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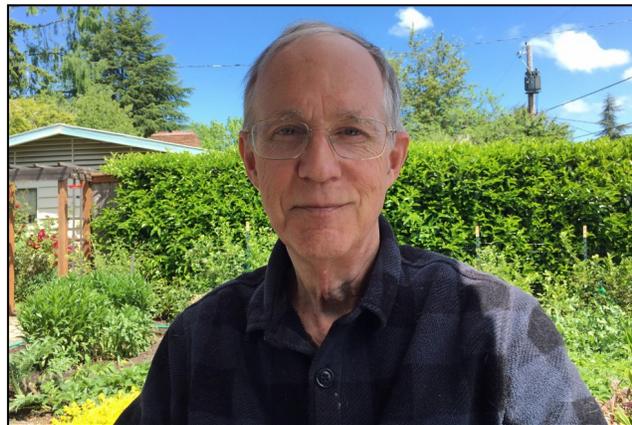
**Note: Next month's Bulletin will be published one week later than usual.**

## Seeing Places by Experiencing Eclipses: Life, Love and Luck with Mike Smith

*Jorry Rolfe*

**O**N A RECENT SUNNY MORNING IN MY BACKYARD, Obsidian Mike Smith opened his two bags of goodies to share with me: several eclipse photos, an assortment of solar viewers and a catalogue of eclipses from 1986-2036, even goggles with a #14 welding filter. All have been well used this season as Mike has been making appearances around the state, speaking in person and on TV about the upcoming total solar eclipse. Bet you didn't know that we had an eclipse star in our midst! This is all in preparation for the August celestial event, significant because the path of totality will span our state first on the morning of August 21 before it crosses the USA.

Mike is a longtime eclipse chaser, expert in the science and wonder of these rarely viewable occurrences, and his excitement and love of teaching have made him a popular guy these days. He enthuses, "total solar eclipses are one of the top three things I've seen in nature." He and his wife Jan both fell in love with witnessing total solar eclipses after their first experience in La Paz in Baja, Mexico, in 1991. That eclipse lasted more than six minutes. Since then, Mike has witnessed 16 total, plus six annual or ring solar eclipses, "making his luck" by choosing locations and trips with better climatology that have afforded them to be present for these "spectacles of nature": Bolivia in 1994, India in 1995, Siberia in 1997, Aruba in 1998, Zambia in 2001, Antarctica in 2003, South Pacific in 2005, Patagonia (Argentina) in 2010, and Australia in 2012, to name a few. They make their plans one year in advance; Mike claims that he has seen places he never expected to see in his lifetime.



Growing up in up-state New York, Mike spent much time outside and holds fond summer memories of camping, canoeing, and star-gazing under the dark night skies before there was so much light pollution. He recalls seeing partial eclipses in the 60s and 70s and teaching second graders about the planets when

he was eight. Curiosity, a talent for math, and a high family regard for being 'good in school' gained him acceptance into Dartmouth, then medical school in Colorado. He served as a medical officer in the Navy from 1975–1977. Then it was not until the age of 32 that Mike initiated studying astronomy on his own, later writing a weekly column, *Under Dark Skies* for the *Arizona Daily Star*. Mike and Jan made their home for years in Tucson where he was a neurologist and she a radiologist. They now make a home for themselves and their loving cats in Eugene.

Please join Mike at the June 20 ExploraTalk at 7 PM at the Lodge. He will provide very worthwhile safety and observation tips for your personal viewing experience (hopefully in the path of totality) for this total solar eclipse. See you then!

## OBITUARY

### JEANNETTE FORSMAN

1925-2017

**JEANNETTE FORSMAN**, a native Oregonian, passed away on May 6. During the years she participated with the Obsidians she went primarily on bus trips. Many were multi-day trips to places like Harrison Hot Springs, Montana, the Redwoods and to the Snake River. Her last trip with the club was to Fort Vancouver in 2011. She is survived by two sons and their families.

*Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the May 11 issue of The Register-Guard*

## 2018 Board Nominees

**T**HE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET IN APRIL to recommend three candidates for the Board of Directors for three-year terms beginning in January, 2018. The names of John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, and Kathy Randall were presented at the May board meeting. Qualities that the Committee considered important were past experience, enthusiasm, new ideas, and commitment to the club.

Two of the nominees, John Cooper and Sharon Cutsforth, are currently on the board. John is completing his first three-year term, has led six trail maintenance work parties, five ski/snowshoe trips, and eight hikes. He has been Summer Trips Chair for three years. Sharon has been on the board for five-plus years and has been the By-Ways-By Bus Chair since October, 2014. Kathy Randall, a member of the Summer Trips Committee, has led eleven hikes and one backpack, and garnered the Compleat Obsidian award last year.

The election will take place at the October 13 Annual Meeting. According to the Constitution, up to three additional nominees may be submitted by petition to the Secretary before the September board meeting; signatures of five voting members are required. A complete slate of nominees and their bios will be published in the September *Bulletin*.

### Welcome New Members

Eric Gran  
Eugene, OR 97405

Joe Moll  
Eugene, OR 97405

Andrew Mucker  
Eugene, OR 97405

Patrick Mucker  
Eugene, OR 97405

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Maryanne Reiter & Lyndell Wilken.

*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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Conservation/SciEd ..... Jorry Rolfe  
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### May

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# Summer Trips Update

*John Cooper, Chair*

**JUNE IS USUALLY THE TIME** when, in the upper elevations, the roads and trails begin to clear of snow, allowing access to extraordinarily beautiful hiking opportunities. With the abundance of snow this winter, the high elevation roads and trails will still have snow to contend with for some time. Road information can be obtained by googling ODOT and the highway number or name. Highway 242, Old McKenzie Highway, is open to Proxy Falls, but the entire road will not be cleared probably before June 26 depending on the weather. There will be a brief period when the highway is open just for bicycles. The McKenzie ranger station will have updates. Cascade Lakes Highway is scheduled to open completely on June 5, but the trails in that area still have snow. The ranger stations are a good source for trail conditions.

Thanks to the leaders who have rescheduled their trips to accommodate the trail conditions.

Leaders are still needed to round out this year's summer and fall schedule. Easy hikes, backpacking trips, fall foliage hikes, bike trips, or your favorite destination would be good additions to the summer and fall trips calendar. If you are thinking of an activity to lead, now is a good time to submit your trip to [summertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:summertrips@obsidians.org). Summer will be over before we know it. Many thanks to the leaders who have led or are leading trips.

## Colleen Milliman on the Run

**AT THE HAYWARD MASTERS CLASSIC ON MAY 2**, Obsidian member Colleen Milliman became the first woman over 90 to record a time for the track mile clocking 13:26.46. Her son, Greg, said "My mother has been very active since she retired at age 67, mainly walking. I tried to get her to join the Obsidians earlier than she did, but she felt she was too old and too slow! My son Carl, who lives in Arizona, was her inspiration for her running career. He was amazed at how fast she walked and thought she might be at a record pace for her age group. That led to TrackTown Fitness training starting last January on Sundays. All this attention is totally new for her and she can't see how it is so special as it is just her walking like she always does."

At the April potluck when Greg made the announcement to come and watch his mother run, Colleen thanked the Obsidians for their support since she joined in 2001. Her first hike was Dog Mountain. She was 75 when she climbed Mt. McLoughlin a few months later. Congratulations, Colleen. You are an inspiration for all of us.



