Larry's photo and contributions are on page 107. Thanks to Laurie Funkhouser who arranged for our club to participate. Darko Sojak designed and laminated a winter flyer for the REI Bulletin Board.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): The Finance Committee completed a tentative 2017 budget.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): There have been two Lodge rental agreements signed: City of Eugene Recreation Dept. staff retreat, Feb. 9 & 10, 2017 for \$280, and Eugene Gleemen annual dinner, May 23, 2017 for \$75.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): A work party on November 7 spruced things up for the ExploraTalk. Thanks to Jim Northrop and Jim Whitfield for their help. Since then I have cleared out fall leaves a couple times. The new in-ground sprinklers have been drained and winterized.

OLD BUSINESS

The donation from the estate of Don Hunter will be spent on audio/visual equipment. Shellie has been in contact with the family and a receipt has been sent.

The Concessions Committee chair has been filled. The Board approved Carla Cooper for this position.

Chris Stockdale presented the findings from the Ad Hoc Committee considering canine activities as a type of Obsidian outing. After a discussion of several aspects of this issue, it was decided that an article will be in the next issue of the *Bulletin* so the Ad Hoc Committee can fully present their findings to the Club. There also will be an opportunity for members to ask questions and make comments prior to the February Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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

The Board approved the following new committee chairs: Science, Education, & Conservation – Jorry Rolfe & Tom Rundle, Lodge Building – Dave Cooper and Safety – Lyndell Wilken.

Stewart went over the proposed 2017 budget. Board members and committee chairs were asked to submit any changes in advance of the January Board meeting.

At the October 2016 Annual Meeting, members voted and approved changes to the Constitution, Article III – Membership. Due to the changes in the Constitution, the Bylaws are no longer accurate. The Board approved changes to the Bylaws as requested by Laurie Funkhouser, the Membership chair.

Adjournment

JANUARY BOARD NOTES

By Dave Cooper

President Laurie Funkhouser called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: David Cooper, John Cooper, Lyndell Wilken, Marci Hansen, Todd Larsen, and Maryanne Reiter. Stewart Hoeg via conference call. Also present were: Dave Lodeesen, Matt Bell, and Tom Rundle.

The Board approved the minutes of the December meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board approved paying bills totaling \$1,857.35.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (John Cooper): Proposed members: Judy Terry, Janet Jacobsen, Kathy Randall, Jane Hackett, Joella Ewing, Lyndell Wilken, Lana Lindstrom, Jan Anselmo, Dave Cooper, and Mike Smith.

Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen): 85 trips have been added to the schedule; 33 trips completed (1 SS, 1 X-ski, 31 hikes).

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): Proposed members: Wayne Deeter, Brian Hamilton, Marci Hansen, Danni Harris, Marge Huseman, Juli McGlinsky, Doug Nelson, Dalen Willhite.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): Proposed 2017 Trail Maintenance Committee: Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, David Cooper, Pat Soussan, Todd Larsen. Trail Maintenance Participation: eight outings in Spencer Butte Park, five outings in other Ridgeline Parks, two outings with the Forest Service. Participants: 27 total; 25 members; two non-members. 411.5 estimated total volunteer hours.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Sharon Cutsforth): All eight scheduled bus trips were successfully completed in 2016. Total ridership was 167 members and 34 nonmembers. Proposed members: Judy Adamcyk, Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Verna Kocken, Lenore McManigal, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Liz Reanier, Mary Ellen West.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): 2017 Summer Camp Committee: Don Doerr, Laurie Funkhouser, Lana Lindstrom, John Jacobsen, Summer Camp Chairman.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Proposed members: Pat Esch, Kathy Randall, Diane Schechter, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Nancy Whitfield.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Tom Rundle): Proposed members: Mike Smith, John Pegg, Liz and Brian Volmer-Buhl, Joella Ewing, Charlie Thomas, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle.

Publications (Lou Maenz): Members: Lou Maenz, Jorry Rolfe, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Carla Cooper, Ethel Weltman, Bea Fontana, Stewart Hoeg.

Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom): Proposed members: Judy Adamcyk, Dave Cooper, Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Yuan Hopkins, Mary Livingston, Emily Rice, Meg Stewart Smith.

Membership (Laurie Funkhouser): Proposed members Roberta Chord, Michael Heidelberg, John Jacobsen, Carla Lyon, Tom Rundle, Diane Schechter, Judy Sinnott.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): Proposed members: Carla Cooper, Elizabeth Glover, Mary Hamilton, Brian Hamilton, Marci Hansen, Mark Hougardy, John Jacobsen, Darko Sojak, Jorry Rolfe.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Proposed members: Judy Adamcyk, Keiko Bryan, Patty Mac Afee, Darlene Mancuso, Nancy Whitfield.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Proposed members: Jan Anselmo, Marci Hansen, John Jacobsen and Shellie Robertson. We hope to move the Obsidian web site to a Content Management System this year to allow for easier updates. Once the conversion is underway I would like to expand the Committee to include several more page maintainers.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Proposed members: Lana Lindstrom, Dan Christensen, Don Doerr, Dave Hawkins. Completed work on 2017 Obsidian Budget. The bottom line is revenue of \$24,150 and expense of \$21,900 for a positive expectation of \$2,250. Because of our conservative budgeting process, I expect actual 2017 results to easily exceed this amount.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All trips and activities have been recorded.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): Proposed members: Brian Hamilton, John Jacobsen, Cat Nelson, Doug Nelson and Cari Soderlund. Nearby Nature is renting the Lodge for an annual meeting on January 19.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): David Cooper, Jim Northrop, Jim Whitfield, John Jacobsen, Chairman. Grounds activity this past month has dealt almost entirely with dealing with the aftermath of the mid-December ice storm.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): Proposed members: Pat Esch, Judy Terry, Mike Smith, Sharon Cutsforth, Maryanne Reiter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ad Hoc Canine Committee There will be a membership comment period prior to the February Board meeting. From 5 to 6 PM, Chris Stockdale will answer questions and take input. The Board will then review the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board approved all committee members as requested in this month's committee reports.

The board approved the 2017 budget.

