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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joe Fontaine, President, Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs celebrated its 74th Annual Convention at the Menucha Conference and Retreat Center in the Columbia Gorge on August 26-28, 2005. The theme was "Lewis and Clark: Their legacy, Our Challenge."

Some of our speakers reminded us of that legacy by reviewing that portion of the trip the "Corps of Discovery" took as they came down the Columbia, had their first view of the Pacific Ocean, and spent the winter at Fort Clatsop. Other speakers described the current status of those lands Lewis and Clark passed through 200 years ago. The contrast between then and now underlined the immense challenge we face if we are to pass on to future generations the legacy of Lewis and Clark and the "Corps of Discovery".

The convention passed 27 resolutions dealing with issues ranging from wilderness, wildlife, logging, trails, off road vehicles, impacts from development, and air and water quality. Protecting our public lands, the primary legacy of Lewis and Clark, was a theme that ran throughout all of our resolutions.

The current political environment in Washington D. C. makes that a formidable challenge. In spite of the situation in Congress and the White House, we have been able to advance some of our issues by working with public agencies and our friends in Congress. But there is no hiding the fact that we have also experienced set backs in our efforts to protect our air, water, and the resources on our public lands.

Our most productive efforts now will be to cultivate public support locally for our issues so that when the current political national leadership is replaced, we will be poised to move forward once again.

This year's Convention will be September 8-10th at Calaveras Big Tree State Park southeast of Sacramento, California. The theme will be the timely issue of "Wildfire in the West." I urge each member club to send a delegate and submit resolutions. I hope to see many of you there amongst the giant sequoias.

Joe Fontaine
President
Federation of
Western Outdoor Clubs

FEDERATION ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

At the August convention, Joe Fontaine of Tehachapi, California was elected the new President of the Federation replacing Winchell Hayward who has served as President for the last two years.

Joe has had a distinguished environmental career as Past President of the Sierra Club from 1980-82 and winner of its John Muir Award in 1995. He most recently served as President of Wilderness Watch. Joe has a BA in Geology from UCLA and a MS in Earth Science from Cornell University. He taught high school physics and earth science in Bakersfield, CA until his retirement in 1994 to pursue environmental work.

It was outrage over clear-cutting in the Sierras in the 1960's that fueled Joe's long-standing efforts to protect the Giant Sequoias and wilderness. He is proud of his role in the establishment of the Golden Trout Wilderness in 1978 and the California Desert Protection Act in 1994. He also played a key role in the designation of the Giant Sequoia Monument in 2000 and now continues to monitor the management plan. He is married to Bugs who is an active partner in pursuing environmental goals.

Photo: Bugs and Joe Fontaine
at FWOOC 2005 Convention



2006 FWOC CONVENTION

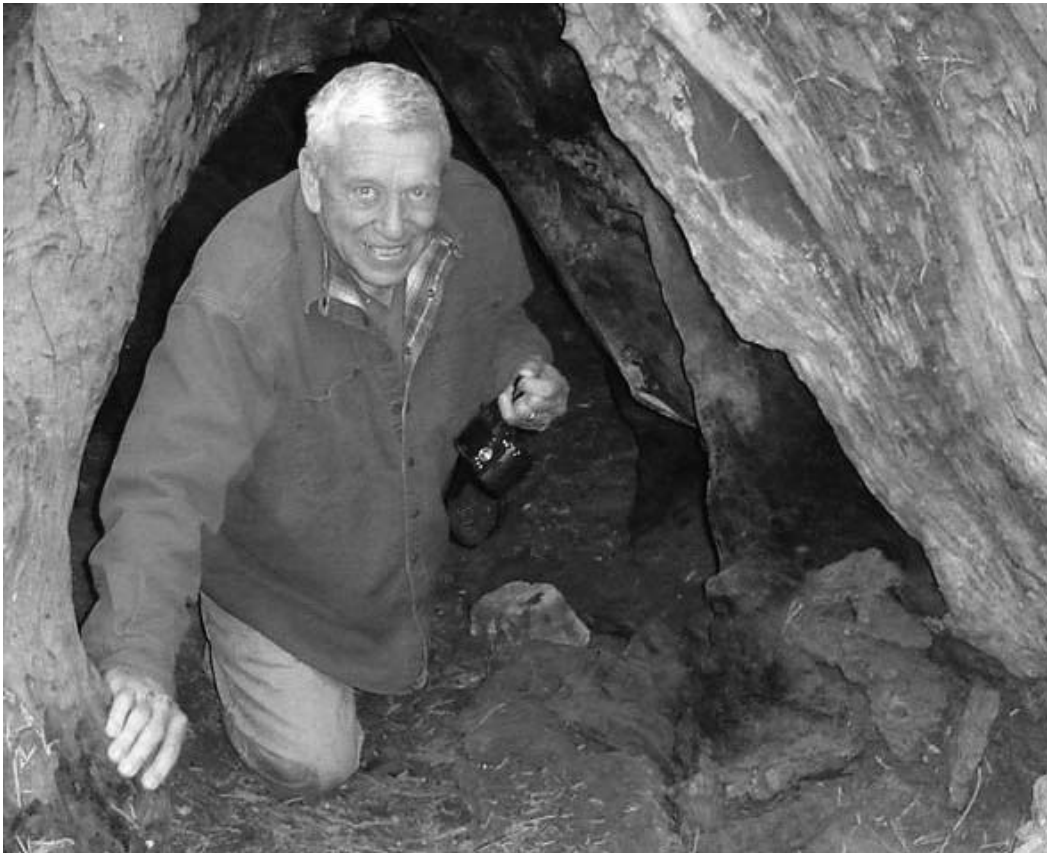
WILDFIRE IN THE WEST

CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK
SEPTEMBER 8-10TH

This years convention will be September 8-10th at Calaveras Big Trees State Park southeast of Sacra-