## Follow-up to March 2017 ExploraTalk: Central Cascades Wilderness Management Strategies

*Jorry Rolfe*

**MATT PETERSON OF THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE** spoke at the Lodge about potential visitor use management strategies under consideration in nearby wilderness areas. Now the Proposed Action (dated 5/31/17) for the Willamette National Forest regarding Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, Three Sisters, Waldo Lake and Diamond Peak is available online. The document describing the plan to preserve wilderness character and prevent resource degradation by addressing concentrated and increasing recreation use is at:

[data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=50578](http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=50578)

Note: There is currently no new fee program associated with this plan.

Specific comments can be provided by email or phone: email your comments to

[pacificnorthwest-deschutes@fs.fed.us](mailto:pacificnorthwest-deschutes@fs.fed.us)

and put "Central Cascades Wilderness Strategies Comments" in the subject line, or phone Beth Peer at 383-5554. Deadline for your comments is July 3. Your information does become part of the public record for this proposed action.

# JUNE BOARD NOTES

By David Cooper

President Laurie Funkhouser called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Dave Cooper, Pat Esch, John Cooper, Maryanne Reiter, and Lyndell Wilken. Also present were: Stewart Hoeg, Kathy Hoeg, Matt Bell, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Lana Lindstrom, and Carla Cooper.

**Guest Speaker:** Brent Lorscheider of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association gave a presentation about the proposed Capital Hill development and the effects on Hendricks Park, The Ribbon Trail and area neighborhoods.

The Board approved the minutes for May.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Board approved payment of the bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips (John Cooper):** Forty-seven activities have been completed to date since April 1. There have been 40 hikes, a car camping, a beach cleanup, 2 bike trips, a kayak trip and 2 educational events. The clubs first dog-friendly hike was also completed. Thanks to Chris Stockdale for her hard work to make this trip happen. 445 participants were members and 64 were nonmembers.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** Since the last report for Climbs on April 28 there has been a conditioning hike, a climb of Mount Hood, and a Diamond Peak graduation climb where 10 recent climb school graduates made it to the summit.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** There were three outings since the last board meeting. Two outings occurred locally and one outing was in central Oregon in partnership with the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA). Special thanks go to Mark Hougardy for coordinating and leading the trip.

**Byways-By-Bus (Sharon Cutsforth):** The May 11 Summertime in the Country bus trip was enjoyed by 18 members and one nonmember. The weather was perfect and we are looking forward to the June 14 trip, Exploring the Santiam Wagon Road. There is still space available on all remaining trips for the year.

**Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom):** Two very successful Extended Trips occurred in May. Chris Stockdale led a hiking trip in southern Oregon (Deer Creek Center) and Marianne Camp led a birding trip in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge based at the French Glen hotel.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe):** The May ExploraTalk was cancelled due a schedule conflict.

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** Mike Wolf presented an excellent program at the May potluck on New Zealand.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** Member Status Count: 420 active, six honorary, 8 junior and 17 life members for a total of 451.

**Publicity (Janet Jacobsen):** We requested that Steve Cordon be added as a member of the Publicity Committee.

Two Get Acquainted hikes were scheduled Saturday, June 3

on National Trails Day. For the two events, there were 12 guests and 13 members. Guests found out about the event from the Obsidian website, Y Board, *Register-Guard*, and *Register-Guard Weekend Events* published that morning. Thanks to the members who made it an informative and welcoming event.

We will be hosting a table on June 20 from 4:00-7:00 for the Museum of Culture and Natural History Solstice Celebration: Hosts will be Janet, Darko Sojak, Mark Hougardy and Jim Northrop.

We are developing strategies to utilize Facebook/Instagram: Marci Hansen has added Carla as an editor.

We are designing and posting flyers: John Jacobsen and Darko continue with this job.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** The finance committee completed a successful audit of the 2016 Treasurer's books.

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

**Lodge Building (Dave Cooper):** On June 2, as part of a combined Lodge and grounds effort, the Lodge got a thorough cleaning. Special thanks to the Lodge crew: Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Barbara Schomaker, Cari Soderlund, Pat Soussan, and Dorene Steggell. Bea Fontana is designing and building a cabinet to house the speaker system components.

**Safety (Lyndell Wilken):** There was a discussion at the last board meeting about offering a wilderness first aid class during Spring of 2018. The board thought there was enough interest to go ahead and offer a class in April or May. Arrangements will be made going forward.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Ad hoc Committee on Constitution Changes.** Dave Cooper presented proposed changes to the Constitution. The Ad Hoc Committee has made changes to make the document more readable, consistent in wording, and reflective of current accepted practices. Five members have signed off on these changes and it will be presented to the membership in time of a vote at the annual meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The board approved membership for the candidates as presented by the Membership Committee.

The Board approved Steve Cordon as a member of the Publicity Committee.

The Board approved Jorry Rolfe as representative to Federation of Western Outdoor Club's annual meeting, August 25-27, 2017 at the Siskiyou Institute in Selma, Oregon. The Club will cover the attendance fees.

Tom Rundle is working on new membership forms and hopes to present them to the Board in July.

## Adjournment

## TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



### Trail Maintenance

#### Trail Maintenance

April 29, 2017

Leader: Matthew Bell

Trail Maintenance: 1 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

**WE MET UP ON A SUNNY SATURDAY MORNING**, our first for a while, at the Willamette and 52<sup>nd</sup> trailhead for this month's outing. Our group broke into two groups to work independently to improve the trail system. Clara went up to the main trailhead to clean the kiosk and stairs and cut back blackberries. Our second group headed east on the Ridgeline into Blanton Heights. We weeded the edges of the raised turnpike, pruned back plants, raked debris off the trail, re-established some out-sloping, and cleaned drainage features. We even removed rounds of oak, carelessly left behind, that were blocking the outflow of a culvert. Dan expertly excavated a hole in the trail so that we could put back the large stone that covers the top of the culvert. On our way back we stopped near the rocky knoll to enjoy lemonade and cookies. We were able to discuss and critique the wigwam or debris shelter that has been constructed on the knoll. Members: Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Jane Beckwith.



### Byways By Bus

#### Springtime in the Country

May 18, 2017

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

**WHAT A BEAUTIFUL, RELAXING DAY IN THE COUNTRY** this turned out to be. We were a small and cheerful group of 18 Obsidians, one nonmember, and a very pleasant bus driver. We could take the time to really enjoy each of our stops as we were not on a time schedule. Our route took us over the Willamette River, up the back road to Junction City, and up Highway 99W to Corvallis. Along the way we did some reminiscing about all the places we had visited along this route on previous bus trips. Our first stop was Avery Park in Corvallis where we enjoyed our coffee break, including Paula's birthday cake, using the 85-foot long Douglas fir picnic table. This impressive slab was one of six table tops cut from one log by Hull Oakes Lumber Company back in 1986. We already knew the location of two other picnic table tops at the Harrisburg Museum and Bellfountain County Park. Mary Lee shared that two more of the table tops originally went to a private residence east of Monroe. It would be interesting to learn where the sixth table top went. The rhododendrons and azaleas at Avery Park were beautiful and most of the group enjoyed a short nature walk around the park and along the Marys River. Oh yes, everyone saw the dinosaur bones too. Garland's Nursery was the next

stop. This fourth generation family-run nursery was full of all types of landscaping plants, unique and lovely garden art, gardening supplies and a large area of bonsai plants and pots. Very colorful! Down the road we enjoyed a lovely, elegant lunch at the Children's Farm Home where we learned about its history and the current services provided by Trillium Family Services (both residential and outpatient) for troubled youth. The bright sunny weather was perfect for our travel on back roads to Brownsville. Along the way Mary Ellen and Mary Lee shared interesting information about their families' connections with the land. We visited the Linn County Historical Museum where we learned about the Museum, enjoyed a short Laurel and Hardy movie in the Boxcar Theater and toured the beautifully restored Moyer House. More back roads brought us back to Shopko just before 5:00. Members: Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsforth, Clara Emlen, Sharon Gadowski, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Virginia Prouty, Barbara Wallace, Marian West, Mary Ellen West, Cristy White. Nonmembers: Alice Krentz.