Stewart Hoeg presented the mileage reimbursement calculation. The Board agreed that no action was needed. The rate will remain at \$.09/mile. The Board voted to establish an ad hoc committee to examine the Constitution for outdated language and grammar, outdated information, and inconsistency between the text and accepted practices. Dave Cooper will chair this committee.

Committee Roles Regarding Trail Maintenance and Trail Closures: After much discussion of activities following the recent ice storm and trail closures several points of policy were clarified.

Adjournment

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Byways By Bus

Willamette Queen Dinner Cruise

December 1, 2016

Leader: Barbara Beard

Photographer: Carla Cooper

THIRTY-SEVEN OBSIDIANS AND FRIENDS plus one of our favorite bus drivers, Augie Bergman, found the Willamette Queen dinner cruise a great way to begin the holiday season. We enjoyed having several new riders join the Bus Group regulars on this relaxing drive to Salem. Our first stop was a short visit to the Willamette Heritage Museum. Here riders were able to view a short movie on the history of the area and the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, do a little shopping, sample the delicious lemon bars, cookies, and coffee drinks made to order, and walk around the grounds as the Christmas lights began to appear. As we drove from the museum to the Willamette Queen we enjoyed views of the State Capitol building, the Old Grand Movie Theater and the Riverfront Park Carousel all lit for the holidays.



The Willamette Queen

At the waterfront our sternwheeler was waiting, decorated from top to bottom with beautiful lights. Swoops of dazzling lights were strung from the mast to the waterline of the hull. The second-floor dining room was beautifully decorated in aqua, silver, and white with many lights setting up a lovely relaxed atmosphere. After enjoying a delicious dinner, we heard Christmas music provided by our resident pianist, Paul Beard. The ship's piano is an old player piano converted to a straight piano, probably from the Roaring 20s. Leaving the sternwheeler about 8:00, we began our trek home down Commercial Street to a most fabulous display of lights comparable to the thousands of lights at Shore Acres on the Oregon Coast. As we walked around the law offices at the corner of Commercial and Liberty Streets, hot wassail and Christmas cookies were enjoyed by all. This was without a doubt a wonderful event to help us get into the spirit of Christmas and

goodwill to all. Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Jennifer Barnes, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Barbara Bruns, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Dark, Clara Emlen, Sharon Gadomski, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Vern Marsonette, Craig Molitor, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Margaret Prentice, Virginia Prouty, Chris Shuraleff, Barbara Wallace, Cristy White. Nonmembers: Joanna Molitor, Denise Wilson, Charlene Talkington, Dennis Urso, Sheila Marsonette, Adaley Witchey, Wendy Hayes, James Kitterman, Mary Stenger, Marla Wages.



Hikes

Pisgah Obscura

October 28, 2016

Leader: John Jacobsen

Hike: 7 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A MOSTLY SUNNY MORNING AT BUFORD PARK as we explored rebuilt Trail 4, taking us to Trail 2 which we followed through the recent oak woodland restoration work to the East Trail Head. An incredible amount of work has been done restoring oak savanna areas this fall. From the east-side we headed back to the parking lot along the south side of the Park via Trails 3 and 5. A great day with a great group in a great place. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Darko Sojak, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield.

Last Call 2016 Cascades: Obsidian Loop

October 30, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

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

EARLY OR LATE SEASON HIKES ARE INTERESTING and challenging, because of difficulty in accurately predicting trail and weather conditions. Obsidian Loop was a very different trail since my last time through in mid-summer, doing the Pair o' Cones hike. It wasn't too much different from the Obsidian Loop Trail on July 1, when I led an early season hike. We had moderate rain on the drive up but overcast skies with occasional light rain on the early part of the hike. There was snow at 6400 ft. elevation on the way up to Obsidian Falls, the trail intermittently covered. We had lunch at the falls, temperature 30-35 degrees, trees swaying in the wind up on the plateau. We then climbed to the plateau and walked in snow, post-holing for the next mile and a half. The snow was 1-2 feet deep, the wind 25-30 knots fortunately behind us, and it was snowing moderately. After brief stops in sheltered areas to take pictures, we continued down to the Glacier Creek Trail and then finally got on wet ground shortly before the junction with the Obsidian Loop Trail. We had no problems the rest of the hike. People seemed to enjoy the chal-

lenges which were significant given the snow depth, cold, and wind. We even had some sun breaks as we traversed the volcanic area on the way out. Ten minutes after we got into the cars, it poured rain. We lived right! Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith, Harold Thompson, Tommy Young.

Delta Ponds

November 1, 2016

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 6.8 miles, 204 ft. (Moderate)

WE STARTED FROM GREENWAY BRIDGE on a mostly sunny autumn day, walked 6.8 miles, and visited six of the seven Delta Ponds. This walk included crossing the Delta bike/pedestrian bridge to visit the pond on the east side of the Delta Freeway. We saw at least a dozen species of birds including a snowy egret and several great blue herons. We now know that animals also do space-sharing vacations because we saw a cormorant sharing a log with a sea gull and four western pond turtles sharing a log with three cormorants. Afterward some of us went to the Valley River food plaza for some serious snacks. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Joella Ewing, Yuan Hopkins, David Lodeesen, Ruth Romoser, Tom Rundle, Janice Smith, Mike Smith.

Alder Dune to Pacific Ocean

November 6, 2016

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 5.6 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

ON A SUNNY MID-50S DAY we hiked along Sutton Creek and through coastal forest between Alder and Dune Lakes west to Pacific Ocean seeing lush vegetation, hidden streams with sunny vistas, dozens of colorful mushrooms and many birds. Some good edible mushrooms were collected. We drove to BJs for ice-cream, our traditional stop on the way home. Members: Keiko Bryan, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: June Sutterfield.



Pat Soussan, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, and June Sutterfield enjoying the view.