Giant Sequoias some 2000 years old. The State Park was established in 1931 to preserve the North Grove and later the South Grove was added enlarging it to 6500 acres. Located at mid-elevation (6500 feet) of the western Sierra Nevada, the

in the formation of western forests. Much of the prairie, parklands and pastures discovered by western explorers and settlers were the result of Native American's use of fire to enhance subsistence foodstuffs and game. The removal of Native



Joe Fontaine emerging from fire scarred giant sequoia

mento, California. Registration, meetings, breakfasts, lunches and social hours will be in the Jack Knight Memorial Hall in the Park and dinners will be in the town of Arnold, 3 miles away. Camping is available at the Park and motel accommodations in Arnold. The Mother Lode Chapter of the Sierra Club will be our host club.

As its name suggests, Calaveras Big Trees State Park offers a unique experience in appreciation of the

Park is a lovely mixed conifer forest of giant sequoia, sugar and yellow pine, incense cedar and white fir with the Stanislaus River running through it. There is an extensive trail system for hiking and picnic areas with swimming areas, September temperatures usually range between 70 to 80 degrees and camping is available in the North Grove Campground.

Natural lightning fires and indigenous burning were important

Americans to Reservations by the end of the 19th century followed by the fire suppression policy of the USFS in the 20th century has resulted in forest conditions contributing to the catastrophic fires of our 21st century. Our convention theme is **Wildfire in the West** exploring the important role of fire in our western forests and the prescribed fires regimes being instituted now.

2006 FWOC CONVENTION

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, September 8th

Noon Registration opens
1:00pm Sequoia Grove hikes
4:00pm Opening session – Welcome, club introductions
and reports, committee reports
6:00pm Social Hour
7:00pm Dinner in Arnold

1:00pm “Sierra Nevada Forest Management,” Craig Thomas, Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign
2:00pm “Alternative Wood Products,” Warren Alford, Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign
3:00pm Member Club Workshop
4:30pm Book Signing: Mike McCloskey, author of *In the Thick of It: My Life in the Sierra Club*
5:00pm Sequoia Grove hikes
6:00pm Social hour
7:00pm Group dinner in Arnold Program: “Mushrooms of the Central Sierra Nevada” by Dr. Tom Hostra

Saturday, September 9th

7:30am Buffet breakfast
8:30am Club reports
9:00am “Sierra Nevada in Crisis,” John Buckley, Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center
10:00am “Management of Calaveras Big Trees SP, “Wayne Harrison, Park Ecologist
10:45am Field trip to observe SP prescribed fire program results with Wayne Harrison
11:45am Buffet lunch

Sunday, September 10th

7:30am Buffet breakfast
8:30am Business meeting
9:00am Adoption of Resolutions
Noon Buffet lunch

Covention Registration Form is on Page 15

2006 Resolutions

The FWOC adopts resolutions on conservation issues each year at its annual Convention. The resolutions are submitted by member clubs regarding items of concern to them. If you wish to submit a resolution please use the form below with as much factual information as possible. The Resolutions Committee reviews, edits and publishes the Resolutions for convention attendees. Submitted esolutions may be revised to be consistent with previously passed resolutions. They are voted on by member club delegates at the Sunday session. The deadline for submission of resolutions this year is August 21. (Late resolutions may be accepted with approval of the Chair.)

2006 RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM

Submitted by _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Resolution topic _____

Background: (How developed, why it is important and current status)

Proposed stand for FWOC: (Use verbs such as resolves, urges, supports, opposes, Condemns, ect.)

Send to: George Nickas, Resolution Chair
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DEADLINE: August 21st

2005 CONVENTION

LEWIS AND CLARK: THEIR LEGACY, OUR CHALLENGE

Last summer's convention held at Menucha Lodge on the Columbia River Gorge reflected on the legacy of the Lewis and Clark expedition down the Columbia River and the challenges we now face to try to protect some of the places that they visited. We are grateful to the Friends of the Columbia Gorge our host club for their hospitality and organizing a great Gorge hike. The Chinook Trail Association also helped with hospitality. Sixteen member clubs were represented at the convention.

Thanks to all our presenters: Michael Lang, Conservation Director of Friends of the Columbia Gorge spoke on the environmental problems in the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. Kathleen Casey highlighted the Sierra Club's Lewis and Clark Landscape Project. Nina Bell, Executive Director of Northwest Environmental Advocates, spoke to the environmental degradation of the lower Columbia River. Pete Field of the NPS updated us on the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. Portland author Elizabeth Grossman presented slides of the recreational opportunities along Lewis and Clark's route.

Kathleen Casey of the Sierra Club reminded us: "It's also appropriate to look forward to the next 200 years--will we be proud that our great-great-grandchildren can still explore wilderness areas that intrigued Lewis and Clark? Will our local communities and tribes still be able to celebrate their livelihoods and traditions? Or will we regret that short-term thinking and greed prevented us from doing what was the responsible thing, the right thing."