### Bike Trips

#### Scio Covered Bridges

May 14, 2017

Leader & Photographer: Richard Hughes

Bike: 30 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

**THIS RIDE ON MOTHER'S DAY** found ten cyclists cranking down the road through spits and splatters of drizzle. Soon as the sun shone lightly through the clouds, we began shedding



those layers of rain gear and looking forward to a dry ride. Within not more than twenty minutes before the ride's end, Mother Nature decided to nourish the earth with a steady downpour. Back at the cars the riders seemed energized and happy to have gotten out for the day despite looking like wet rats. Members: Lynda Christiansen, Betty Grant, John Hegg, Richard Hughes, Ruthy Kanagy, Lana Lindstrom, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Sue Ten Pas.



## Boat Trips

### **Coyote Creek**

**May 6, 2017**

**Leader: Lana Lindstrom**

**Photographer: Holger Krentz**

**Kayak: (Easy)**

**I**T WAS COOL, BUT SUNNY—perfect paddling weather! We started by paddling upstream on Coyote Creek, but unfortunately, due to a downed tree, we were only able to go for



approximately 15 minutes. Hopefully, one of these days, someone will bring a chain saw and cut part of it because there is a significant amount of delightful water beyond it! The water level was the highest I have ever seen; we really had to bend over to get underneath the railroad bridge. We didn't see any mammals, but enjoyed admiring an immature bald eagle, purple martins, swallows, egrets, grebes, great blue herons, and a few songbirds. Members: Mari Baldwin, John Cooper, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom. Nonmembers: Tamara Johnson, Alice Krentz.



## Climbs

### **Mt. Hood**

**May 5, 2017**

**Leader: Danneille Harris, Assistant: Marge Huseman**

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

**T**HE START FROM THE TIMBERLINE PARKING LOT was brutally cold and windy as the team headed up around 1 AM. A break at the top of Palmer had us all donning our big puffy jackets and we continued to wear them the rest of the way up until we popped out in the sunshine at the top of the Pearly Gates. At the summit we took some time to enjoy snacks, pictures, and hugs. This was the first summit of Hood for five of the seven climbers. As the narrow chute of Pearly was dangerously crowd-

ed, we opted to descend the unused East chute. This route gave us some steep and spicy down-climbing but protected us well. Below Crater Rock the warming temps softened the snow just enough for great glissading far down the mountain. The mountain gave the team a full value climb and we returned tired but satisfied. Thanks to everyone for the good time and special thanks to Marge for the strong assist. Members: Danneille Harris, Marge Huseman, Laura Osinga, Kimberly Van Winkle, Charles Warren. Nonmembers: Shelley Littin, Jason Bowman.



## Dog Hikes

### **Wild Iris Ridge**

**May 18, 2017**

**Leader & Photographer: Chris Stockdale**

**Dog Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)**

**N**O WHINING OR FIGHTING MARRED THE INAUGURAL DOG HIKE. The dogs were well behaved too! Five dogs and their owners, plus one hiker who came without a four-legged friend but wanted to hike with us on beautiful Wild Iris Ridge,



enjoyed wonderful weather. The irises were in full bloom along with lupines and other wild flowers. The Ridge offers great views toward the west, including Fern Ridge Lake, and also views of Spencer Butte. This is a Eugene park that most people

have never heard of so few others are encountered on a hike there. The consensus of the group was that we want to have more dog-friendly hikes, perhaps further out of town. Please consider leading such a hike this summer. Members: John Cooper, Marlene Drescher, Diane Schechter, Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg.

## Extended Trips

### Owyhee Rafting Trip

April 24, 2017

Leader: Emily Rice

Photographer: Lana Lindstrom

Extended Trip: 0 ft. (Easy)

**A**PRIL ON THE OWHYEE WAS WINDY, COLD AND WILD. The river was running high, but only after we got off did we realize how high. We thought the river was running at 3,000 to 4,000 cfs but found out after we got off that it had peaked near 6,000 cfs on our 4th day. That was the day that Bruce, a guy who had kayaked the river about eight times before, flipped and was rescued by a talented guide and a paddle boat full of Obsidians. One other person (non-Obsidian) went in the water in the



same rapids. Neoprene gloves, neoprene booties, and wet suits were worn by many people the entire trip. Our group of six Obsidians joined eight brave souls for a party size of 14. We were led and catered to by five experienced, knowledgeable, and fun Ouzel guides. Brian, one of the Ouzel owners, was also part of the group. In addition to their excellent river skills, the guides prepared delicious meals, including lots of fruits and vegetables and two delicious Dutch oven desserts. They even took us on some hikes on their down time. We learned how to properly secure a tent from Brian because the wind was wild and crazy. We had to place large rocks inside the four corners of the tent and tie numerous guylines to hold down the rainfly. Brian often did an evening tent inspection, adding reinforcements. The camps were all at wonderful locations that offered the opportunity to hike on gentle terrain near the river or to venture up a side canyon to explore the rim and geologic formations up close. We spent most of our time in one of the two oar boats with paddle-assist. We sometimes pleaded to paddle so we could stay warm! Chris, the most adventuresome Obsidian on the water, paddled an inflatable kayak the first day and then wisely chose to wait until the last day for a little more fun in the IK. Flowers and birds were just starting to make their appearance after a hard winter and spring, which made them all the more special. The geology and landscape were spectacular with so many interes-

ting shapes and colors! We did manage to see some bighorn sheep but alas, they were all dead: one carcass and three skulls. Despite the crazy river conditions, we all made it out alive! Members: Patricia Esch, Lana Lindstrom, Emily Rice, Chris Shuraleff, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry.

### Deer Creek Center

May 1, 2017

Leader: Chris Stockdale

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Extended Trip: (Easy)

**THE SISKIYOU FIELD INSTITUTE'S DEER CREEK CENTER** sits just outside Selma in southern Oregon, at the gateway to the Illinois River, one of the West's most scenic and wild rivers. Ideally located to access many different hikes, the Center has a wonderful set-up for campers. In addition to spacious grounds with almost no restrictions on where one can erect a tent, it has a covered picnic pavilion that includes a full-sized gas stove, refrigerator, BBQ grill, a sink with cold running water, and numerous electrical outlets. The outlets allowed us to use our own electric kettles, coffee makers, four-burner toaster and even a microwave. Since participants were responsible for bringing their own breakfast fixings, these items were in great demand. And last, but certainly not least, campers had solar-powered showers and flush toilets close by. The weather was almost perfect with mild sunny days and relatively cool nights. Thanks to Brad and Randy who both brought firewood, we had campfires in the fire pit three of the four nights. Dinners were organized and prepared by teams of six, who chose the menu, did all the shopping, cooked and cleaned. We ate well! So, what was the downside to what sounds like an idyllic trip? Thanks to the copious and frequent snowfalls throughout the winter and into spring, we were unable to access all of the higher elevation hikes. This was disappointing as the trip had been advertised to offer wonderful, high elevation hikes. Nevertheless, the group was able to find enough interesting trails



to keep everyone happy. Trails along the Illinois River were festooned with an abundance of wild flowers; a group ventured to the end of the Illinois River Road to hike part of the river trail (the last mile or so of this road is suitable only for high clearance, rugged vehicles). Others spent time birding on and around the Center's grounds, and a large group visited the Oregon Caves on the last day. Members: Marsha Barr, Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Keiko Bryan, Lynda Christiansen, Nikki Frank, Consuelo Gomez, Scott Hovis, Diantha Hull, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Nola Nelson, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Cari Soderlund, Meg Stewart Smith, Chris Stockdale, Fumiyo Tao. Nonmembers: Barbara Kay Cosby.

