

Forest Service
30 Year Club
Newsletter

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Join us for lunch

Last Friday every month
Beaverton Elks Club
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Hwy 217
11:00 AM

Food for Thought

Jumping to conclusions can be bad exercise.
Failure is the path of least persistence.
No man knows less than the man who knows it all.
It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.
Swallowing your pride seldom leads to indigestion.
The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.

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Coming Events

Spring Banquet May 6

Club Picnic August 17

Mark these on your calendar

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President's Message -- John Marker

It was a very good year!

My sincere thanks to members who have been willing to contribute to the Club's financial well-being, and to those who have taken the time to offer suggestions about lifetime memberships and improving the Club's budget situation.

Thanks to Elmer and Bev's efforts, the process has started to incorporate the Club as a non profit organization. Completing this effort will give us several money saving options to explore such as reduced mailing costs, possible tax savings and member tax deductions for donations made to the Club. When this process is complete, the Club should be in a much better position for financial and program management.

Bob McQuown has been designing a website for the Club's use as an information sharing service and potential membership recruiting tool. For less than \$10 a month we will be able to quickly share information with members served by the Internet, provide membership information to USFS people reaching retirement age, link to other FS retiree organizations around the nation and someday use the site as an alternate delivery system for the newsletter.

Our next major event is the banquet May 6, at the World Forestry Center. Mark your calendar, we'll see you there.

One last, but very important item, then I am going out to the orchard and give our Cherry trees a stern lecture about their responsibility to grow like crazy this summer. Thank you for the opportunity to be 30 Year Club President for the past year. It has been a rewarding and very enjoyable experience. And the pleasure has come from the great people who have kept me out of serious trouble. I want to say a special thanks to Vern Clapp, Phil Hirl, Beverly Pratt, Wendall Jones, Doug Porter, Cherie and Fred Cooper, Dave Jay, Tom Nygren, Elmer Moyer, and Don and Jean Loff. They have served the 30 Year Club with distinction.

Elmer Moyer takes over the reins of the Club in May, and I wish him the same rewarding experience I have enjoyed.

Now to lecture number four for the cherry trees.

Yes, it was a very good year. John

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Reunion 2005

You should know, in case the information hasn't got to you yet, the next Forest Service retiree reunion is scheduled for late September or early October 2005 in the Portland, OR area sponsored by the Forest Service 30 Year Club. We expect this event will be attended by some 1000 to 2000 FS alumni who have served the National Forests and the Forest Service (USFS) well. Heading up this effort will be Bob Williams, retired Regional Forester, R6. If you feel you want to be involved with the planning and hard work for this reunion, let Bob know.

Newsletter Apology

Some of you are probably questioning the wisdom of those of us who work to get the Newsletter to you. The Winter edition had its share of problems. The dues date did not get on the mailing label, and a number of you reminded us that it was not there. Several members did not get their newsletter (again?). Vern Clapp and I met with the owner of our print shop, and we felt we were able to work out a number of solutions to prevent re-occurrence of these errors. KwikKopy, the firm we deal with, is cooperative and helpful.

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In Memory (*Cont'd. from page 13*)

Clare Hendee

Clare died Jan 21 in Bethesda MD at age 92. He was a member of the 30 year Club. He graduated from Michigan State with a BS and George Washington with a Masters in Public Administration. He was Deputy Chief of the Forest Service, Administration, for 13 years retiring in 1968. His 38 year Forest Service career starting in Michigan included Supervisor of the Ottawa and Superior NFs prior to 1945 when he became Supervisor on Mt Hood NF. He was then ARF for Recreation and Lands in R2, 1948-51, and Regional Forester in R5, 1952-55.

Lee Hendrick

Lee died Aug 14, 2000 at age 85. He was a lifetime resident of Colville and born there July 22, 1915 to Louis and Ann Hedrick. He graduated from Colville HS in 1932. He attended U of Alaska and served in the Army in WW II. He married Elizabeth Colley Aug 2, 1946 in Colville. They bought a farm near Colville which they operated until retirement. She preceded him in death in 1988. He worked on the Colville for 18 years in Timber and Fire. He was a check scaler. He is survived by daughter Carole Gallo-way in Lenore ID, sons Chris in Colville, Mike in Lewiston MT, Karl in Billings MT, Dave in Kettle Falls, a sister, a brother, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dr. Robert Kinoshita & Evelyn Kinoshita

Club member Jack Smith reports the deaths of Robert, Jan 2, and Evelyn, Jan 7. Dr Kinoshita served with the CCC in southwest Oregon for six years prior to WW II. He was a doctor for many of the Forest Service people who lived along the North Umpqua. He served as a surgeon in the Army in WW II and was well decorated including a Silver Star.