Natural History Museum Reopening

November 6, 2016

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 1 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THIS WEEKEND WAS THE GRAND RE-OPENING of the UO's Museum of Natural and Cultural History wing: Oregon—Where Past is Present. This cultural section has undergone a half-million dollar restoration of 11 months to better tell the story of the first Americans, from Paisley Caves to the dynamic cultures of today's tribes. Our group met late that morning for coffee before walking across campus to the museum. We searched briefly but unsuccessfully for the 'moon tree' just south of the EMU. (It is actually on the north side of the EMU). The tree was grown from one of 500 seeds that accompanied Apollo 14 in 1971 on its journey around the moon. Locating this tree will have to be another trip. We arrived at the museum just a few minutes after they opened. Admission was free because of the grand re-opening. The professional display about the Paisley Caves includes the type of research involved in determining the age of materials found at the site. Overall the renovation nicely weaves together original displays with newer exhibits in helping to showcase 14,000 years of Oregon stories. Members: Steve Adey, Marguerite Cooney, Laurie Funkhouser, Jane Hackett, Dick Hildreth, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Dave Predeek, Janice Smith, Mike Smith.

Finding Waldo - U of O Archives

November 7, 2016

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Hike: .9 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

ON THIS SUNNY DAY IN NOVEMBER, our small group of Obsidians spent several hours with the original writings, journals, and photographs of a true champion of nature. If the Obsidians ever have a patron saint, it will likely be Judge John B. Waldo. Waldo was an ardent conservationist who has been referred to as the west's David Thoreau and even Oregon's John Muir. Waldo was known for venturing into the Cascades, often spending months at a time recording his findings about this dynamic and vibrant landscape. In the mid-1880s he envisioned a protected band of land along the crest of the Oregon Cascade Range that ran the entire length of the state. This goal became his personal mission. Over the years, Waldo worked as an explorer, legislator, and chief justice on the Oregon Supreme Court, all the time helping to preserve the Cascades. He also worked closely with his friend, William Steel, to protect Crater Lake and lobbied for it to become a national park. Today, we can experience his legacy in the protected lands and open spaces of the Cascades from Mount Hood south to the border with California. In the middle of this grand monument are the deep and pristine waters of Waldo Lake, named in his honor. Curiously, little is written about Waldo. The judge was a philosophical and reflective person who did not directly seek publicity. Possibly this muted message is part of his larger voice — appreciating the beauty of Oregon is best experienced in the moment by hiking on the trails, exploring in the mountains, traveling in the wilderness, and experiencing the, as he wrote, "untrammelled nature and the free air." Discover Waldo's story for yourself. The UO Archives are free to use

in the Paulson Reading Room at the Knight Library. Members: Steve Adey, Margaret Essenberg, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Pat Soussan.

Veterans Day- Willamette River Loop

November 11, 2016

Leader & Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 6 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

ON THIS VETERANS DAY, 11 members and one nonmember hiked a six-mile loop on the Willamette River Trail beginning at the Owen Rose Garden. The day was partly cloudy but mild as we did a leisurely walk and chatted along the banks of the river. We sighted a bald eagle as well as plenty of other birds and ducks along the way. The turnout included a total of five veterans. The Air Force was represented by Holger, the Marines by Tom and Tommy, the Navy by Mike, and the Army by David. Both Tommy and David were Vietnam combat veterans, Tommy having been severely wounded in Vietnam and medevaced out. Thank you to all who showed up this day to honor our veterans. Members: Steve Adey, Brad Bennett, Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Sally Bennett.



Veterans: Dave Lodeesen, Holger Krentz, Tommy Young, Mike Smith, and Tom Rundle.

Tahkenitch Creek Exploratory

November 12, 2016

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 6.9 miles, 404 ft. (Moderate)

WE COVERED ABOUT SEVEN MILES OF FOREST TRAIL, beach, and dunes. The hike was shorter than planned because the water level in the creek was too high to safely cross. We walked down to the beach and found a nice place for lunch about an hour after high tide. There were hundreds of sandpipers running back and forth at the edge of the breakers. We expected rain with high wind gusts, but instead we had frequent sun breaks, gentle breezes, and only a few minutes of misty sprinkles. We visited the Three Mile Lake Viewpoint and returned by making a loop along the Dunes Trail. From there we followed the Tahkenitch Creek Trail through a smaller loop back to the Tahkenitch Trailhead. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, Tom Rundle, David Strutin.

Mt. Pisgah / Full Moon Hike

November 13, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

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

WE WENT UP LATE ON AN OVERCAST AFTERNOON to view the November full moon mistakenly called the *supermoon* because of its close perigee. Virtually nobody can detect the difference with the unaided eye. In any case, we had an uneventful trip, not seeing either the moonrise or the sunset. Four of the group had done an Obsidian hike out-of-town the same day, one saying he will not do that sort of thing again. December's full moon will rise the most northerly for the year. See you all next lunation! Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Ruthy Kanagy, David Lodeesen, Toresa Martell, Caroline Moore, Anita Pierce, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Sally Bennett.

Chuckle Springs

November 13, 2016

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 4.7 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD A PERFECT, PARTLY SUNNY, FALL DAY for our hike (no rain!). Thirteen members witnessed three of the Middle Fork Willamette River's largest springs (Indigo, Chuckle, and Cliff). The trails in this area are lush with undergrowth and spectacular large old-growth Doug firs, hemlock and cedar trees. Trail crews (from local mountain-biking clubs, GOATS and DoD) have recently rebuilt very nice bridges over the many side-creek crossings, making our hike more pleasant. The area below Chuckle Springs was burned in recent years, and the lower section of the loop trail has become obscured with vine maples and thorny bushes. Our group chose not to be deterred by these obstacles and decided to forge our way cross-country up the ridge to the spring where we succeeded in catching up with the upper section of the loop trail. Several in our group foraged for mushrooms during the hike and were rewarded with some prime specimens to take home. Before heading home we cleaned up garbage left by inconsiderate campers at Indigo Campground. Members: Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, June Sutterfield.



Jane Hackett leads the way up a steep hillside to the trail.

River / Campus Walk

November 18, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE STARTED OUR TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR WALK AT SEHS, through the campus, by Autzen Stadium, along the canal path, and then looped back on the Knickerbocker Bridge to our final destination, the Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Rick Ahrens updated us on foxes, the Willamette River, and the Talking Stones. Rick McManigal, a former member visiting from Seattle, told us what it was like in the 60s to play in the area during stadium construction while his dad John took a load to the dump. It was a pleasant morning walk. Members: Steve Adey, Rick Ahrens, Brad Bennett, Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, Joella Ewing, May Fogg, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Ruth Romoser, Janice Smith, Mike Smith, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Sally Bennett, Richard McManigal.