## Hart Mountain ( Exploratory)

May 5, 2017

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Nancy Whitfield

Car Camp: 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

**WHEN BOB DARK AND I CO-LED THE HART MOUNTAIN TRIP** July 9-12, 1993, there were lots of mosquitoes, not the snow and wind we experienced on this spring trip. We left Eugene around 7:30 making our first stop at Fork Rock where we saw prairie falcons and noted that the picnic area was being repaired or removed. We arrived at Warm Springs Campground at 3:30 to find campsites occupied or under water. We took the camp host's site where we put up our individual tents as well as a large tent which we tied off to a tree and to the picnic table, hoping it



would not blow away. After dinner we took a two-mile hike up the road from camp, jumping over running water and admiring the snow drifts on the ridge. The next day we hiked DeGarmo Canyon; however, with the creek running so fast and deep, we headed down the creek until we found a large tree to cross. Picking our way up the canyon and through sage brush, we found trails or made our own. The goal was to hike back to camp which I have done several times in the past, but the wind and occasional spit of snow prompted us to reconsider. It was my favorite kind of hiking, most of it straight up or straight down over rocky ground. The hot springs were much enjoyed when we returned to camp. Several of the roads were closed due to water and deep mud. Refuge signs clearly said that towing was not provided; it would cost \$500 to get a tow truck from Lakeview. On Sunday we drove to Antelope Springs to find the petroglyphs. The hike began on flat country through the sage toward a break in the rim. As we got closer we started to see small chips of worked obsidian on the ground. Through a shallow narrow canyon ending in a circle of rim rock, we found the flat rocks in

a circle with the petroglyphs surrounded by chips of obsidian. At the very end of the canyon, we spent time at a pool of water, climbing out of the canyon to the area above the pool. We carried out a sieve that had been left for searching illegally for artifacts. At Petroglyph Lake the road was closed so we hiked the two plus miles to the lake where there was water—for a change. The rim you need to walk to find the petroglyphs is on the west side with most of the glyphs toward the north end. After breaking camp Monday, we decided to dig for sunstones, Oregon's state gem, at the nearby mine, the only one in Oregon. A rock hound camped in the BLM area gave us a tutorial. For about an hour in complete silence, we looked for stones with the now legal sieve and were successful. We had an early dinner in Paisley and were back in Eugene before dark. Hart Mountain was a great trip and offered new experiences for all of us. Members: Jane Hackett, Daphne James, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Leigh Williams.

## Malheur Wildlife Refuge

May 19, 2017

Leader: Marianne Camp

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Extended Trip: (Easy)

**THIS YEAR'S REFUGE TRIP STARTED OUT UNDER SUNNY SKIES** with predictions for a weekend of 70 degree temperatures. We experienced beautiful weather all weekend long. The travel day over offered us views of the snow-capped mountains, lunch with the mountain bluebirds, and a stop at Headquarters. Once we arrived at the Frenchglen Hotel, we each settled into our rooms. After an enjoyable meal, we met outside for a pleasant evening walk that included a view of the snow-covered Steens Mountain, various birds and plant life. The fresh air and smell of sage cleared our minds and soon we felt the peacefulness of this area.



Saturday morning, we met for an early morning drive up to the Paige Springs Campground. Rick Ahrens, our resident naturalist, led us on a guided walk up the trail along the Donner Und Blitzen River. Rick helped us identify the different sounds and special markings of various birds and answered our many questions. What a pleasure it was to have him on our trip. We returned for breakfast, loaded up our cars, and drove up the Central Patrol Road. The first stop was Pete French's ranch. After a little history talk about the area and a walk around the farm, we enjoyed sightings of various birds. Back in our cars we drove on, stopping for views of ponds along the way. Lunch was at Benson Ponds with a chance to roam around that area. We completed our drive and returned to the hotel for a relaxing evening with a shared meal and music provided by a guest playing his guitar. Saturday was a shared breakfast and a farewell to all as each car

set out for their separate trip home. It is hard to explain how relaxing eastern Oregon is and what draws us back to this place. If you have never been, I do hope you put this trip on your short to-do list. A special thanks to the 16 people who joined me on this year's trip. Sharing this with you is what makes this trip so enjoyable for me as the leader. Members: Rick Ahrens, Marianne Camp, Steve Cordon, Joella Ewing, Anne Hollander, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Patricia MacAfee, Anne Montgomery, Nola Nelson, Margaret Prentice, Nancy Raymond, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: Michelle Cordon, Kathy Kast, Suzanne Cieutat, Rebecca Bent.



## Hikes

### Threemile Lake

April 16, 2017

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Nancy Whitfield

Hike: 6 miles, 350 ft. (Moderate)

**N**OW IS THE TIME TO DO THIS HIKE if you want to see the lake full, really beyond full. We had a couple of downed trees to get over or around; otherwise, the trail was in better shape than I expected. Mostly overcast, but a great temperature for hiking. We followed the marked trail toward the beach, but ran into a creek. It looked like there had been a flash flood or that the waves had pushed inland to a degree I had never seen before. We elected to use some of the wood to make a stable, dry



crossing for this small creek and then headed directly for the beach which we had all to ourselves. The tide was well out and we found a large fir to sit on and enjoy lunch and the quiet. Then we continued south down the beach looking for the marker that would lead back inland to the north end of the lake. The tall post on the foredune that marks this trail was gone. We noted many large logs pushed high on the eroded dune. Thinking of returning the same way we came, I looked left and saw a small break in the dune and a hiker sign in the tall grass. This was the right trail; however, I had never before had to wade about 100 feet in 8 to 10-inch deep water in the deflation plane to return to dry land. We hiked to the north end of the lake to the trail that led us back to the cars. A great way to spend the day. Members: Charles Ashmore, Jane Hackett, Brian Popowsky, Nancy Whitfield.

### Andrew Reasoner Wildlife Preserve

April 20, 2017

Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 2 miles, 450 ft. (Moderate)

**THE GROUP MET LANDOWNER LINDA CARNINE** along with McKenzie River Trust (MRT) staff-person Elizabeth Goward at the preserve at 84731 Lorane Highway. Linda and husband Doug bought this property to enhance the wildlife corridor



between nearby farms, creating a conservation easement with the help of the MRT and local agencies. By removing Douglas firs and scotch broom, they are attempting to restore the area to a pre-European oak savanna with scattered white and black oaks, valley pines, and madrones, along with adequate amounts of poison oak. We hiked 2.5 miles and the spring wildflowers seen included houndstongue, spring beauty, calypso orchid, Oregon iris, and shooting star. Bird species seen or heard included red-tailed hawk, Cooper's hawk, white-crowned sparrow, black-throated gray warbler, orange-crowned warbler, wren-tit, and purple finch. The Carnine's welcome visitors, but they would like a call before your visit. Read more about the property at [www.mckenzieriver.org/2015/12/its-the-trees/](http://www.mckenzieriver.org/2015/12/its-the-trees/) Members: Steve Adey, Rick Ahrens, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Joella Ewing, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Dorene Steggell, Sam Tracer, Tommy Young.