Shannon Majorca of Save Our Salmon left us with these thoughts: "A true commemoration to Lewis and Clark will require action. Treaties must be honored in deed, not just in words. Waters must be cleaned up. Dried up streams must be replenished, and some dams must be removed so abundant salmon, healthy rivers and long-lived communities can be restored. The first and hardest steps are achievable before the bicentennial ends in 2006. As Americans, we should do no less. Let's leave a legacy worthy of both Lewis and Clark and the people who met them here 200 years ago."



Presenter: Kathleen Casey, Sierra Club

KEYNOTER REX ZIAK

by Roger Anderson

Rex Ziak, is an Emmy award winning cinematographer, historian and well-known authority on the Journey of Lewis and Clark. He is author of *In Full View: A true and accurate account of Lewis and Clark's arrival at the Pacific Ocean, and their search for a winter camp along the lower Columbia River.*

Backed by two 6' by 12' color maps of the Columbia River and the route of Lewis and Clark's journey, Rex began the evening with a brief overview of how the spectacular Columbia River Gorge was formed by ice age torrents of water racing down the river, carving the channel deeper into the basalt rock.

He brought us into the 1800's when Lewis and Clark were planning for their epic journey by order of President Thomas Jefferson. Rex explained in detail Jefferson's orders, often reading from one of the 6 book set of Lewis and Clarks' Journals. He briefly chronicled the early part of the journey, but focused mainly on Lewis and Clarks' last month near the mouth of the Columbia River.

Rex brought to life their trying times, including interactions with the Native Americans,, the leather clothing rotting off of their bodies and the almost constant rain and fog.



Replica of Ft. Clatsop where Lewis and Clark spent the Winter of 1805-06

MEMBER CLUB WORKSHOP...A SHARING CIRCLE

by Shirley Cameron

Experiences and information flowed freely at the convention club workshop.

Recruitment was the first topic and John Jacobsen, Obsidian President, started the ball rolling. He said the club keeps the dues low: \$20/yr, member fee for climbs is \$4 and hikes \$1. Their media publicity is good and the internet has made a positive difference. The Club has an urban meeting lodge but no telephone number.

Chemeketan dues are \$65. Jo Kuehn noted the Chemeketans advertise in the newspaper. According to Win Hayward, the California Alpine Club does so by submitting articles. Mae Harms of the same club said that much of their recruiting is by word of mouth for the myriad of recreation possibilities with their two lodges. The club has two annual fundraisers for conservation and a tax-exempt CAC Foundation.

Trails Club of Oregon Carla Haake said dues are \$17.50 for seniors and \$35. regular dues. The club is represented at conferences where they distribute brochures. There is a website and a message phone line. Sydney Herbert indicated they publish local hikes, as do other clubs. Carla said they target the most active persons and right now it's older people.

George Milne and Win Hayward retrieved the engraved stones from the first Mazama lodge fireplace and relocated them at their Nesika Lodge.

According to Fran Troje, the Mountaineers have seen a decline in membership. She said they need a marketing committee, a branding committee, and a real outside marketing study. The mountaineers have the largest outdoor publishing house in the nation. The club is saddled with an enormous insurance policy to cover their assets.

The Mazamas, according to Vic Anantha, require that members have one glacier outing before joining. Their membership is mostly older but they do have the Adventurous Young Mazamas that is primarily a singles group.

Dave Bybee of the Columbia Group of the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club said they used to send out self-addressed stamped envelopes for people to obtain hike information. Now they give magnet cards with the website address for people to put on their refrigerators.

The dialogue turned to leader training. A Mazama leader training booklet was circulated by Vik Anantha. Their club has a Basic, Intermediate Climbing School (ICS) and Advanced Rock and Ice Course. People have to lead two hikes per year and take the ICS to keep their leader qualification.

The Chemeketans are similar to the Mazamas but have less strenuous leader requirements.

Mike McCloskey indicated that some clubs are dry and some not. Kim Braasch offered that the Santiam Alpine Club is a "Climbing Club with a drinking problem" (or a Drinking Club with a Climbing Problem)? but of course, they don't drink while climbing. Kim is a Chemeketan member also. Dave Bybee said that having a mentor was important to him in his early leadership training. (He has had thirty years of outing experience and is famous for buried barbeque turkey on his trips.) As an aside, he revealed that in his experience, runner athletes have more trouble than bicyclists in carrying backpacks on extended trips.

Mike mentioned that when he led hikes long ago for the Obsidians, people resisted the authority of the leaders. Joe Fontaine recalled that he and Mike once hitchhiked home following a hike. Joe also noted that electronic equipment is frowned upon on many club hikes. Reese White with the Washington Alpine Club said electronic equipment is used for speed climbing. He also mentioned that he requires people to bring their brains to the trailhead. Kim Braasch said she has pre-trip meetings prior to an outing.

There were questions about liability and insurance (a topic for the next convention workshop?)

John Jacobsen said the Obsidians insure only their meeting lodges and had to join the American Outfitters Assoc. to receive Outfitters insurance. They rely on the 1997 Volunteer Protection Act. Joe Hargrave said that gross negligence is a factor in the Volunteer Protection Act. Joe Kuehn mentioned that the Chemeketans just had an Internal Revenue Service audit. Kim said they pay taxes on their den and lodge.