Calvin Orthel Mason

Calvin Mason, an original member of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion (better known as the "Triple Nickel") died Dec. 14, 2000. The USFS and the Army

trained the Triple Nickels, the first all-black paratroop unit in the world, as smokejumpers in 1945. Working out of Pendleton, OR and Chico, CA, they were dropped to fires throughout the Northwest during that summer. After retirement from the Army in 1970, Calvin settled in Clarksville, TN.

George A. Morrill

George Morrill died Feb. 6, 2001, of cancer at age 70. Mr. Morrill was born March 23, 1930, in Winlock WA. He served in the U. S. Army. He was a forester for the USFS in eastern Oregon until retiring in 1983, when he moved to Portland. In 1963, he married Evelyn M. Turner. Survivors include his wife; sons, Ira, Curt and Mark; daughters, Anna Holland and Nina Wagoner; and grandchildren.

Robert Joseph Nixon

Bob died Feb 2 in Roseburg at age 71. He was born Oct 9, 1929 at Aberdeen, SD to Allison & Esther (Harding) Nixon. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He received a master's degree in civil engineering from the U of Wash. He worked as an engineer for the Forest Service for 38 years prior to his retirement. He worked on the Mt Baker NF and the Umpqua NF since 1967, specializing in construction projects. His wife Nancy preceded him in death.

David S. Nordwall

30 Year Club member Jack Smith reports the death of Dave Nordwall. He was Regional Forester in R2 for almost 10 years retiring about 1970. And as above two he was also ARF for Recreation and Lands in R2, in mid-50s.

Dottie B. Shoup

Dottie died Jan 27 in Sandy at age 89. She was born in Topeka KS Apr 4, 1911. Her maiden name was Beeman. She attended WSU. She lived in Portland, Yakima and Oroville CA. She moved to Brightwood in 1958. She worked in a bank then for the Forest Service at Zig Zag retiring in late 1980s. She married Donald Shoup in 1955, he died in 1964. She is survived by son Gale Petty, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Elna-Dawn Tann

Elna-Dawn died Feb 2 at age 77. She was born Nov 27, 1923 in Portland. Her maiden name was Lawrence. She graduated from Jefferson HS and served in the WACs during WW II. She worked for Forest Service at the Regional Office, R6, in personnel in employee relations for many years until her retirement in 1975. Survivors include her son Charles and two grandchildren.

Mary Lynn Waite

Mary died Feb. 6 at age 49. She was born Apr. 1, 1951 in Creswell. Her maiden name was Marple. She graduated from Oregon State in 1973. In 1972 she married Michael Waite. She worked on the Umpqua, Mt Hood and then on the Gifford Pinchhot, where she was a dispatcher and GIS analyst. In 1998 She moved to the Homochitto NF in Mississippi as a GIS coordinator. Her husband Mike, also works there as a planning Forester. She died while taking the light fire duty work capacity fitness test. Survivors include her husband, daughters Isabel and Audry, son Geoffrey, mother Isabel Marple, a sister and two grandchildren.

Missing Members

Last issue we listed four members that we have lost track of. We tracked down Margaret Hopkins. Florence Harmon straightened us out on Margaret's address, since they live in the same complex. We are following some leads on Gerry (not Gary) Dunford, and hope to have that cleared up soon. We have heard nothing on **Margaret Knudson or Neoma Plath**. If you have any information on either of these ladies, please let the Club know.

Trail Passes

I just learned that if you bought your Northwest Forest Pass in 2000, it will be good up to one year from purchase date. For example, I bought mine in late July, so I won't have to buy a 2001 pass until this coming July. I realize this isn't necessarily a saving unless I break a leg between now and July. *Wendall Jones*

SPRING BANQUET – MAY 6, 2001

Plan now on visiting with your friends, getting an update on happenings in their lives, and enjoying an excellent meal at the 30 Year Club Spring Banquet. Make your reservations by clipping and sending in the form below, along with your check. Reservations must be sent no later than April 16.