### Sweet Creek Falls

April 22, 2017

Leader: Joella Ewing

Hike: 3 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)

**WE HAD SPORADIC CLOUDBURSTS ON THE HIKE** in and sporadic sunbursts on the way out. The following trip report is written by 10-year-old hiker Tatum Zola: "On Saturday, April 22, Earth Day, I had the pleasure of going on an Obsidian hike. The one-hour car ride was a very easy drive and the hike itself was also not difficult. One of my favorite parts of the hike was seeing all the waterfalls, especially the last one. During the hike I also learned about many different plants such as the skunk cabbage, deer fern, and the trillium flower. My group had nine people, all of whom were very nice and outgoing. Our leader Joella was very good at pointing out the kinds of plants and animals too. The entire hike was about one-and-a-half hours long. On the drive back we stopped at Our Daily Bread restaurant, a cute little church turned into an eating place. It had soups, salads and sandwiches. I had a grilled cheese and for dessert a hazelnut chocolate torte, which was huge and which I shared with everyone who wanted some. In all, I really enjoyed the hike with the Ob-

sidians and I can't wait to do it again soon." Members: Joella Ewing, Joanne Ledet, Barbara Schomaker, Michelle Tambellini, Sam Tracer. Nonmembers: Claire Belleau, Heidi Zola, Tatum Zola, Avis Montalbetti.

## Sawtooth Rock via Lost Creek

April 23, 2017

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 5.2 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

**THE WEATHER COOPERATED BY NOT RAINING ON US**, except for a light five-minute drizzle just before reaching Sawtooth Rock. The clouds lifted enough to see Mt. June and some of the ridges



to the south. It was too slippery on the back of Sawtooth to safely reach the caves. There were still several patches of snow in the headwater basin of Lost Creek. Only a few wildflowers were seen: trilliums, snow queen, wood violets, and hairy manzanita. It was a good early spring workout hike. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Deborah Sinnott, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield.

## Pisgah Trails

April 25, 2017

Leader: Dorene Steggell, Asst Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 4.2 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

**A WESTERN OREGON SPRING HIKE**—wildflowers and mud. We walked the arboretum trail by the creek, then up the hillside on



trail #35 to trail #3 where we turned south. Trail #3 was muddy with puddles and streams in places, and lots of wildflowers. The poison oak was just leafing out. We took the short trail #36 to trail #6 and climbed trail #6 to the summit and a view of the Three Sisters. We returned on the better maintained trails, 1, 4, 3, 7, and 17, making a loop back to our cars before the rain started. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Jorry Rolfe, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Leigh Williams, Jane Beckwith.

## Spencer Butte Conditioning

April 25, 2017

Leader: Charles Warren

Hike: 5.1 miles, 2,166 ft. (Difficult)

**TIME: 2.3 HOURS. WEATHER: OVERCAST**, very light rain transitioning to cloud interior with elevation, low 50s, mild breeze. Trial condition: good, significant mud due to rain. Mosquitoes: none. A good outing. Everyone seemed to get good exercise. The rain did not dampen our spirits. Members: Laura Osinga, Charles Warren. Nonmembers: Megan Storlien, Daniel Manning.

## Marys Peak (North Side)

April 29, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith

Photographer: David Lodeesen

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

**I FINALLY LED A TRIP UP MARYS PEAK** with decent if not quite optimal visibility. We had nice temperatures on the north side and had lunch on top in bright sunshine with hazy views of the northern Cascades. Marys Peak will see one minute 30 seconds totality during the eclipse on 21 August. We descended the East Ridge Trail, finding about a dozen major blowdowns right below the ridge where the meadow joins the forest. After the bend in the trail while descending further, there were about five very



large (24-36 inch diameter) blowdowns. Right now, I would avoid this trail, although one can certainly navigate up it. We descended near Conner's Camp and then walked the road through the Corvallis watershed back to the cars. This good group did very well on the long climb to the top and with the blowdowns. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Joel Greer, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Rachelle Masin, Patrick Mucker, Christian Mucker, Alice Laffey.

## Crawfish Lake Conditioning Hike

April 29, 2017

Leader: Wayne Deeter

Hike: 10 miles, 3,500 ft. (Difficult)

**MODERATE TEMPS MADE FOR A PLEASANT EXERCISE HIKE** in the hills above Brice Creek, the only downside being the background noise from helicopter logging over a ridge to the north. After visiting Marten Spring we hiked about a mile on the snow-covered Adams Mountain road, then descended to Crawfish Lake. After lunch we hiked several miles of Forest Service roads and returned finally to the Adams Mountain Way Trail via an unofficial mountain biker cut trail and the car parked at the Lund Park CG. Members: Steve Cordon, Wayne Deeter, Casey Janz, Laura Osinga, Eric Thornton.

## Yachats to Walport

April 30, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Nancy Whitfield

Hike: 7 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

**AFTER DAYS OF RAIN**, we were thrilled with our sunny beach walk on the 804 Trail. We were greeted by thousands of mole crabs hunkering together or digging in the undulating sand depressions (inverted snow moguls) filled with water. The sandpipers were cheerful diners of these tasty morsels. We paid tribute



to Obsidian member Charlotte Mills who died on Earth Day and was an instrumental member of the *Friends of the 804 Trail*, spearheading court battles for public ownership of the historic coast trail. For future reference, we left Target at 8:00 and arrived at Smelt Sands State Park at 9:45 to organize the shuttle to Patterson State Park. We started our beach walk around 10:30 and were at Tillicum State Park at 11:30 for lunch. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Joella Ewing, Anna Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Ellen Johnson, Steven Johnson, Sandra Larsen, Rachelle Masin, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Beverlee Potter.

## Rooster Rock

May 2, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

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

**FROM THE SPRINGFIELD WINCO PARKING LOT**, we headed up Marcola Road to Sweet Home and drove another 21 miles to the Trout Creek Trailhead and the Menagerie Wilderness

(established 1984). The steep trail to Rooster Rock was in good condition. There were hundreds of calypso orchids to distract some of us from the relentless elevation gain. On top we were able to view Rabbit Ears and find the old climbing route up



Rooster Rock. Hen Rock, Turkey Monster, and Chicken Rock were hidden in the rugged terrain. Members: Steve Adey, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Nancy Whitfield, Leigh Williams.

## North Bank Deer Preserve

May 7, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Kathy Randall

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

**OUR EARLY 7:00 DEPARTURE FROM THE LCC PARKING LOT** was to make sure that no one was blocked by Eugene Marathon street closures. One of our hikers who lives near West Amazon still had to detour to Washington Bridge. With sun and a cool breeze, it was a perfect day to converse and hike up and down the open rolling hills that provided 360-degree panoramic views of the North Fork of the Umpqua River and surrounding foothills. Perhaps the wet winter contributed to the incredible displays of white camus, purple iris and red poison oak. The unexpected appearance of a vibrant pink flower was perhaps Hooker's



Indian Pink. The usual muddy sections of the lower trail/road were covered with grass and yellow buttercups, reminding one of the yellow brick road from the *Wizard of Oz*. We were back at the parking lot at 1:15 with plenty of time to stop for ice cream at Rice Hill. Members: Carla Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, June Sutterfield.

## Mt Pisgah Full Moon

May 10, 2017

Leader: Emily Rice

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

**THIRTEEN PEOPLE HIKED UP TO THE TOP** via trails 17, 3, 4 and 1 to watch the sunset and moonrise. Alas, there were clouds to the west and there was no visible sunset. To the east, the moon took a while to show up and most people had headed back down. Two people told the leader they had seen the moon. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, John Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Anne Montgomery, Kathy Randall, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Fran Calciano.