Larison Rock

November 19, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 9.4 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)

WE HAD A GOOD HIKE NOT FAR FROM OAKRIDGE, about 9 miles roundtrip with 2,400 feet elevation gain. The hike was almost aborted in the first five minutes when we encountered a rather large blowdown over which we couldn't climb without dropping significantly below the trail in soft duff. First I went over the tree, climbed back up on the trail, and looked for a place to go around the blowdown from above. I started looking for the group which in the meantime was looking for ways above the blowdown. Once we saw each other, we managed to find two reasonable and safe ways around the blowdown, then continued up the trail to Larison Rock on which we all sat for an early lunch. After the wind greatly picked up, we headed down. Darko and Keiko were quite busy on the hike picking mushrooms, finding about three worthy pounds along the way. The return was uneventful. Members: Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Darian Morray, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, Fumiyo Tao. Nonmembers: Barbara Kay Cosby.

Pinard - Moon - Spirit Falls

November 20, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 3 miles, 630 ft. (Easy)

WITH MAPS AND BILL SULLIVAN'S DIRECTIONS, 15 of us left in four cars from the LCC parking lot at 8:30 headed for the three waterfalls around 27 miles east of Cottage Grove. Each trailhead had enough parking spaces. We started hiking down to Spirit Falls around 10:30. Every waterfall trail was steep, rocky and potentially slippery. The trail sign for Moon Falls is a hiking symbol indicating where one turns right on Road 728 for .3 mile to the trailhead. By noon, we were there at the base where we found a convenient picnic table for lunch and spectacular view. We were back in Eugene at 2:10. Photographers and mushroom pickers were happy! Members: Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet

Jacobsen, Caralynn Judy, Debbie Krakauer, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak.



Junior member, Caralynn Judy, at the base of Moon Falls.

Turkey Trimming

November 25, 2016

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 7.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

IT DRIZZLED ALMOST THE ENTIRE HIKE but it was a lively, fast-paced, and talkative group. We saw the requisite flock of turkeys, lots of beautiful red Japanese maple trees, a peace sign made out of leaves on a front lawn, and art on the I-5 bridge approach. Thanks to Steve, we discovered two new footpaths to complete the route from Amazon Center to the Lodge, down the Ribbon Trail through Glenwood, and back. Thanks to everyone for not canceling; I enjoyed the work-out! Members: Steve Adey, Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Jane Hackett, David Hawkins, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, Ruthy Kanagy, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, David Strutin, Nancy Whitfield, Lyndell Wilken.

Marys Peak - Northside

November 27, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 7 miles, 1,550 ft. (Moderate)

GIVEN THE WEATHER (VERY WET NORTH OF LANE COUNTY), the questionable condition of Woods Creek Road (muddy, hilly, with potholes, and potential blowdowns), and the leader's condition (two out of four limbs questionable), I elected to do this hike from Conner's Camp. We got there in an hour, using the Greenberry-Decker cutoff. We hiked up in 38 degree fog, getting bombarded by ice melt from trees. The meadow was cold and windy but we persevered, summited, and took photos of Marys Peak covered with one to two inches of snow. We descended the way we came, having lunch with cold fingers at a convenient switchback about 1/2 mile from the meadow. I have no regrets about doing a shorter hike. The 12 mile loop is a good hike, but the road can be dicey if wet, and the climb to the top and the rest of the loop can make for a difficult day in the conditions we had. One of the leader's jobs is to assess himself, the group, the group's wishes, his/her wishes, and reality, then decide what will be done. This was the right hike for the right day. Note to others on the East Ridge Trail: about 100 yards shy of the meadow

are a trio of blowdowns, right where the one was in 2015. These require a climb up between them which is not easy in wet conditions (endemic to the area) so use care. Thanks to those on the trip. Everybody did a great job, didn't complain about anything, and made it a great hike. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Rebecca Eastwood, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, David Strutin.

Shotgun Creek

December 4, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 3 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

I PUT THIS ON THE SCHEDULE THE DAY BEFORE, when Kathy R. had to cancel because of a bad auto accident. Fortunately, she was OK, but I thought her hike was a great idea: short drive, interesting hike, not many people. It was very wet as a significant plume of moisture preceded the cold front coming our way. We took the Tiki Trail to Drury Loop, climbed 600' nearly to the road, then stayed on the ridge before descending back to the Tiki Connect. We then retraced our steps, went to the far upstream part of the creek, and came back along the water. It was muddy but we stayed dry, our rain gear getting a good test. We stopped by Plank Town on the way back. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

Stocking Stuffer & Lunch

December 6, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Assistant Leader: Joella Ewing

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 3 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THIS WAS THE THIRD ANNUAL STOCKING STUFFER EVENT. I unlocked the gate at 9:00 and cars started rolling in. Decorated tables, a fire in the fireplace, and hot apple cider set the tone for our time together. Thirty-five people were soon busy taking care of the potluck items and deciding if rain gear would be needed for the 10:00 Ribbon Trail hike. Mari Baldwin and I each led a group on the Ribbon Trail to Hendricks Park. Back at the lodge at 11:30, we enjoyed catching up on the news and meeting new members. There were seven delicious soups for us to sample. Thanks to everyone who shared their special foods and helped with the prep and clean up tasks. Joella Ewing did an amazing job of organizing the potluck. We collected 129 pairs of socks to give to the Egan Warming Centers. It was a peaceful way to start the holidays. Members: Mari Baldwin, Brad Bennett, Keiko Bryan, Carla



Cooper, Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Joella Ewing, Jane Hackett, David Hawkins, Nancy Hoecker, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Mary Livingston, David Lodeesen, Patricia Mac Afee, Helen Martz, Lenore McManigal, Evelyn Nagy, Dave Predeek, Margaret Prentice, Cindy Rice, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Ruth Romoser, Tom Rundle, Diane Schechter, Barbara Schomaker, Chris Shuraleff, Janice Smith, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Pat Soussan, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Helen Reed.