Win Hayward claimed he has been selective on who went on his canoe trips and had no incidents. He wondered if he would be liable in case of an accident and Fran Troje of the Mountaineers said yes, he would be liable. Mike mentioned that a waiver could be signed. However, Joe mentioned that anyone can sue and you have to pay to defend yourself. Louise Arndt of the Marin Canoe and Kayak Club said that people can get liability insurance, which she has herself.

Dave Bybee told the group the preprinted paper USGS topographic maps will be discontinued and available for purchase only in CD-ROM form or as waterproof printouts at outdoor retailers.

2005 RESOLUTIONS PASSED

The following Resolutions were adopted August 28th, 2005 at the **Seventy-Fourth Annual Convention** at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, Corbett, Oregon. The texts of each Resolution can be accessed at www.feederationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org.

- Resolution # 1: MANAGEMENT OF THE GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT
- Resolution # 2: OPPOSITION TO UNLAWFUL SALVAGE LOGGING
- Resolution # 3: SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING THE MT. HOOD WILDERNESS
- Resolution # 4: EXPANSION OF HAT ROCK STATE PARK, OREGON
- Resolution # 5: OPPOSITION TO A GIGANTIC COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT IN NEVADA
- Resolution # 6: SUPPORT FOR AMERICA'S REDROCK WILDERNESS BILL, UTAH
- Resolution # 7: CONNECTING THE CHINOOK TRAIL TO THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL
- Resolution # 8: BUILDING A TRAIL ALONG THE CHELATCHIE PRAIRIE RAIL LINE
- Resolution # 9: OPPOSITION TO A RESORT ON MT. ADAMS, WASHINGTON
- Resolution #10: ESTABLISH A SODA MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS
- Resolution #11: SUPPORT FOR NEW WILDERNESS IN WHITE PINE AND LYON COUNTIES, NEVADA
- Resolution #12: LIMITATION OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON FOREST SERVICE LANDS
- Resolution #13: OPPOSITION TO INTER-BASIN TRANSFER OF WATER FROM WHITE PINE COUNTY TO SOUTHERN NEVADA
- Resolution #14: SUPPORT WILDERNESS DESIGNATION FOR THE ZION-MOJAVE AREA, UTAH
- Resolution #15: MORE PROTECTION NEEDED FOR NORTHWEST SALMON
- Resolution #16: SEATTLE SHOULD HONOR ITS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PURCHASE CAPEHART HOUSING IN DISCOVERY PARK
- Resolution #17: RECOVERY OF SNAKE RIVER BASIN SALMON AND STEELHEAD RUNS
- Resolution #18: OPPOSITION TO CLOSURE OF SMALL, DISPERSED, PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUNDS
- Resolution #19: PRESERVE THE WATER QUALITY OF THE MCKENZIE DRAINAGE
- Resolution #20: CLOSING RECOMMENDED WILDERNESS WITHIN NPS UNITS TO MOUNTAIN BIKE USE
- Resolution #21: SUPPORT FOR THE NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE FOR THE EIS ON THE PROPOSED WHITE PINE ENERGY STATION, NEVADA
- Resolution #22: OPPOSITION TO CASINO PROPOSED IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE
- Resolution #23: EARMARKED FUND NEEDED TO CLEAN UP ABANDONED MINES
- Resolution #24: REINSTATEMENT OF SURVEY AND MANAGE RULE
- Resolution #25: SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATURE TO REINSTATE THE CLINTON ROADLESS RULE
- Resolution #26: OPPOSITION TO MORE LOGGING LOOPHOLES

Encouragement from Brook Evans:

“It is certainly easy to get depressed about the endless battles we have to wage to protect the places and values we stand for. As David Brower (or someone like him) once said “all environmental victories are temporary; all defeats permanent.” That knowledge, that fact of life, is part of what drives me on, even when I’m tired inside and out. And there is such a deep satisfaction isn’t there, from passing by a place that is still safe, because WE, or people like us, cared enough to stand and fight for it.”

AWARDS

Michael McCloskey, Past President and last year's Conservation Award winner, presented the Federation's 2005 Awards. A plaque for the Conservation Award was presented to **Joe Fontaine** for his long-standing work for wilderness preservation and the establishment and preservation of the Giant Sequoia National Monument. The Service Award went to **Raelene Gold** for editing *Outdoors West*, developing convention programs and planning its future.



Convention Program Committee: Raelene Gold and Shirley Cameron

CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING

At the convention, the following officers of FWOC were elected:

President- Joe Fontaine
Vice-President – Raelene Gold
Secretary – Joe Hargrave
Treasurer – Jack Walker

Mae Harms, member of the California Alpine Club was appointed as a Vice-President for California.

Four clubs were admitted to membership:

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
Marin Canoe and Kayak Club
Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club
Preserve Area Ridgeland Committee

WINTER BUSINESS MEETING

The FWOC Executive Committee met at the Mazamas headquarters in Portland, Oregon on February 11, 2006.

Robert Haage, Vice-President for California and Clifton Merritt, Vice-President for Montana resigned from the Executive Committee. They were thanked for their many years of service to the Federation and were both awarded honorary memberships in the Federation.

Club Membership Applications were received and accepted from the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and from the Idaho Conservation League. They will be voted on at the upcoming convention.

The Federation is searching for a new Editor for *Outdoor West*. Interested persons should contact Raelene Gold.