## Alder Dune to Pacific Ocean

May 14, 2017

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

We were lucky again. After days of rainstorms, blue skies opened over the central Oregon coast. Rhododendrons, salal



and scotch broom are in full bloom. We saw a bald eagle and a great blue heron. A flooded trail around Alder Lake slightly altered our planned route. On the way back we stopped at Darlingtonia State Natural Site to see the carnivorous cobra lily in bloom. Members: Marguerite Cooney, May Fogg, Holger Krentz, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak.

## River Walk (both sides)

May 15, 2017

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 16 miles, 50 ft. (Difficult)

**ON A COOL YET SUNNY MORNING**, three of us did the entire river walk including the loop through Glenwood. We did this in preparation for the MRT hike a week later. We kept a pace of 3.5 mph, discovered some sore joints, ligaments, and muscles that we weren't aware of and checked out the leader's moleskin and blister patching technique. We finished in about 4 hour 20 minutes and announced ourselves ready to do the hike next week!! Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith.

## Heceta Head Geology

May 18, 2017

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

**WE WALKED THE HOBBIT BEACH SOUTHWARD** and looked at some colorful creatures in the tide pools. We continued to the headland composed of basalt and looked at several geologic structures including joints, faults, anticline folds, shear zones, cross-bedded sandstones, paleosols and landslide deposits. Then we hiked up the Hobbit Trail and over the hill to the Heceta Head Lighthouse where we took a tour. We had to avoid about a dozen major mud bogs on the trail. After lunch we headed back down to the Hobbit Trail and north on the beach to the Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park. Returning, we encountered a dead sea lion being dissected by vultures. Mostly sunny weather except for a few sprinkles at the lighthouse. Members: Joel Greer, David Hawkins, Tom Rundle, Karla Rusow.

## Horse Rock Geology

May 20, 2017

Leader: Tom Rundle

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3.2 miles, 630 ft. (Easy)

**WE HIKED UP HORSE RIDGE** through colorful meadows of wildflowers. Clouds floated above and around us on a cool,



misty morning. At Horse Rock, Tom Rundle offered a geology talk about the local dike features and an overview of the geologic history of the Western Cascade Range. After lunch, we returned to the trail amid more wildflowers and bright sunshine. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Nikki Frank, Joanne Ledet, Noah Lee, Mary Marshall, Judy Ness, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak.

## Tahkenitch Creek Exploratory

May 21, 2017

Leader: Tom Rundle

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 7 miles, 840 ft. (Moderate)

**I TOLD THE HIKERS** there was no need to bring their stream crossing shoes because we were not crossing Tahkenitch Creek. As it turned out, we encountered about a dozen swamp bogs covering the trail and most of them were knee-deep or

higher. We had to cross most of them in both directions, so we did the equivalent of about 20 stream crossings and some of us got very wet. This is a hiking crew I will never forget because everyone waded through bravely and cheerfully without the slightest complaint; however, most of the trail was beautiful with wildflowers and pine forest. We had lunch on a foggy beach, visited Threemile Lake, returned on the dune trail, and waded through the bogs a second time to get back to the



trailhead. Members: Rachelle Masin, Brian Popowsky, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Pam Symond.

## Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

April 26-May 17, 2017

Various Leaders:

Tom Rundle (4/26)

Lana Lindstrom (5/3)

David Cooper (5/10)

Tom Rundle (5/17)

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

**THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:** **March 26:** Members: David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Betty Grant, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Robert Oslon. **May 3:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Mike Smith, Tommy Young. **May 10:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Alan Curtis, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. **May 17:** Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Daphne James, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Cari Soderlund, Gary Spizzen, Dorene Steggell.

## Photo Wanted: Attention Old-Timers!

**I**S THERE AN OBSIDIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER OUT THERE WHO WAS A MEMBER PRIOR TO 1986 and has in their collection a photo of the interior of the Lodge meeting room, showing the fireplace?

I am looking for a photo of the fireplace when it was simple cinderblock. I do already have a couple of photos, but hope to find one taken from a distance that includes the wall above the fireplace sans mantel (which at one point displayed a huge American flag), and the wall to the right, with the hearth and cinderblock below.

I have the capability of scanning any prints or slides you might find.

Bea Fontana

[Fonthax@gmail.com](mailto:Fonthax@gmail.com) or 345-2410

## Spring Lodge Clean-up

**O**N FRIDAY, JUNE 2, THE LODGE WAS HUMMING with two mowers, a weed whacker, a DR mower, five mops, two vacuum cleaners, and many weed pulling hands for spring cleaning. Dave Cooper, Lodge Chair, and John Jacobsen, Lodge Grounds Chair thank the volunteers: Rob Castleberry, Betsy Halpern, Brenda Kameenui, Joanne Ledet, Jim Northrop, Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Barbara Schomaker, Cari Soderland, Pat Soussan, and Dorene Steggell.

## Summer Solstice: Fun and Interesting Events on Tuesday, June 20

Janet Jacobsen, Publicity Chair

**T**HIS UPCOMING FIRST DAY OF SUMMER WILL BE ALL ABOUT SKY GAZING FROM START TO FINISH! If the 5:29 AM sunrise will be too early for most of us, there will be a 6.8-mile Mt. Pisgah hike scheduled at 7:00 AM led by Janet Jacobsen. It is not too late for an early riser to schedule a sunrise hike; contact [summertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:summertrips@obsidians.org).

Later, from 4:00–7:00 PM, the Museum of Natural and Cultural History's *Ready, Set, Get Outside! Summer Solstice Celebration* will be held to get people excited for summer, encourage them to get outside and promote stewardship of the natural environment. Activities, crafts, and information all related to exploring the great outdoors will be going on both inside and outside (weather permitting) the museum. The Obsidian Publicity Committee will host a table contrasting Spencer Butte and Mt. Pisgah. Stop by to visit with Jim Northrop, Darko Sojak and Steve Cordon.

That evening the ExploraTalk at the Lodge will feature a presentation by member Mike Smith about the August 21 total solar eclipse. Come learn more about this rare event at 7:00 PM.

# 1877 Spencer Butte Hike

*(Article from the Eugene City Guard, May 12, 1877 about Professor Condon's trip to Spencer Butte)*

*(Editor's note: The first Obsidian hike on Spencer Butte was about 50 years later.)*

**P**icnic.—At an early hour last Saturday, according to previous arrangements, Prof. Condon, accompanied by his University class, started for the top of Spencer's Butte. Quite a large number of our citizens in buggies, hacks and lumber-wagons; on horseback and on foot, following in procession. The road being very rough and the hills rather steep, before reaching the butte all the male portion of the company, and quite a large "sprinkling" of the female, enjoyed the luxury of a good long walk in the fresh mountain air. The journey to the base of the butte was made without serious accident to any one, and the company halted on the southwest side, hitched the teams and made ready for a long pull, a strong pull, and hot pull up to the top. In a short time the west side of the butte was dotted here and there with pedestrians of all ages, struggling up the steep ascent. Finally the summit was reached by all, except one or two whose physical strength failed them. What a grand view of magnificent scenery burst upon the vision! We hardly think there is another spot in Oregon—yes, on the Pacific Coast—presenting such grand and varied scenery as the top of Spencer Butte. To the south and west the Willamette Valley is spread out before you for forty or fifty miles, dotted all over with farm houses, with Springfield, Eugene City, Junction City and Albany, away in the dim distance, we view, and the beautiful Willamette, "from the Cascade's frozen gorges," wending its way to the sea, until it is lost among the Salem hills. Then to the east and northeast stands the Cascade mountains, with the snow capped peaks—Diamond Peak, the Three Sisters and Mt. Jefferson in full view—standing as sentinels of time. To the south, reaching far above the low undulated hills and small valleys, is the Calapooia mountains, running east and west, connecting the Cascades and Coast Range; and to the west and north extends the Coast Range, bringing the Willamette valley as far as the eye can see.