Cummins Creek

December 11, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 10 miles, 1800 ft. (Moderate)

BEFORE HIKING COOKS RIDGE, we met Rachelle from Yachats and took the group picture at the trailhead. The trail climbs about 1,000' to the Gwynn Creek junction. We kept going to near the FS road, turning south and reaching our



Ocean view from the Pacific Coast Trail.

highest point in a hail storm. After a brief lunch, where the choice was possible sun and wind or no sun and no wind, we went downhill passing many waterfalls and streams. We learned about another cutoff trail to take next time. We reached the Oregon Coast Trail, and despite low tide, the surf was definitely impressive and the sunlight on the water beautiful. Good hike. For the first time since I've lived in Oregon, I had my wipers on full, as we drove through a torrential downpour near Mapleton. Wow. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Rebecca Eastwood, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Rachelle Masin.

Mt. Pisgah Moonrise

December 13, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

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

THIS WAS A RAW, COLD, AND FOGGY LATE AFTERNOON HIKE so we did not see the moon. It was a quick walk up the mountain to "Yes, we are here and we aren't going to see anything in outer space tonight, so let's go back down." We did. We welcomed Alliette Pons, who moved here three months ago from south Florida. She is originally from the Dominican

Republic and is looking forward to hiking in Oregon. Members: Steve Adey, Jennifer Baer, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, Sam Tracer. Nonmembers: Alliette Pons.

Cape Mountain

December 18, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE ESCAPED THE ICEBOX THAT HAD BEEN EUGENE for four days, leaving freezing trees behind at Cougar Pass and meeting birthday boy, Darian, and his wife at the Dry Lake Trailhead. We again took the Princess Tasha Trail (trails named from horses per Daphne), then Scurvy Ridge (which might be a horse's name, but I doubt it), then Lonesome Lane. I was not where I wanted to be, but told the group we were going to take a connector trail which would put us (I hoped) on the trail we wanted. Ah, to have some trail memory after nearly three years. We were on the proper trail and ended up at the Loop where there was a bench and a nice place for lunch. While the woods were sunny where there were openings, at the 1,000 foot level it was cold with some snow. We came back mostly the way we went out. Again, Cape Mountain eluded me, but next year, I think I will make that part of the loops. I managed to get everybody back safely without their knowing at one point I wasn't sure where we were, the direction being right. We made really good time!! Members: Marguerite Cooney, Rebecca Eastwood, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, David Strutin.



Hiking through a sea of green.

Mt. Pisgah Winter Solstice

December 21, 2016

Leader: Mike Smith

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

I feel badly about what happened and I apologize to all who believed me when I believed Lane County Parks. You see, they said Pisgah would be open the next day, not the day of the hike. So, I cancelled the hike about four hours beforehand. I went out to tell people that the hike was cancelled, but when I got to the trailhead, the sign said "Use with Caution". People were coming and going. When seven other people

showed up, there was....well, no way I can cancel an Obsidian hike when the reason for cancellation was no longer applicable. I made it a non-counting Obsidian hike, since we had a chance to do it even though it had been cancelled. We went up in heavy 36 degree fog. Near the top, we broke through and had clear skies on top, cold and windy. We had great views of The Sisters and Diamond Peak, even seeing Mt. Moran. The sun set where it was supposed to, into the fog. We came back down, seeing far less damage than in Eugene, although one tree at the junction of trail #3 looked like it got hit several times by lightning. People went for pizza afterward; I went home. After cutting trees on the trail to Fox Hollow all morning, I was beat. The group, which included a board member and a committee chair, said this would be an Obsidian Hike, so here is the report, duly submitted. My apologies for those who were told it was cancelled. It was, by one group, but not another. Members: Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, David Strutin, Eric Thornton. Nonmembers: Serge Faumont, Denise Egri.

Carry Cans For Food—Lane County

December 22, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE MET AT THE LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Gate Footbridge at 9:00 to start our three mile walk on the Fern Ridge Bike Path to Food for Lane County on Bailey Hill Road. The sun and blue sky were a cheerful relief from the ice storm socked in weather. Our packs were loaded with donations of cans and food items. Tom Rundle's pack must have been the heaviest since he was at the back of our group. Once there, we unloaded our packs and used the bathrooms. Back at the Fairgrounds at 11:00, we ate lunch at the Holiday Market. All agreed we should do it again next year and carry more cans. Members: Mari Baldwin, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, David Hawkins, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle.

Amazon Headwaters to Spencer Butte

November 2 - December 14, 2016

Leader: Lana Lindstrom (11/2), David Cooper (11/9 & 12/14), David Lodeesen (11/16), Mike Smith (11/23 & 12/7), Janet Jacobsen (11/30), Carla Cooper (12/14)

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

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: NOVEMBER 2: Members: Ben Brown, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, David Reinhard, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Jack Loe. **NOVEMBER 9:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Vern Marsonette, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young. **NOVEMBER 16:** Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. Nonmem-

bers: Patricia Vogel. **NOVEMBER 23:** Members: David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young. **NOVEMBER 30:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Betty Grant, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Darian Marray, Karen Marray, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, David Strutin, Tommy Young. **DECEMBER 7:** Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Nancy Hoecker, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Darian Marray, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Blue Wesley, Tommy Young. **DECEMBER 14:** Members: Carla Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Vern Marsonette, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell.

Blanton Hts. to Spencer Butte

October 29 - December 10, 2016

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser (10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10), David Lodeesen (11/12),

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

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: OCTOBER 29: Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Tom Rundle, Cari Soderlund, David Strutin. **NOVEMBER 5:** Members: Marguerite Cooney, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham. **NOVEMBER 12:** Members: Brad Bennett, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Caroline Moore, Mike Smith. **NOVEMBER 19:** Members: Laurie Funkhouser, Betty Grant, Caroline Moore, Cari Soderlund. **DECEMBER 3:** Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Toresa Martell, Lynn Meacham, Caroline Moore, Darian Marray, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith. **DECEMBER 10:** Members: David Cooper, Laurie Funkhouser, Caroline Moore, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith.