Arrangements for a short program are being finalized. Last year, our door prizes were member-sponsored, which included arts, crafts, and books by members or their spouses. This was well received, and we are repeating this activity again this year. We have a few donations, but need more. Notify the Co-Hosts, Cherie or Fred Cooper, to share your donation of door prizes.

The meal will be buffet style. If you are physically unable to go through the buffet line, your friends will be there to help you. The main course will be your choice of carved roast beef, or fresh baked salmon. Or, if you desire, the caterer will provide a sampling of both. This will be complemented with fresh tossed green salad, potatoes, vegetables, fresh fruit, and desert. An appetizer table with Tillamook cheese, crackers, relishes and dips will also be available. Price for the banquet is \$20.00 per person, gratuities included.

Note that we are starting an hour earlier this year. Plan on arriving at 3:00 p.m. so you can socialize and partake in all the festivities. Location is Cheatham Hall at the World Forestry Center (near the Portland Zoo, off Highway 26) which is the same location as last year's Banquet.

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Clip out here

CHEATAM HALL – WORLD FORESTRY CENTER

Social Hour – 3:00 PM Dinner – 4:00 PM

Door Prizes ----- No Host Bar

Mail this reservation form along with a check for \$20.00 per person (payable to "30 Year Club") to: 30 Year Club, PO Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228-5583. Questions?? Call Fred or Cherie Cooper.

SEND RESERVATION FORM NO LATER THAN APRIL 16

Names (as you want them on the name tag):

Please reserve _____ dinners @ \$20.00 each for a total of \$_____, amount enclosed.

Members Corner

Ernie Price

Enclosed is a copy of Dick Harlan's obituary. Those of us that knew Dick will remember a very positive person that was fun to be around. Dick was responsible for maintenance of the Fremont NF road system. One of the things I looked back on and admired was the way he handled the work on the cost share. Enclosed is a copy of Dick Harlan obituary. Those of us that knew Dick, will remember a very positive agreement between the USFS and Weyerhaeuser for the joint road system. If there was ever an example of a "win-win" situation, it was Dick and the Weyerhaeuser representative working together on the joint road system. *See Obituaries*

Don James

Enclosed is a membership application and dues for Norm Hesseldahl. You are doing a great job with the newsletter, and we enjoy it very much. We stay quite busy all year including our volunteer job each spring at Kirkwood Historic Ranch on the Wallowa-Whitman. This April will be our 14th season there. Last fire season I worked a fire camp at Darby, MT, for six-hundred soldiers from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. I have had fire assignments in all but two years since I retired from the Siuslaw NF in 1986. We have done some traveling including two trips to Europe and one down the east coast through the inland waterway.

Leroy Merrick

Please apply this check toward the printing and mailing of the newsletter and directory. I was one of those fortunate ones to buy life membership prior to the higher cost of operation. Also enclose is my ballot for the new VP.

Merle Pugh

I would like to make a contribution to the cause, for the financial situation we find in the Club. By the way, I would like to cast my ballot for Phil Hirl—very good man.

Harold Chriswell

I moved to a nice retirement home and my address is: (*see Change of Address list*). I like it very much. About the only thing I have to do is laundry and pay the telephone bill. Bill Benecke lives here also. Hank Harrison is in a similar facility in Anacortes. We see each other once in a while. I still drive but don't get down to the 30 Year Club functions. Went to Westport with daughter and her husband last month to dig razor clams. We were there about a week and lived on crab, oysters, and clams. It's hard to beat that! My best to everyone.

(*Ed. Note: Shortly after Chris' above note, Hank Harrison passed away and Chris sent the following note. Also see the Obituary which Chris helped with*) My association with Hank Harrison goes back to school days in the University of Washington. In 1933 we were in the CCC's. In 1934 we worked for Bernie Payne cruising on the Olympic. I took Hanks place as Supervisor of the old Mt Baker NF in 1957 when he moved to the Washington Office. He retired in 1968 from the Recreation ARF job in Denver. Hank gillnetted for about 6 years for Fraser River sockeye salmon. He just couldn't help it with his Norwegian background. We boated together from Seattle to Alaska for 16 years. We both ended up in a retirement home but got together very often to spin tales of the old Forest Service days. Hank was not only a fine forest officer but had a wonderful ability to socialize with his friends. He was my best friend for 68 years.