After the stragglers all came in, Prof. Condon arranged the company in full view of the beautiful panorama of nature, and delivered a short lecture to his classes- in physical geography and geology on what they could see. The Professor, pointing to the north over the Willamette Valley, said to the class that it was no great stretch of the imagination to look back into the long age, when this beautiful valley was covered hundreds of feet with salt water from the Pacific ocean, extending up to the base of the butte on which they were standing; and to demonstrate that proposition, he pointed down to the quarry of Mr. Smith, near town, where the fossils of sea shells could be found in great abundance, and that, too, when new were as beautiful as could be found on any coast. The further suggestion to them that the climate of his coast had been very different in the past, and that, too, not very far back in the age of the world; for near the base of the butte, on the farm of Mr. Farrington, just then in sight, an elephant's tooth was found; and a little distance west on Matoon's farm an elephant's tusk was plowed up, hence demonstrating the fact that this country was once inhabited by animals that are now extinct. The lecture was full of instruction, and was listened to with great interest by all, and the only fault of the lecture suggested by any one was, it was too short. As soon as the lecture was closed the company dispersed and went helter skelter down the mountain to the lunch baskets. Under some alder trees near a cool spring flowing from the base of the butte lunch was spread out on the green grass, and we are safe in saying that each person did ample justice to the contents of the baskets. Late in the afternoon the company dispersed to their teams, each feeling they had enjoyed a rare treat, and that their days upon earth had been made longer by the trip. Can't we have another?

*(Editor's note: Who was Thomas Condon? The following is from the U of O's Museum of Natural History website)*

Thomas Condon, first science professor of the University of Oregon. Condon's story in Oregon began in 1852 when, at age 30, he arrived as a Congregationalist missionary intent on bringing the light of knowledge to the pioneers. Interested in fossils since his youth, he had carefully learned the ideas of modern geological sciences as educational background required for his seminaries. When fossils were discovered in central Oregon's John Day Basin in the 1860s, Rev. Condon was the most knowledgeable paleontologist in the Oregon Territory, and, with his congregation in The Dalles, ideally located to receive the finds. His first visit to the John Day region was in 1865, and many more followed over the next decades.

At the university's founding in 1876, Thomas Condon, already the State Geologist, was the natural choice for the initial science professor. He moved to Eugene with his large collection of fossils, made with the intention of educating the people of Oregon about their wonderful natural history. He used his specimens in classes, illustrating his points with the actual fossils that recorded the history of life.

## Upcoming Bus Trips



### More Food VI

**Date:** July 11 (Tues)

**Leader:** Mary Ellen West

**Cost:** \$60 (\$62 nonmembers)

**Reservations & checks:** Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

WE'RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN to find treasures from western Oregon farms that provide healthy good eats and drinks. We'll begin our day at Camas Country Mill, who will provide our morning coffee break (included). Their new wood-fired oven will produce tasty goodies to start our day. There will be time for shopping in the Mill store. On up the road we'll visit the Pacific Hazelnut Farm and Candy Factory in Aurora. There will be a video tour and time for shopping. Yumm! Next stop will be Voget Meats in Hubbard, who specialize in smoked meats, another shopping opportunity. This 68-year-old German market is still in the original Voget family. On to Bauman's, our favorite Century farm, south of Woodburn. We'll have lunch (included) here at picnic tables

set up in the garden. Of course, there is time for shopping in the farm store and the unique garden store. Ice cream sold here! Finally, we'll stop at the Minto Island Growers farm west of Salem near Minto Brown Park. Growing tea plants is the feature. Tea plants and processed tea leaves harvested in May will be for sale. Tea grown here is acclaimed for its quality. **Suggestion:** *Bring a cooler.* Enjoy!!!

### National Parks of the Southwest

**Dates:** September 10–22 (Sun 9/10–Fri 9/22)

**Leaders:** Sharon Cutsforth, Jim Northrop

**Cost:** \$1,557 (\$1,583 nonmembers)

**Reservations & checks:** Sharon Cutsforth 746-4929

*There are a few remaining spaces open on this amazing trip with Augie and Char Bergman. We will visit ten National Parks, three National Monuments, four State Parks and much more. Please call Sharon for complete itinerary.*

### Fall Color—McKenzie River & Belknap Springs

**Date:** October 3 (Tues)

**Leaders:** Barbara & Paul Beard

**Cost:** \$68 (\$70 nonmembers)

**Reservations & checks:** Judy Phelps 726-0118

### Christmas Lights at Shore Acres

**Dates:** November 30—December 1 (Thurs–Fri)

**Leaders:** Barbara & Paul Beard

**Cost:** \$174 (\$178 nonmembers)

**Reservations & checks:** Judy Phelps 726-0118

*Information is also available at [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org).*

*Contact: [bustrips@obsidians.org](mailto:bustrips@obsidians.org)*

*Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929*

## Upcoming Women's Kayak Trip

### Women's Olallie Lake Kayak

**September 7–9, 2017 (Thursday and Friday night)**

**Leader:** Pat Esch

**Cost \$68 (\$73 nonmembers)**

**T**HIS YEAR'S KAYAK TRIP WILL BE AT A NEW PLACE—Olallie Lake Resort—a remote high mountain rustic resort in the Mt. Hood National Forest just west of Warm Springs Reservation. There are several shallow lakes in this Olallie Lakes National Scenic Area to paddle plus hiking trails. There is a resort store with some supplies and ice in limited quantities, but no indoor running water or electricity and no gas, no internet, no ATM and no cell phone coverage. Talk about remote!

I've reserved two large yurts that have propane lighting, heat and stove, and one cabin with a wood burning stove and kerosene lantern. All have outside water spigots and outhouses nearby. There are not enough beds for 12 people, but there is plenty of room for various sleeping arrangements, like personal tents, small RVs or cots.

We will have two potluck dinners, but breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks are on one's own.

The resort is approximately a three-hour drive from Eugene with the last six miles being rough gravel road.

Signups will open Monday, June 19 around 7 AM and will be limited to members only for the first 48 hours. Within five days of signing up, send a check payable to the Obsidians for the full amount (\$68; \$73 nonmembers) to: Pat Esch, 1555 Monterey Ave., Eugene, OR 97401. The entire fee is forfeit if you cancel less than a month ahead, unless you find a substitute. The trip is limited to 12 persons.

There will be a pre-trip meeting at the Lodge to discuss everything, date to be determined.



## AT THE LODGE



# POTLUCK

Friday, June 23, at 6:30 PM

## Conserving Rhinos in South Africa

**O**BSIDIAN JUDY ADAMCYK has participated in four Earthwatch Institute expeditions. This slide show presentation will focus on studying the effects of de-horning rhinos to discourage poachers. The participants tracked the rhinos to determine how they moved in the Malakawe Preserve and the Plannesburg National Park. Volunteers also saw over 100 different birds, as well as zebras, giraffes, elephants, jaguars and various other animals. Come and be inspired to volunteer for this not-for-profit group.