Ridgeline Trail Storm Cleanup

Blanton Heights - Spencer Butte

December 17, 2016

Leader: David Lodeesen

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

WITH THE ICE STORM THAT INUNDATED THE AREA, the Ridgeline Trail System is in poor shape and needs help to restore it for proper hiking. Our hike today ended up being largely a trail clearing event. Eight brave Obsidians showed up with the temperature hovering in the mid-twenties to clear a mile of trail starting at the Blanton Heights trailhead and going east to the top of the ridge. We moved fallen branches off the trail and used hand saws to cut dozens of fallen trees up to 8 inches in diameter that covered the trail. There were about six trees up to 18 inches in diameter that will require a chainsaw crew to clear. This mile of trail is

now in very good shape thanks to our efforts. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith, June Sutterfield, Sue Wolling, Tommy Young.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

December 21, 2016

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

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

THE RECENT ICE STORM PLAYED HAVOC WITH THE RIDGELINE TRAIL. With our goal to clear the Amazon Headwaters Trail, we split into two groups, one starting at Fox Hollow and the other at the Martin Trailhead. With our personal handsaws, loppers, and rakes we were able to brush all of the trail. A large tree root was the biggest obstacle. The trail now awaits the Park and Open Space staff to use their chain saws to remove the large trees and rebuild a few sections of the trail. Members: Jennifer Baer, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, John Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, David Strutin, June Sutterfield, Tommy Young.

Ridgeline Trail Clearing

December 24, 2016

Leader: David Lodeesen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

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

THIRTEEN OBSIDIAN MEMBERS SHOWED UP for trail clearing on the Ridgeline Trails this morning. The ice storm that hit last week knocked down thousands of trees with many covering the trails we hike on so often. We started at the small lot on Willamette & 52nd and worked the trail going east and up the Tie Trail. We cleared the trail of smaller tree falls that were generally anything under 10" in diameter. We cut, cleared, and raked the trail for a mile, then cleared what we could for about half a mile up the trail. Many large trees were downed, many up to about 4-1/2' in diameter. A very sad sight. Members: Mari Baldwin, Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David



Hardhats were a must for everyone trail clearing on the Ridgeline this month. Front to back: Tom Rundle, Tommy Young, Ron Robinson, Dave Cooper, Mike Smith.

Lodeesen, Diana Masarie, Jim Northrop, Laura Osinga, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Tommy Young.

Ridgeline Trail Clearing

December 27, 2016

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 4 miles, 450 ft. (Moderate)

WE RAKED AND CLEARED SMALL DEBRIS from Fox Hollow to the upper meadow. Three people went to the Spencer Butte main parking lot and worked from that direction. Members: Brad Bennett, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young.



Ski Trips

Midnight Lake Loop

December 23, 2016

Leader: Sue Wolling

X-ski: 6 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

FOUR EAGER SKIERS WERE ALL READY TO HEAD INTO THE MOUNTAINS on the Friday before Christmas but when a winter storm came through promising treacherous driving and 8–12 inches of snow to ski through, we took Lana’s sage advice: “How about if we try tomorrow?” The following morning things looked much more promising so we headed up to Gold Lake Sno-Park, following behind a snowplow/gravel truck for as long as possible and making it safely without having to put on chains. The four feet of snow piled up on the roof of the bathroom gave us pause but we were glad to find a track broken as we headed out toward Pengra Pass. Skiing is



Jacque Fern in the snow.

fortunately something like riding a bike so we quickly were gliding along with the same level of ineptitude as last year, enjoying the snowy scenery. The track became a bit more faint as we turned up the PCT toward Midnight Lake and we only had to break through a few inches of light snow to

quickly arrive at the lake. In fact we must have arrived early because there were no gray jays to greet us! We then continued the loop, trusting the navigation skills of the unknown skiers whose track we were following and came out on the road near Bechtel Shelter. We went in for a quick lunch, wishing someone had built a fire in the stove. After lunch the trip back down to the Sno-park was exactly what makes cross-country skiing so addictive: gliding effortlessly through a silent, snow-covered forest under a dazzling blue sky. It was a marvelous way to spend Christmas Eve. Members: Jacquie Fern, Lana Lindstrom, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Linda Gilbert.



Backpacks

Broken Top via Tam McArthur Rim

September 3, 2016

Leader: Becky Lipton

Backpack: 6 miles, 1,200 ft. (Difficult)

AS IS OFTEN THE CASE ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND, the weather was threatening rain on the west side of the Cascades. We, being smart to that trend, decided to backpack on the east side of the Cascades. Four fearless female Obsidians enjoyed a superb and mellow three-day backpack trip into the north side of Broken Top, starting via Tam McArthur Rim Trail. We were careful to keep track of everyone since last year we lost half the group within 30 minutes of the trail-head. After a couple of hours of hiking, we left the safety of Tam McArthur Rim Trail and began picking our way down steep and trail-less boulder fields towards our base camp destination with a lovely view of Broken Top and South Sister. The second day, after hours of picking our way up and through boulder fields, topping one false summit after another, we finally arrived at the crest of the ridge with spectacular close-up views of the brilliant red and magenta volcanic walls of Broken Top, overlooking glaciers and their lakes, the Three Sisters and looking down the valley to Park Meadow. What a spectacular reward for our efforts! On the way back down we discovered that the glaciers were just the right temperature for some exhilarating glissading! Wow! Nothing like *tobogganing* down those boulder fields. Mostly we had sun overhead, but heavy banks of storm clouds continued to threaten from the west all weekend, occasionally spilling over the high peaks and milling overhead, making us grateful for our warm clothing. Temperatures dropped into the high 20s both nights, creating heavy frost everywhere, even inside our tents. On the third day we packed up and found our way once again up boulder fields through trial and error, then returned via Tam McArthur Rim Trail to our cars. What an adventure! So mellow! And well away from the crowd. Members: Mari Baldwin, Becky Lipton, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice.

Editor’s note: Becky Lipton’s Mt. Jefferson PCT to Hwy 242, 67-mile backpack trip report, August 13-21, can be read on The Report Page on the Obsidian website.



Climbs

Broken Top

September 24, 2016

Leader: Danneille Harris

Climb: 17 miles, 3,900 ft. (Difficult)

IT'S BEEN EXCITING TO SEE THE RISE IN FEMALE CLIMBERS over the last few years and this team of all women proved to be fit and fun. On the drive over we made the last minute decision to hike in via the Broken Top Trail, rather than the Fall Creek Trail, because most of the group had never been up the Broken Top Trail. Just driving to the trailhead is its own adventure up a very rough road. An early 4:30 start from base camp east of Green Lakes put us on the summit for a spectacular sunrise and allowed us to be back at camp by 10:00 beating the heat of the day. In Oakridge we enjoyed

the traditional post climb milkshakes. Overall a great weekend on a favorite mountain with a strong team. Members: Kellie Green, Danneille Harris, Trina Kanewa, Kana Moll.