Martha & Hank DeBruin

Time goes by so fast---we wish you well as President. The newsletter is really a great joy to everyone! Especially us.

Enclosed is our check for dues. Thanks again. Martha and I are enjoying life, especially an always increasing family---15 grandchildren and seven greats, two more due shortly. Keeps us really busy. A new computer has enriched our life with easy communication with friends around the world. E-mail, family page, and cell phones keep us in contact all ways. Martha enjoys solitaire as a before bed relaxer. Our e-mail address is (*See Address Changes*). God bless all.

Jim Bannister (new member)

(*Letter sent to Doug Porter, Membership Chair*) Bill Lowery sent me your name as the membership chairman of the 30 Year Club. From the little information he gave me, it sounds like it would be interesting to belong. Assuming that you will accept me as a member, I have enclosed a check for the first years membership. I'll give you a quick history about my career, in case you like that type of information about members. I began my career as a temporary lookout-fireman in 1956 at Lion Rock on the Ellensburg RD of the Wenatchee NF. Willie Starkovich as the DA was my boss, and Warren Drake was the DR, and Ken Blair was the Forest Supervisor. From 57-60, I was a fire patrolman stationed at guard stations on the Ellensburg RD. From 61-62, after opening a letter that said "Greetings", I spent in the US Army. From 63-67, I was the Ellensburg RD dispatcher, then assistant FMO. In 1967, I made a career shift into minerals management gradually assuming the duties of recreation manager, then taking on trails, then special uses, and finally getting trained to work with cultural resources. This continued on the Ellensburg RD until the fateful day in April 1982, when the Ellensburg and CleElum RD's combined. At that time, my duties changed to include minerals and special uses. In Oct. 1985, when the FMO job at CleElum became vacant, I jumped at the chance to get back into the fire organization. I eventually assumed the duties of trails and cultural resources coordinator. I remained in this position until I retired Dec. 29, 2000. (*Ed Note: Welcome aboard Jim. We need more of you new retirees in this rapidly aging organization. Thanks to Bill Lowery for the recruitment effort. If every past Ranger, and every past Forest Supervisor would recruit 2 or 3 members each year, we would be in great shape. Oh, yes, Regional Foresters, too!*)

Robert & Pat Krell

We favor the limited multi-year membership. We feel strongly about honoring all of present lifetime memberships. We are not lifetime members. But that is our choice. Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of the solution. Also, my hackles bristle each time I read the Area Representatives, and the Okanogan shows "vacant". I would like to volunteer if I don't have to submit a Declaration of Assets form. Tried Vern's e-mail address but my ISP couldn't deliver, and it came back. Thank you, Wendall, for your effort and persistence (*in getting Bob's newsletter to him*). Also, thank you Bev (Pratt). It has been a long time since Union Creek and Prospect. Hope to make a Club event some day.

I know how prices are increasing and nothing gets cheaper! I know I am a lifetime member (at \$50). Hope this donation helps with anything. Please keep the hard copy of the newsletter coming.

Letters (*cont'd. on page 5*)

More Letters

James Ralph

Just a note to pay my dues for 2001. Lost my wife Neva on January 29, 2001, to a two-year illness, heart failure. Also enclosed is a copy of Project Plan from my earlier days with the FS. I would not mind and/or think a raise in dues is needed. Submit plan first. (*Ed. Note: Jim's "Project Plan" is 6 different stages of planning with illustrations of planning for a tree swing: 1. As shown on District Plan, 2. As understood by S.O., 3. As approved by RO, 4. SO's final design, 5. District modification, and 6. What was needed. The last was an old tire swing hanging from the tree. I will save the drawing Jim, and get it scanned into the newsletter sometime when space is available.*)

Martha Todd Parks

My father, Glenn C. Todd, a member of the 30 Year Club, passed away last year. Would you notify you're membership, and sadly, remove his name from your rolls. Thank you. (*Ed. Note: Sorry we missed on Glenn's passing. We really need help from you members to stay abreast of news about our dear friends.*)

Ted Burgess

Just received the Winter 2001 newsletter, and several things in it energized me to write. I suspect this won't be the only response from the membership. On the President's message regarding money, I did a little figuring and have these suggestions. Taking the figures President John presented, it appears the principle of the Life Members Fund should be at least \$80,000. That would necessitate an assessment (voluntary of course) of \$60 per current life member. Knowing not all can or will be for this, then if 75% paid \$75, the fund would be at or near break-even. Also, all new Life Members rates should be at least \$150. Enclosed is my check to upgrade my Life Membership.