Committee assignments were made as follows:

Convention Program: Marge Sill, Mike McCloskey, Winchell Hayward

Convention Arrangements: Mae Harms, Bugs Fontaine

Convention Publicity: Winchell Hayward, Raelene Gold

Awards: Marge Sill, Jack Walker, Shirley Cameron

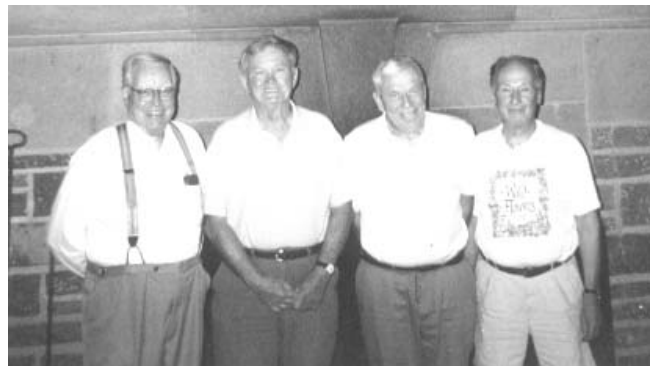
Nominations: Jack Walker, Mae Harms, Joe Hargrave

Resolutions: George Nickas, Mae Harms, Mike McCloskey

The Federation's 75th Anniversary is coming up in 2007. Mike McCloskey reminded the Board that the Federation was organized in 1932 after a gathering held by the Mazamas to celebrate their new lodge. They invited a number of other outdoor clubs who while there decided to form an association to further their common interests.

MAXINE MCCLOSKEY TO BE REMEMBERED

Maxine McCloskey, wife of former FWOC President, Michael McCloskey, passed away on April 14, 2006 at the age of 78. Maxine had been Editor of *Outdoors West* from 1973-1976. In recent years she had often offered her home and generous hospitality to the Federation for meetings and gatherings. She will be remembered at the upcoming convention and people are encouraged to bring pictures or written remembrances that will be compiled in a book for the McCloskey family.



New and Past Presidents: Jack Walker, Joe Fontaine, Mike McCloskey and Winchell Hayward



CLUB NEWS

Compiled by Shirley Cameron



Please remember to put FWOC on your club's newsletter mailing list: FWOC, c/o Shirley Cameron, 35470 Ross Lane, Cottage Grove, OR, 97424.

A win for Wildlife and Wildlands was due to the success of the MONTANA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION in reaching an agreement with the Montana Snowmobile Association. Their recommendations on motorized and non-motorized use of the forests will be submitted to the Forest Service.

The association's newsletter, "Wild Montana", reveals the battle over Lolo Peak. A proposed Bitterroot Resort plans ski lifts, ski runs and restaurants on those pristine slopes so trophy homes can be sold. A group called Friends of Lolo Peak formed to give the valley community a voice in fighting this misuse of public lands.



DESOMOUNTS scheduled an October trip to visit the Manzanar National Historic Site which was established to preserve the stories of the Japanese-American internment during the Second World War. There are exhibits, a film and an auto tour to try to imagine what daily life was like.

In case you hadn't heard, Desomount "Dustings" reports that, in spite of the Bush Administration's efforts to the contrary, Gov. Schwarzenegger has declared California's forests off-limits to logging road construction, saying, "Roadless Areas in California will remain Roadless."



In the "Knapsack", the newsletter of the CONTRA COSTA HILLS CLUB, we learn that the impetus for forming the club was to work toward setting aside some of the open land in the Oakland and Berkeley hills for public parks. The first fight was to save Oakland's Sequoia Park. The idea was to form the Contra Costa Hills Club to emulate the example of the TAMALPAIS CONSERVATION

CLUB in preserving what could be saved of their "Little Wilderness". In 1934, after the hard work of the club's founder, Harold French, and others, the system of Regional Parks for Alameda and Contra Costa was established. The TAMALPAIS CONSERVATION CLUB was formed in 1912 by hikers from various bay area clubs. Among the 1300 who first joined were Alice Eastwood, Ernest J. Mott and Gifford Pinchot. They maintained trails, signs, and campsites and hired a full-time maintenance man, building a cabin for him at Bootjack Camp.



The CHEMEKETANS chose the Maroon Bells Wilderness in Colorado for their annual two-week 2005 outing. The Three Pyramids roadless area in the Old Cascades has been adopted by the club. This involves map inventory, photos and having an awareness of area issues. Also, a dozen members worked with the BLM in the Molalla River drainage on National Trail Maintenance Day. The club also plans to coordinate with City Parks to form an ongoing ivy and weed removal network to battle against the invasion of ivy and weeds protecting native fawn lilies and other plants in the Deepwood Natural Area.



The MOUNT BAKER CLUB was honored in a ceremony at Granville Island (B.C.) for supporting the Trans Canada Trail. The club worked with the MOUNTAINEERS to improve the Baker Lake Trail.



The "Oregon Conifer", newsletter of the OREGON CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB, warns of a threat to the state's valuable family farms: an industrial farm 5 miles south of the Columbia River in Boardman. This farm confines 55,000 dairy cows in factory type

buildings. The waste at Threemile Canyon Farms, held in large open pits, equals that of a city of 1,272,000 people. The chapter is starting an effort to encourage family farms and to say NO to corporate animal agriculture in Oregon.