Smith Rock

October 28, 2016

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Climb: (Difficult)

THE SMITH ROCK CLIMBING TRIP WAS PREVIOUSLY CANCELLED due to weather, and even though the forecast for this past weekend looked dubious we persevered and drove over to climb. The first climbs of the day were still damp from the previous night's rain and so more *spicy*, i.e., more challenging or scary. Still, the weather held up for Saturday and we ended up with a full day of climbing. Sunday was a different story; the fog was thick and it had rained the night before. We were concerned about the rock still being wet so we decided on a trail run instead. Members: Maryanne Reiter, Kerry Edinger, Marci Hansen, Meg McNabb, Juli McGlinsky, Danneille Harris.

Upcoming

Shelter Cove Snow Trip

Feb. 28–March 2, 2017

Leader: Chris Shuraleff

Assistant Leader: Jane Hackett

Cost: \$135 (\$140 Nonmembers)

COME JOIN 16 OTHER SNOW LOVERS AT SHELTER COVE RESORT overlooking the west side of Odell Lake near the Willamette Pass. We will be staying at Kokanee Lodge units C and D, with a total of four bathrooms and six bedrooms. Each unit has wireless internet, a large living room with a gas fireplace overlooking the lake, and a full kitchen with a large group table. There is an open doorway between the units. Come cross-country or downhill ski, snowshoe, or curl up by the fire with a good book, and enjoy this winter wonderland with us.

Online registration will open January 16 for members and January 19 for nonmembers. Cost is \$135 (\$140 nonmembers) and includes two nights, two dinners, trip fee and parking. Mail check payable to Obsidians to: Chris Shuraleff, 34790 Matthews Road, Eugene 97405 within five days of signing up online. The payment is non-refundable unless your place is filled by someone else. Pre-trip meeting to discuss car pooling, dinners, rooms, etc., will be Wednesday, February 15, 6 PM at the Lodge.



Deer Creek Center

May 1–5, 2017

Leader: Chris Stockdale

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a return visit to the Deer Creek Center of the Siskiyou Field Institute in Selma, Oregon, May 1–5, 2017. The Center is close to a number of spectacular hiking trails, the Illinois River and the Oregon Caves. Included in the trip price of \$98 (\$103 nonmembers) will be four nights camping (tent or small RV) and four dinners. Campers will have access to solar powered showers and restrooms as well as free Wi-Fi. A full article will appear in the February *Bulletin* and sign up will begin on February 15.



Daphne James' photo from the 2015 Deer Creek Center trip.



Byways By Bus

Bus Rally at the Lodge Date to Be Determined

WATCH FOR NEWS OF THE **BUS TRIPS RALLY** in the February *Bulletin* and online. At the Rally, trip leaders will tell about 2017 trips. Bus trip schedules will be available. You can sign up for trips. Reconnect with old friends. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Sharon Cutsforth: 746-4929



Birding in the Klamath Basin

Dates: March 1–2, 2017, Wed–Thurs.

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth and Rick Ahrens

Cost: \$175 (\$179 nonmembers)

\$50 deposit due at registration, balance due February 15

Registration: Judy Phelps, 726-0118

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST! This interesting and fun trip to view birds in the Klamath Basin is a great winter outing. Local naturalist and fellow Obsidian, Rick Ahrens always makes the trip more enjoyable by sharing his vast knowledge of the natural world. Plus he is an expert at sighting and identifying birds. Who knows what special sights this year will bring!

Early registration is recommended. Make checks payable to: Obsidians Bus Trips Account.

Watch for full details online and in the February *Bulletin*.

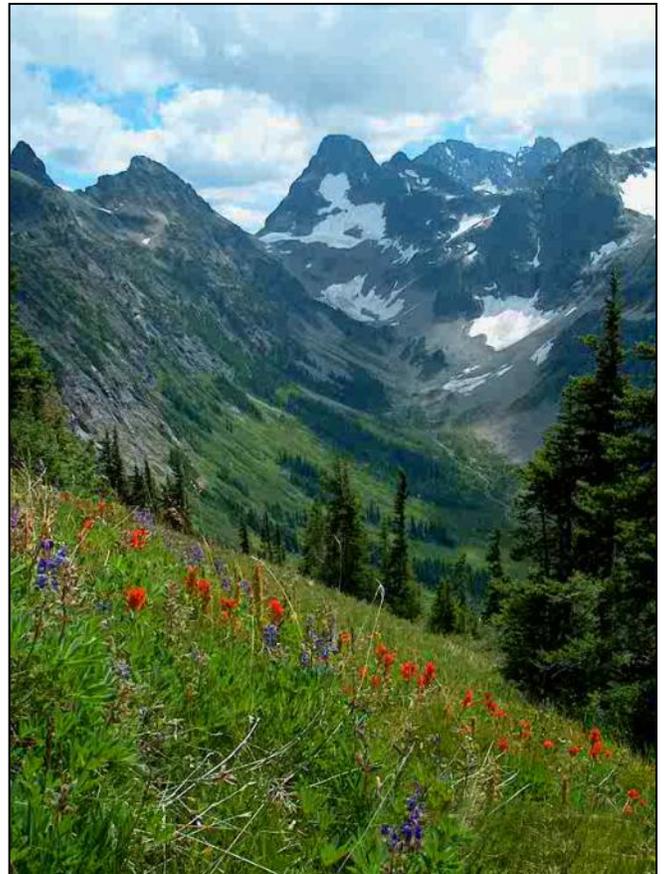
Camp Funkhouser ~ Obsidian Summer Camp 2017

John Jacobsen, Summer Camp Chair

THE 2017 **OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP** is planned for Sunday July 30 through Saturday August 5 in the North Cascades near Winthrop, Washington. This area on the east side of the North Cascades provides incredible hiking opportunities in varied scenic alpine settings. This will be the fourth time we have selected this area for our Obsidian Summer Camp in the last 30 years. Previous camps in the Winthrop area were Camp Kocher in 1989, Camp Harvey in 1996 and Camp Jacobsen II in 2001. Traditionally our Summer Camps are named in honor of the Board of Directors President and this year we honor Board President Laurie Funkhouser.