Frank Lewis' letter was right on the mark. Last summers' fires were just a prelude to what's going to happen, in my opinion, over a good part of the federal lands in the West if the preservation attitude keeps "ruling the roost" in and out of the Forest Service. Past Chief Robertson's letter (speech) also pretty much told it like it is with the FS. He is much more diplomatic than I, as I would say the FS is run by "Tunnel-vision Ologists" with little management consideration outside their discipline.

In Memory

Phil Hirl

Eldon Bricker

Eldon died Aug 21, 2000. He was born in Douglas WY. His family moved to WA in 1941. In 1948 he entered the Army and served in Korea. He worked for many years in retail lumber yards. In 1988 he moved to Colville where he worked for the Forest Service for 10 years. He is survived by his wife Alice, his children Kelly, Kim and Kevin, step-daughters Linda, Cathy and Sally, three brothers, a sister, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

President Marker has taken Bob Krell up on his offer to represent the Okanogan area. Thanks for volunteering, Bob.

Steve Fletcher

Steve Fletcher, 34-year federal employee and a long-time forester on the Malheur and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests, passed away January 31 of cancer. Steve had a passion for land stewardship and was known for his attention to detail and his work ethic. He is greatly missed by his friends and co-workers. Steve was 58. He is survived by his wife, JoAnne, and children Kristi and Neil. Cards may be sent to JoAnne Fletcher, 2560 Clark St, Baker City, Ore 97814. (*from Katie Countryman, Wallowa-Whitman NF*)

Richard Nelson Harlan

Dick died Jan 10 in Lakeview at age 83. He was a 30 Year Club member. He was born Dec 12, 1917 in Chehalis WA to Nelson and Susie Elvira Judd Harlan and graduated from Inchelium HS in 1936. He married Margaret Iverson in 1941. He served in the Navy Seabees during WW II. He lived many years in Lakeview and was quite active in local activities like the Airport Commission, volunteer Lakeview Disaster Unit, Order of the Antelope. He went to work for the Forest Service in 1938 at Fort Rock. He worked on the Deschutes and Fremont NFs retiring in 1973. He worked in road maintenance and with the cost share program. Survivors include his wife, children and spouses, Russel and Sharol of Burbank WA, Sidney and Gary Reynolds of Missoula MT, Raymond and Joy of Lakeview, Ronald and Marquette of Gresham, Kathryn of Lake Oswego, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. (*See Members Corner – Ernie Price*)

Henry A. Harrison

Hank died Feb 23. He was a 30 Year Club member and lived in Anacortes. Hank started working in 1933 in the CCC on the Colville. He then went to the Olympic NF. He was Ranger at Walla Walla RD on the Umatilla NF prior to his service in the Navy in WW II where he served on a small flat top in the Pacific.. He returned as Ranger at Eagle RD on the Whitman NF, and then was Forest Staff on the Whitman and Snoqualmie NFs. About 1953 he became Supervisor on the Mt Baker NF. He left there in 1957 for the WO, then went to R2 in 1961 as ARF in Recreation and Lands. He retired from there in 1968.

Obits (*Cont'd. on page 14*)

More Letters - - - -**Bob McNeil**

Enclosed is a little help for the newsletter funding. There is little new here. I look out the window and see it is low tide soon. We're not "wired" but keep a tide clock on the wall. Really an exciting thing to observe. Here on the Duwamish River we see salmon swimming upstream in the fall. In fact with all the salmon alarms there were a lot of big salmon as recently as last September. We certainly appreciate the newsletter because we are otherwise out of touch with Forest Service. It has been astonishingly 30 years since retirement. Dorothy and I keep out of mischief as hospital volunteers. She has been volunteering since 1960. I'm a Johnny-come-lately! Trying to read this, am again reminded to really join up with the world and get a computer and printer.