According to the Oregon Conifer, Judge James Redden ruled May 26 that the Bush Administration management plans for hydroelectric system along the Columbia and Snake rivers failed to provide adequate consideration for salmon restoration. It is hoped that politicians will join Jim McDermott (D-WA) to advance the concept of breaching the four Snake river dams. Chapter members and other activists in the Illinois Valley, So. Oregon, valiantly tried to halt the logging of Late Successional Reserve big trees in the Biscuit fire area. The Forest Service moved ahead, however, arresting at least 11 protesters at one event.



FRIENDS OF NEVADA WILDERNESS reported in their summer "Call of the Wild" that lightning started wild fires in the Mojave Desert, fires that are traditionally rare due to slow growth, sparse placement and drought resistance. But now, faster growing nonnative grasses such as cheat grass, red brome, and exotic mustards have created carpets of flammable fuel that carry fire across the desert, destroying native plants. The danger is the potential for long-term effects on wildlife populations. Good monitoring is needed because the BLM is not allowed to spend money on research for post-fire rehabilitation. Howard Booth, one of their members (also of the So. Nevada Group of the Toiyabe Chapter), has been awarded the Sierra Club's highest honor: the John Muir Award. We learn in the "Toiyabe Trails" (TOIYABE CHAPTER OF THE



SIERRA CLUB) that 5th grade students of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Magnet School built bat houses as part of a USFS stream restoration project. The Tahoe Area Sierra Club provided funds. The students learned about the need for balance in nature and how human activity can unintentionally disrupt that balance.



The TOIYABE CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB earned money in a unique way by giving NASCAR fans a taste of public transportation. Ten members helped racing fans board buses back to the Strip. The buses were a big success. With 10,000 fans, it might take seven hours for the last of the private cars to clear the parking lot. Even some folks in the chartered helicopter queue decided to join the bus riders instead. The Range of Light Group reports on a proposed housing development along the Mt. Whitney Portal road called Whitney Portal Preserve. Visual effects and water issues are a concern but the Inyo County Planning Commission has approved it. The Great Basin Group helped make possible a snowshoeing trip for a class of 5th grade students. Many children had never been to the mountains; they learned about ecology, tree species, and predator-prey relationships. "Toiyabe Trails" announced a fundraiser to save the Clair Tappan Lodge because the Sierra Club is threatening to sell it unless \$100,000 can be raised. Two groups of the MOTHER LODE CHAPTER are sponsors.



On May 3, MAZAMA hikers unfurled the "Children's Summit Day" banner on top of Mt. Hood to publicize the importance of detecting and treating mental health conditions in children. The media coverage gave a

boost to the national effort on Children's Mental Health Summit Day. Mazamas have chosen the property for their new facility. It is at S.E.43rd and Stark. Their offer was accepted and many volunteer hours were expended in preparing for the conditional use permit which included a traffic study. A concept task force was formed to decide how the building is to be modified to include all necessary elements. Club members living in the area have canvassed the neighborhood, sharing information and answering questions. Fortunately, all the responses were either neutral or positive. Carpooling and use of public transportation will be encouraged to reduce the need for on-street parking. Also, a Conditional Use Permit for their Mountaineering Center was granted and they can go ahead with their project. Over five days, nine students and three leaders of Mazama Explorer Post 936 were able to summit eight peaks in the Purcell Range of British Columbia. They made a base camp near Cata-mout Glacier. The highest peak was North Star Peak at 10,284 feet. In September, members helped restore the Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge by spending three days removing old barbwire fence and then did some hiking and canoeing.

The "Hike to the Summit" Climbing Program has been revived by the MAZAMAS. The purpose is to provide a nontechnical opportunity to summit a glaciated peak which can qualify for Mazama membership. A priceless collection of lost documents have been returned to the club. They include the Mt. Hood Summit Register for years 1891-1895 and signed by the party that founded the Mazamas on the summit on July 19, 1894. There was also a Mt. St. Helens Summit Register from 1898-1908.



Canyons of the Ancient National

Monument is yet another place the GREAT OLD BROADS FOR WILDERNESS are working diligently with partners such as the San Juan Mountains Association to measure impact. The monument, in S.W. Colorado, contains the highest known density of archaeological sites in the nation. They trained volunteers (hikers, horseback riders, ORV users) to use their Healthy Lands Project. It entails using GPS units and digital cameras. Now the BLM staff will have a better idea of problem areas. In June, the Broad's "Broadwalk" gathering was in Valle Vidal, N.E. of Taos, New Mexico in the heart of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The area has been called a reservoir of wildlife. Sadly, it's in danger of oil and gas development. A review of economic trends reveals that drilling the Valle Vidal would undermine the local economy of Colfax County. The summer issue of "BroadSides" includes a well-deserved tribute to FWOC's Marge Sill. She is a wonderful asset to the environmental community. Marge is a member of the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Friends of Nevada Wilderness as well as the Great Old Broads for Wilderness.

In April, the GREAT OLD BROADS FOR WILDERNESS held one of their "Broadwalks" in the Tumacacori Highlands in Southern Arizona. They learned about the great diversity of wildlife, cultural and historic sites and the proposal for its designation as Wilderness. It also became apparent that the increasing activity in the border region is doing great harm to the fragile desert environment.