A specific camp location has not been confirmed but will likely be undeveloped, meaning we must bring all our own facilities. Current food plans are the same as last year with us preparing our own continental breakfast and lunch fixings, and having a catered dinner, assuming a caterer can be found. The number of campers we can accommodate is yet to be determined. RV parking will likely be in short supply, but the number we can accommodate, if any, is yet to be determined as well.

So, keep an eye on our website and the *Obsidian Bulletin* for updates on Camp Funkhouser. We expect that online sign-up may start a bit later this year, perhaps April or May, since there are still several details to be resolved before we can come up with camp fees and other information.



*Fisher Peak from Easy Pass in the North Cascades.
Photo by John Jacobsen.*

AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, January 27, at 6:30 PM

New Hikes on the Oregon Coast by Bill Sullivan

OREGON'S HIKING GURU, BILL SULLIVAN, takes us on a slide show tour of a dozen new trails he discovered while researching the new fourth edition of his book, *100 Hikes/Travel Guide: Oregon Coast & Coast Range*. Discover a loop hike around Depoe Bay, an abandoned railroad along a river near Tillamook, and a trek to the world's tallest redwoods just over the border in California. As always, Sullivan spices his talk with notes on the geology, wildlife, and history of the land.

Potluck

Friday, January 27, 2017

Obsidian Lodge

Potluck, 6:30 PM PROGRAM, 7:30 PM

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



The Salmonberry River railroad trail northeast of Tillamook.



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 PM

Making A Positive Change: Volunteer Conservation Opportunities

Panel discussion and slides with Judy Adamcyk,
Mike Smith, Nancy Hoecker and Chris Stockdale



Sandhill Cranes at Row Sanctuary. Photo by Mike Smith.

JOIN FOUR OBSIDIAN MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED AS CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS in various projects with agencies such as Earthworks and Wilderness Volunteers. Information and Q & A will highlight non-profits that focus on the outdoor environment in this first ExploraTalk of the year at the Obsidian Lodge, 7 PM, Tuesday January 17.

Obsidian Calendar

January

7 Sat	Gwynn Creek/Cooks Ridge Loop Hike M Sojak	525-1124
7 Sat	Odell Lake Overlook SSHoe M Hovis.....	731-3412
7 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	520-488-9569
8 Sun	Eel Creek Hike M Hackett.....	953-7046
11 Wed	Newport Yurt Stay Ext Trip E Nagy	514-4110
11 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper	868-5427
12 Thu	Rosary Lakes SSHoe M Rundle	653-0741
13 Fri	River Path North Hike E Cooper	868-5427
14 Sat	Mt. Baldy Sunrise Hike E Sojak.....	525-1124
14 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Grant	514-1176
15 Sun	Redtop Mountain Xski D Thompson	683-8942
15 Sun	Walterville Pond Hike E Randall.....	844-5916
16 Mon	South Eugene Explorations Hike E Lindstrom.	683-1409
17 Tue	Making Positive Change	ExploraTalk
18 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray.....	953-5679
21 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
21 Sat	Millrace/Dorris Ranch Loop Hike M Randall ..	844-5916
21 Sat	Berley Lakes Xski M Hamilton	343-6550
22 Sun	Gold Lake SSHoe M Hackett	953-7046
25 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lindstrom.....	683-1409
27 Fri	New Hikes on the OR Coast.....	Potluck
28 Sat	North Bank Deer Preserve Hike M Sojak	525-1124
28 Sat	Salt / Diamond Creek SSHoe M Hovis.....	731-3412
28 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
28 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance M Bell....	503-884-8829

February

1 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin.....	221-9015
2 Thu	Groundhog Day Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
3 Fri	Kentucky Falls Hike D Morray	953-5679
4 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Funkhouser	206-2303
4 Sat	Gold Lake Xski E Hackett	953-7046
4 Sat	Fawn Lake Xski M Hamilton	343-6550
5 Sun	Clear Lake SSHoe M James	683-7488

8 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
9 Thu	Wild Iris Ridge Hike E Cooper.....	868-5427
10 Fri	Pisgah Moon Hike Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
11 Sat	Potato Hill SSHoe D Hovis.....	731-3412
12 Sun	Big Lake Xski M Hackett.....	953-7046
14 Tue	Oregon B'day - Dorris Ranch Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
15 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
17 Fri	Big Lake-Brandenburg Shelter SSHoe M James	683-7488
19 Sun	Sand Mountain Lookout Xski D Miller	484-4586
21 Tue	Bold Acts of Strength.....	ExploraTalk
22 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741
24 Fri	Fife Trail, Scotland	Potluck
28 Tue	Shelter Cove Xski & SSHoe E Shuraleff.....	954-4474

March

1 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper	868-5427
1 Wed	Birding in the Klamath Basin Bus Cutsforth ...	746-4929
4 Sat	Fish Lake SSHoe M Hovis	731-3412
8 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Strutin.....	221-9015
12 Sun	Pisgah Moon Hike Hike M Smith.....	520-488-9569
14 Tue	Pi Day Hike E Jacobsen	206-1251
15 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray.....	953-5679
21 Tue	Wilderness Management	ExploraTalk
22 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lodeesen	214-709-0352
24 Fri	Images from the Polar Extremes	Potluck
29 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle.....	653-0741

April

18 Tue	Conservation in Our Backyard.....	ExploraTalk
28 Fri	Cycling Hokkaido, Japan	Potluck

May

1 Wed	Deer Creek Center Extended Trip Stockdale..	221-2293
16 Tue	TBA.....	ExploraTalk
19 Fri	Cycling New Zealand.....	Potluck

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.

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

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ATOMIC Pro Race 6'18 Skis with bindings, 53"—\$40

HEAD e-fit Auto Active Buckle, Ski Boots, 250-255—\$30

ROSIGNOL R28 Ski Boots, 282 mm—\$30

Please contact Darko Sojak (541) 525-1124
darchey@comcast.net

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From the top of Spencer Butte December 7. Photo by Darian Morray.