Jack Price

Another year has rolled around and I owe the Club again. Was glad to see that Mary Dumont joined the ranks. She certainly is a public spirited person. For some time she has arranged for breakfast get togethers for Glide and North Umpqua Ranger Station retirees. It was suggested to give a friend membership to the 30 Year Club. I think this is a very good idea. Enclosed is \$10 for membership of Wayne Shilts. Wayne started work at Glide RS in engineering. He later served at North Umpqua RS, and at Sweet Home until retiring. Wayne was truly a multiple use engineer, and an outstanding citizen. Dare say he still is, plus he's a super wood carver.

Paul Brady

I recently heard from Dick Zechentmayer, who had heart surgery in December, and has recovered well. Dick worked many years in R6 on the Willamette and Umpqua NFs with me. In reading the current newsletter, Lee Boeckstiegel gave me the idea of treating Dick, who retired in R5 several years ago, to a 30 Year Club membership. I'm sure he would enjoy the winter issue of the newsletter if it's still available. Enclose is a check for Dick Zs dues. (*Ed Note: Dick will be award the last place in our directory, right behind Neil Zander, unless someone can recruit another "Z" member*)

Dick Tubman

Reference your Winter 2001 NL. For myself, I do not see what is wrong with the increase of Lifetime dues if it is necessary to carry on the newsletter. I believe I signed up for lifetime at \$50 rate and overlooked another consideration of some change to help out some other financial situation. I am enclosing a check to continue my lifetime membership at the current rate. If it goes higher, I will meet it. I enjoy the newsletter, seeing what has happened to others of my generation and hope whatever your solution, that its quarterly publication be continued. In the recent issue, it was interesting to note that Ray Bell, who nursed the bear (Smokey) back to health had died. I have had an original copy of that Bear for 45 or 50 years. As I remember, I paid for it in a shipment to Forest Service employees prior to the Symbol of fire prevention being sold on the market (one of original shipment). Can anyone of you tell me what date that symbol was distributed to the Forest Service in general? I have an original (top shape) and want to assure my story when I deliver it to some of my down-the-line kinfolk. Otherwise, it would go for naught as my years stopped hanging in there. Please drop the name of my wife, Beryl, from your mailing list---she passed away March 10, 1999. (*Ed Note: Sorry we missed the news of Beryl. We rely heavily on you members to send us news about dear friends*)

Wally Tower

Greetings to all of you. Here is my check to cover a couple of years dues. Not too much going on. Snix and I are still living on our 5½ wooded acres SE of Salem. I did go to the Smokejumpers Reunion at Redding last June. It was quite a gathering. The Saturday nite banquet drew 825 people. Saw a lot of the jumpers that I dumped on fires over the years at North Cascades, Idaho City, Cave Junction, Joseph, and LaGrande Jumper Bases. It was quite an eye-opener to see the Northern California Service Center and the combined Agencies Dispatch Center. My ex-smokejumper son, Randy, chauffeured me down and back. Weather wasn't the best--daytime temperature 105-108 degrees and 15-20 mph wind. It was a very enjoyable reunion. Is Bob Torheim still around or is he still in "Region 13"?

William & Betty Taylor

Just finished reading the newsletter, and enjoyed it very much, as usual. You requested comments on various items, so here are our responses: **Money:** Receiving the newsletter 3 times a year would be viable cost cutting measure, and perhaps reduce the workload of the few that do the work. We are in favor of this change if it will save money. **The bottom line:** We think doing away with the lifetime membership option for new members is a viable option. We belong to a local group that offers lifetime membership, and we find our income severely limited to meet current expenses. Therefore, elimination of lifetime membership is a sound idea. **E-mail newsletter:** There are probably quite a few that would be o.k. receiving the newsletter by e-mail, BUT not all of us have e-mail. Surely, we would continue to get a hard copy? We have signed up and paid the fee for attending the annual picnic for the last two years. Unfortunately, illness prevented us from attending both years. We are more inclined to pay when we get to the picnic this year, but will send in reservations as usual. Keep up the good work.

Don & Marcia Smith

Greetings from Medford. We became life members in the 1980's at the \$50 rate, but realize the organization needs our continuing support. So here is a donation which should guarantee us a long life. (*We all hope it does, Don & Marcia*). Besides, John Marker needs all the help he can get, huh, John? Old information Officers never die, they just keep spreading the....word! Marcia and I are still doing great here in the sunny Southern Oregon. Next year we celebrate our 50 years of wedding bliss. (*We are all waiting for our invitation!*) Our eleven grandchildren are growing up too fast. Two in college, five driving cars, and all of them keeping us busy with visits back and forth. Looking forward to joining all of you at the next gathering. Cheers!