In August, The CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB was host to an Elderhostel Kayaking program. They paddled around Sausalito's



houseboats, yachts, and waterfront, Bolinas Lagoon, and Tomales Bay. Through fog and wind they viewed seals, pelicans, flocks of marbled godwits, and felt bumps in their boats from stingrays and leopard sharks. Unfortunately, as there were only 8 participants, the Elderhostel program was financially unsuccessful and will be discontinued. At a cabin-owners association meeting, the club learned about the new California Public Resources Code Section 4291. All structures such as Echo Summit Lodge must have defensible space against wildfires which means removing all flammable vegetation within 30 to 100 ft. of the structure; all branches, scrap lumber and firewood removed 30 ft from the structure, spark arresters on chimneys and more. They put out an "SOS" via the membership-wide e-mail system and seventeen volunteers answered the call to join a four-day work party. The result was three great piles of brush ready for chipping, ladder fuels removed, and the huge mound of firewood rolled away from the building.

The CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB hosted a Sierra Club National Outing Program for two separate weeks, March 26 and April 2. 31 participants enjoyed their Alpine Lodge. Their trips concentrated on conservation concerns, including wetland preservation and open space issues. Members of the CAC are expected to support the Club with participation in at least one work activity per year.



The city of Eugene has presented the OBSIDIANS with some stumbling blocks in their efforts to renovate their meeting lodge. First, the Soils survey and a report on seismic requirements were required. The club just missed the need to

install a tank and high pressure pumping system but may need a dry well for water runoff. Also, bringing the climbing wall up to code adds more cost. It's been a challenging summer requiring many extra volunteer hours by the Board and Construction Committee.

On June 16, the OBSIDIANS returned to their remodeled meeting Lodge after 21 months. A large number of dedicated volunteers stepped up to make it happen under the dedicated and able direction of John Jacobsen. The result is a beautiful entryway, which will also provide space for small meetings. Bhutan has been the destination for members of many FWOC clubs. They have hiked through the mountains, hills, and villages of that remarkable country. On one such trek, Obsidians came in contact with a guide by the name of Pema Chhophyel. Pema was determined to come to the U.S. to study and after much patience and persistence, he achieved his goal. He just graduated from community college here and has been admitted to the University of Oregon for a business degree. Two years ago he went on his first Obsidian hike and attended their summer camp in 2004.



FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE are working hard in opposition to the Casino proposed by the Warm Springs Tribe for the Columbia Gorge. The tribe proposes, with the Governor's support, a 500,000 sq.ft. Mega-casino and 50 acres of parking. The Interior Department denied the proposal because it did not comply with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The tribe does not own the land nor is it held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The casino would have many negative environmental effects. Supporters of the casino are not giving up,

however. Under the guise of the so-called "Healthy Forest Act", the Forest Service wants to aggressively thin the oak, fir, and pine forests of Burdoin Mountain in the gorge. Wildlife may be harmed, including the western gray squirrel that is listed as threatened in Washington. Friends of Columbia Gorge will work to ensure that the thinning is done carefully.



Commemorating their Centennial year, MOUNTAINEERS Books has published *The Mountaineers: A History* by Jim Kjeldsen. The Board of Trustees decided to sell the club's headquarters in downtown and move to Magnuson Park signing a 30-year lease with the City of Seattle. The Mountaineers Clubhouse at 300 West Third Ave was purchased in 1983 and has been the site of many memorable environmental conferences and events. The Snoqualmie Lodge at Snoqualmie Pass burned to the ground in May. The lodge was uninsured and the cause is still under investigation. Another problem is the high incidence of accidents that have been occurring on club trips.



SEATTLE AUDUBON hired Shawn Cantrell to be their new Executive Director. Shawn has an impressive background working with Pacific Northwest conservation organizations. The Conservation Division is beginning a public education campaign to promote Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified forestry and lumber to aid the protection of owls, woodpeckers and other wildlife.



A Nesika Celebration and Open House is being planned by the TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON for September 2,3,4.

BOOK REVIEWS

Shattered Air: A True Account of Catastrophe and Courage on Yosemite's Half Dome

By Bob Madgic with Adrian Esteban

Published by Burford Books, 2005

Reviewed by Winchell Hayward

This fascinating book is the kind that is hard to put down, once you get into it. The central theme of the book is concerned with the perils of lightning as a menace to mountain climbers, and it chronicles in vivid detail the tragic consequences of ignoring lightning warnings. The author starts out with a harrowing experience that he and his family had on Mount Reba in the 1970's, in which they all narrowly escaped injury or death from lightning during a thunderstorm. The book goes deeply into the history of the Yosemite Park area when it was Indian country and after the advent of the white man. It also goes into the origins of many of the present names of some topographical features, including John Muir's travels in the Yosemite Park area. The book also goes into the geological history of the Yosemite Park area and includes a technical discussion about lightning phenomena.

About the time that you start wondering where the author is

going with these side subjects, he introduces the main characters (all of them real people) who comprised the 3 or 4 parties that were involved in the terrible July 27, 1985 lightning disaster on Half Dome (in Yosemite Park). The action passages are very dramatic and well-written, and are especially meaningful if one has done some mountain climbing and/or is familiar with Yosemite National Park and with Half Dome (as I am). The story of this disaster (in which 2 people were killed and 3 seriously injured, necessitating midnight evacuation of the injured by helicopter from the top of Half Dome) clearly illustrates the failure of the lead person (Mr. Rice) to consider the safety of the 6 people who were following him (closely) and looked to him for leadership. Mr. Rice was aware of the lightning hazard in the thunderstorm that was going on at the time (near the summit of Half Dome.) But he chose to do what he wanted to do (at great hazard to his own life) with no consideration for the safety of those following him who would also have to face the same hazard.