Friday, June 23, 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.*



## ExploraTalk

Tuesday, June 20, at 7:00 PM

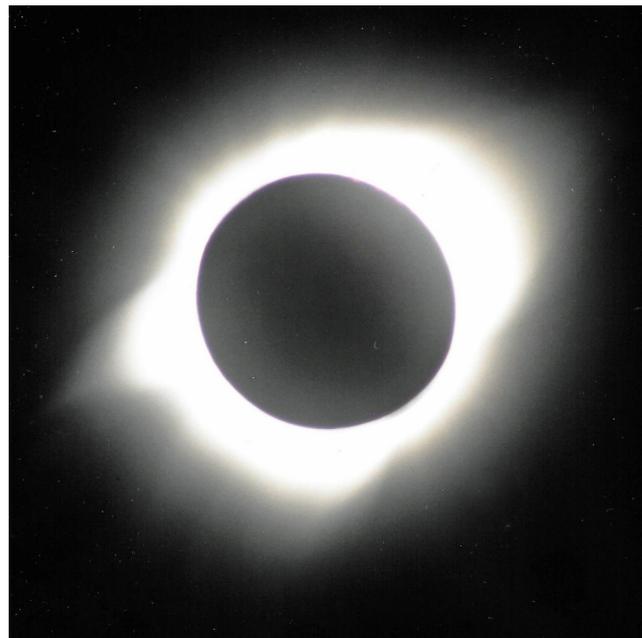
## The Total Solar Eclipse: How to Ensure a Good Experience

with Obsidian Mike Smith

**M**any thousands of people are expected to make their way to the path of totality in August here in Oregon. The last time a total solar eclipse darkened soil on the U.S. was back in February 1979.

In preparation, Obsidian leader Mike Smith will present suggestions for us to see the best show possible. Mike has observed many total solar eclipses in his lifetime and has some great tips for viewing this event safely. His excitement about this upcoming eclipse is contagious and the information he will provide will help with your August plans.

Carpooling to this event is encouraged.



# Obsidian Calendar

## June

11 Sun	<b>Mt June via Lost Creek Hike M Randall</b> .....	844-5916
14 Wed	<b>Exploring the Santiam Wagon Road Bus West</b> .....	343-5492
14 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon</b> .....	513-3452
15 Thu	<b>Brice Creek Hike M Wilken</b> .....	343-3080
16 Fri	<b>Yachats Beach House Hike M Hovis</b> .....	731-3412
17 Sat	<b>Mt Washington-Graduation Climb Edinger</b> .....	231-1457
17 Sat	<b>Marys Peak East Ridge Hike M Smythe</b> .....	757-6357
18 Sun	<b>Three Fingered Jack Climb Willhite</b> .....	406-570-4514
18 Sun	<b>Erma Bell And Otter Lakes Hike M Rundle</b> .....	653-0741
18 Sun	<b>Erma Bell Lakes Hike E Ewing</b> .....	344-9197
19 Mon	<b>Pisgah Sunset Hike E Jacobsen</b> .....	206-1251
20 Tue	<b>Total Solar Eclipse</b> .....	<b>ExploraTalk</b>
20 Tue	<b>Mt Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M Jacobsen</b> .....	206-1251
21 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray</b> .....	953-5679
22 Thu	<b>Willamette River Bike Path Bike M Rundle</b> .....	653-0741
23 Fri	<b>Conserving Rhinos in South Africa</b> .....	<b>Potluck</b>
24 Sat	<b>Marion Mountain Hike D James</b> .....	683-7488
24 Sat	<b>Middle Sister Climb M Reiter</b> .....	521-8472
25 Sun	<b>Gordon Meadows / Gordon Lks Hike M Randall</b> .....	844-5916
25 Sun	<b>Mount Baker Climb McCormick</b> .....	543-1249
26 Mon	<b>Iron Mountain Redoux Hike M Rundle</b> .....	653-0741
28 Wed	<b>Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell</b> .....	503-884-8829
28 Wed	<b>Macduff Mountain Hike M Johnson</b> .....	520-2470
28 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith</b> .....	520-488-9569

## July

1 Sat	<b>McKenzie River Trail (Entire) Hike D Johnson</b> .....	520-2470
1 Sat	<b>Wassen Creek/Dark Grove Hike D Sayre</b> .....	345-2370
3 Mon	<b>Crescent Mountain Hike D Smith</b> .....	520-488-9569
5 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon</b> .....	513-3452
8 Sat	<b>Middle Pyramid Hike M Adkins</b> .....	344-4163
9 Sun	<b>Cone Pk/Echo Mtn/North Peak Hike D Randall</b> .....	844-5916
11 Tue	<b>More Food VI Bus West</b> .....	343-5492
12 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle</b> .....	653-0741
14 Fri	<b>Mt Jefferson-Milk Creek Climb Harris</b> .....	521-5807
14 Fri	<b>Blacklock Point Coast Bk Pk M Hovis</b> .....	731-3412
15 Sat	<b>Olallie Mountain Hike M Randall</b> .....	844-5916
16 Sun	<b>Yapoah Crater Geology Hike D Rundle</b> .....	653-0741

19 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon</b> .....	513-3452
22 Sat	<b>Mt Adams-Mazama Glacier Climb D Huseman</b> .....	743-3658
22 Sat	<b>Three Fingered Jack Geology Hike D Rundle</b> .....	653-0741
22 Sat	<b>Vivian Lake Hike M Wolling</b> .....	345-2110
23 Sun	<b>Florence Barefoot Beach Hike Hike E Sojak</b> .....	799-9199
23 Sun	<b>Lowder Mountain Hike M Terry</b> .....	345-0720
25 Tue	<b>Camas Country Schoolhouse Bike M Hughes</b> .....	933-5542
26 Wed	<b>Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell</b> .....	503-884-8829
26 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle</b> .....	653-0741
27 Thu	<b>Canyon Creek Meadows Hike M Cooper</b> .....	344-8517
29 Sat	<b>Mt McLoughlin Climb Van Winkle</b> .....	615-686-4402
29 Sat	<b>North Sister Climb D Deeter</b> .....	954-0924
29 Sat	<b>Mt Thielsen Climb Edinger</b> .....	231-1457
30 Sun	<b>Camp Funkhouser--N Cascades SCmp Jacobsen</b> .....	914-1132

## August

5 Sat	<b>Broken Top Climb Hansen</b> .....	360-852-2041
5 Sat	<b>Duffy Lake Hike M Terry</b> .....	345-0720
9 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon</b> .....	513-3452
12 Sat	<b>Scott Mountain / Benson Lake Hike D Wolling</b> .....	345-2110
13 Sun	<b>Black Crater Hike M Baer</b> .....	431-0767
15 Tue	<b>The Wife Hike D Rundle</b> .....	653-0741
16 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith</b> .....	520-488-9569
19 Sat	<b>Mt Washington Climb Hansen</b> .....	360-852-2041
19 Sat	<b>Goodman Creek Hike D Terry</b> .....	345-0720
21 Mon	<b>Total Solar Eclipse of 2017 Hike E Sojak</b> .....	799-9199
23 Wed	<b>White Mountains, CA Ext Trp M Curtis</b> .....	345-2571
23 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper</b> .....	868-5427
27 Sun	<b>Fawn Lake Loop Hike M Sojak</b> .....	799-9199
28 Mon	<b>John Muir Wilderness Bk Pk D Adey</b> .....	520-9285
30 Wed	<b>Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell</b> .....	503-884-8829
30 Wed	<b>Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon</b> .....	513-3452

## September

9 Sat	<b>Divide Lake Hike D Cooper</b> .....	868-5427
10 Sun	<b>Southwest National Parks Bus Cutsforth</b> .....	746-4929
10 Sun	<b>Mt Thielsen Climb Hansen</b> .....	360-852-2041
15 Fri	<b>Mt. Jefferson / Berley Lakes Bk Pk M Hovis</b> .....	731-3412
15 Fri	<b>Carl Lake Bk Pk M Randall</b> .....	844-5916

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*Photo of Spencer Butte in the rain by Tommy Young on April 26*

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