More Letters Page 13**Members Corner (cont'd)****Karen Esterholdt** (new member)

(*Ed Note: Karen had used an out-dated application form from when a LT membership was just \$75.*) The extra \$50 didn't surprise me at all. But it was nice to do the payment in two installments! Already there is a change in the information I sent earlier (*see Change of Address list for new e-mail address*). Thank you for the note about smoking. I'll think about coming (to Club events), but it is a problem for me if smoking is allowed anywhere close by---highly sensitive! I'll have to try it once to see. I'm also sensitive to foods and need to be able to order. Potlucks, buffets, and wines are murder because I can't ask about ingredients. Gee, being over 55 is sure fun! Thanks again.

(*Karen also responded to the Club financial matters in another note*)

I have a thought on the cost of the newsletter (\$7.30 per member per year). I'm assuming that the bulk of the cost is for printing, paper, and postage, so put the thing on a web page. By my count about 300 of the current 820 members are online, so why do they need to get a hard copy in the mail? They can download whatever part of it they might like, if that's even necessary. And the changes can be added at any time and not every 3 months. Certainly, more members each year, not less, will be getting computers and going online, so this can only continue to cut the cost. I think it can also be assumed that the very oldest members are less likely to be computer literate, but they're also not likely to be around 20 years, either. Seems to me like the new methods of communication need to be adapted to the situation. The idea of people voluntarily sending more dollars in occasionally is also a very good one, and I would suggest that those who don't use the new communication tools should receive a very strong hint that they especially need to pony up.

How do you write zero in Roman numerals?

If you cant drink and drive why do bars have parking lots?

Joe Stockbridge

Bet you never expected to hear from the only member in the State of Maine! My Newsletter arrived without the new directory, and missing pages 3 through 14. Could you see if there may be an extra that could be sent along? Thanks. Re the Club financial problem. Believe that A \$250 lifetime fee may be a bit steep and be a deterrent to joining in that category. I like option 3 best and think it would encourage membership and some efficiency. I would not be opposed to a request for donations from some of us who got in on earlier lifetime opportunities. Judy and I are enjoying retirement as usual and will be off to Honolulu in April to see Grandchild #8. A boy born to Cally and Rick on Jan. 22. Enjoyed our Oregon visit last September and the Oakridge reunion. Will certainly try to make the 100th reunion. Would be happy to help while there in any way I can. Thanks, and really do look forward to reading the newsletter. Hope you can scare up a copy. We welcome any and all messages to our new e-mail.

Jack Smith

I think the officers and Directors do a great job, and always have. You apply a lot of wisdom and untold hours to keep things interesting and running smoothly. Thank you all.

Money: Somehow, I thought we were non-profit, but I believe we should be unless the problems in doing so exceed the benefits. Non-profit status should encourage donations of cash or stock for those who itemize.

Lifetime membership: With an objective of getting and keeping as many actives and retirees as possible. I suggest a life membership of somewhere between current and \$250 suggested. Asking for donations periodically is OK, too. I'm enclosing a donation.

Reunion 2005: I had a great time at Mis-soula, and Bob Williams will be a great chairman for the next reunion. I vote for Phil Hirl. He will do a great job. The Winter 2001 newsletter was just great.

What do people in China call their good plates?

Roger Stamy

I am looking for a retiree who might have a rocker patch for the Umpqua NF. This is the Forest identification we wore on the left arm of our uniform shirt. I have an extra Gifford Pinchot NF rocker patch if anyone would like to have it. Would you please include my request in the next newsletter? My address is in the directory. Clela and I are enjoying a quiet winter at home. Our health is good for which we are very thankful.

(*A later message from Roger*) I made a few other contacts and Ron Skrip sent me an Umpqua NF patch. So please disregard my request for a notice in the next newsletter. I was surprised how willing the old gang was to scout out and fill my request. We are so fortunate to have so many good friends in the outfit. Thanks for your help.

(*Still later message*) We spent the weekend in Roseburg and had a good visit with J.R. Philbrick. I mentioned to him that I was looking for an Umpqua rocker and he gave me three of them. I kept one, gave one to Ron Skrip and one to Ken Jensen along with the GP extra I had. So ends this successful search. It just reminds me of the great collection of friends we have in the Club.