This book is recommended reading for everyone, and particularly for outdoors-type people who like to hike and camp in the wilderness and occasionally climb a mountain. The book obviously has been painstakingly researched, as indicated by the long list of "Acknowledgments", and as indicated by the considerable detail in many passages of the book.

In The Thick of It: My Life in the Sierra Club

by Michael McCloskey

Published by Island Press/Shearwater Books, 2005

Reviewed by Bob Haage

"There were giants in the earth in those days...men which were of old, men of renown." - Genesis 6.4

The conservation and environmental movement owes an incalculable debt to the giants of the Sierra Club—John Muir, David Brower, Michael McCloskey, Brock Evans and Martin Litton. They set the standard and pace of progress for the 20th century and the years that followed. Almost the first half of McCloskey's memoir deals with his years in the Sierra club and its leadership. Succeeding chapters delineate his involvement with the outreach of the Club and its relations with other organizations, learning how to operate on the national and international levels, and honing the techniques of political lobbying. The final chapters return to the Sierra Club and its positioning for the future. Of special interest to Federation members would be McCloskey's respectful references to the Federation. Mike tells the story of how the late beloved centenarian Hazel Wolf recruited him to be President, a position he served in from 2000-2003. Also, Federation loyalists will appreciate his tribute to Joe Fontaine and Martin Litton for their leadership in the establishment of the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

One of the most helpful features of the book is its illustration of what makes an effective leader: native ability, thorough and on-going education, an ability to see all sides of an issue, willingness to volunteer and an endless capacity for work.

One cannot help wondering how the author managed to accomplish all that he did and still keep the voluminous records necessary for this valuable book. Several topics in the book are instructive. One is Brower and McCloskey's significantly different leadership style. This is illustrated in their respective approach to the Sierra Club's 1992 Centennial. Brower optimistically exulted in the Club's 500 million members and the opportunities available to them. McCloskey in contrast anticipates three different possibilities: pessimistic, mildly optimistic and a hopeful optimistic vision of the future.

Another is the various and changing roles of the organizations working in the conservation and environmental fields. And one cannot escape awareness from McCloskey's account of the perfidy of many politicians with regard to conservation issues. Additional insight is shed on the difference between the intent of Congressional legislation and the decisions of the Courts on one hand, and the problems of administrative implementation on the other implementation. What Congress and the Courts intended often gets lost in indifferent or hostile enforcement.

The book is a vast reservoir of information on the Sierra Club and the environmental movement that will vastly expand the reader's knowledge and understanding of the conservation and environmental movement.

Former FWOC President Mike McCloskey has been on a book tour and will do a presentation and book signing at our convention. He has wonderful oversights and insights into the environmental movement from center stage as Conservation Director and then President of the Sierra Club from 1960-2000.

BOOK REVIEWS (continued)

Last Great Wilderness: The Campaign to Establish the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

by Roger Kaye

Published by University of Alaska Press, 2006

Reviewed by Raelene Gold

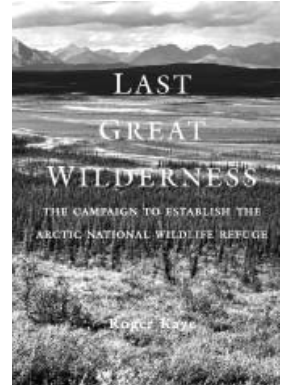
As the Alaska State Legislature and oil industry embarks on a new propaganda offensive to have the last word on oil drilling in ANWR, Roger Kaye has written a book about the first words and ideas of those men and women who worked for its creation. Covering the period from 1938 when Bob Marshall's proposed a vast vision of protecting the whole of Arctic Alaska, to the establishment of the Arctic National Wildlife Range in 1959, this profound book tells much more than the amazing history of an environmental victory. It follows the shifts in thinking as to the boundaries, designation, name and federal management entity. It also tells the story of the concomitant evolution of American environmental philosophy as it developed during that time. It shows how ideas became the foundation of the wilderness movement leading to passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964. Environmental groups are accused of just using ANWR as an organizational fundraiser. This accusation is dispelled by depth and width of the multi-layered motivations described here. One is to protect a large whole landscape for scientific study of an integral ecosystem and the processes of evolution. The coastal plain was added to the original mountainous areas for this reason. Another is need of the American spirit and character for a frontier.

The important roles of the Sierra Club and Wilderness Society are recalled as well as that of Olaus and Margaret Murie, Aldo Leopold and Howard Zahniser. Also mentioned is the Federation of Western Outdoor Club's 1952 Resolution in support of the "creation of a Arctic Wilderness Preserve."

Author Roger Kaye is an Alaskan who worked as a pilot for the USFWS in the Refuge for many years. He has a PhD in wilderness studies and evidences such thorough research and deep thoughtfulness that I

hope he writes a sequel on the 1980 establishment of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the current battle over oil development in the coastal plain.

Reading this book is like taking a deep river plunge on a summer day that will restore the words and energies of all warriors in this longest of environmental battles.





Senator John Kerry D-MA, speaking at a Rally to Save the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge on September 20, 2005 in Washington DC.

An effort to add revenues from oil drilling in the coastal plain of ANWR to the Defence Appropriation Bill was defeated in the Senate last December. However, those efforts continue and environmentalists are working for the ultimate solution of passage of a bill designating the coastal plain Wilderness.

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