Dick & Becky Deleissegues

Happy New Year, John. Good job on the newsletter. I know how hard it is to get it all together and out to the members and Wendall is certainly doing a good, professional job. We must have the best newsletter (by far) of any FS retiree club. I certainly support Phil Hirl for Vice President. His turn is long over-due with all the work Phil has done for the Club, including the trip to Central Oregon and his outstanding job as Archivist. So cast my vote for Phil (I think I removed the chad). You have done a great job as President, and I know you are confronting some difficult issues, especially the financial aspects of running the Club. I think whatever the Board thinks is the best course of action would be supported by all the members of the Club. Or at least you should make that assumption and just do it. Who know better than you what needs to be done. The important thing is to keep the 30 Year Club the outstanding club that it is. Best wishes for your continued success.

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Address Changes, Additions, Corrections

Austin, John & Linda – New e-mail:
Bannister, Jim & Signe – New Member: Ellensburg, WA
Bowdish, Dale & Glenda – New email:
Brillhart, John H. – Change: Portland, OR
Chriswell, Harold C. – Change: Bellingham, WA
Drain, Darlene – New Member: Gresham, OR
DeBruin, Hank & Martha – New e-mail:
Dutli, Fred & Marlene - New Member: McKenzie Bridge, OR
Esterholdt, Karen – New Member: Portland, OR
Few, Shirley – New e-mail:
Files, Roscoe& Dorothy – Phone correction:
Grubb, Jack E. – Change e-mail:
Harmon, Florence – Change: Portland, OR
Hall, Frederick & Ginger – New Member: Portland, OR
Heath, Gary & Pat – Change e-mail:
Hesseldahl, Norman & Laurie – New Member: LaGrande, OR
Hofer, Jerry L & Loraine – New Member: Vancouver, WA
Hopkins, Margaret – Change: Portland, OR
Jensen, Reginald & Linda – New e-mail
Jackson, Carlin & Karen – New e-mail:
Johnson, Barbara – Change: Corvallis, OR
Kaufman, Bruce – Add e-mail:
Linson, Gloria –New Member: Elk Grove, CA
Masoner, Arnie F. – New Member: Vancouver, WA
Miller, Thomas – Change: Tigard, OR
Moeller, George H – New Member: Portland, OR .
Morrow, David & Sandra – Change: Medford, OR
Parmele, Benny - Phone change:
Paulson, Stephen J. & Mary – New Member: Benicia, CA
Sayre, Tom & Marsha – New Member: Lacey, WA
Schallau, Con & Leanah – Correct phone no:
Shilts, Wayne & Peggy – New Member: Sweet Home, OR
Snoich, Bob & Shirley - Change e-mail:
Stockbridge, Joe & Judy – New e-mail:
Stormer, Fred & Rose – New Member: Beaverton, OR
Tepley, John L. & Janet – New Member: Gresham, OR
Vineyard, Dean G. & Valerie – New Member: Portland, OR
Wolf, Louis – Add e-mail:
Zechentmayer, Dick & Mary Lou – New Member: King City, CA

CORRECTION:

Anderson, Dave & Joann – we left their e-mail address off the 2001 directory – here it is:
Smith, Zane G. & Betty – A ‘Z’ gremlin snuck in and replaced the ‘G’ in Zane’s middle initial in the directory.

LOSSES:

Harris, Robert & Della – dropped at their request
Harlan, Richard N. – Margaret Harlans’ s husband - deceased 1-10-01
Harrison, Henry – deceased 1-29-01; no spouse
Hendee, Clare – deceased 1-21-01; no spouse
Kentner, Mildred – Ed Kentner’s wife – deceased
Ralph, Neva - James Ralph’s wife – deceased 1-29-01
Todd, Glenn C. - deceased in 2000; no spouse
Tubman, Beryl – Dick Tubman’s wife – deceased 3-10-99
Woodkey, Evelyn – dropped at her request
Yenko, David – Shirley Yenko’s husband – deceased 8-26-00

Letters (*cont’d from page 10*)

Dick Swartzlender

Enclosed is a donation. The money can be used to buy votes—Florida style—to assure Phil Hirl’s election. If not needed for that purpose, use it to bring my life-time membership more in line with today’s fees. We enjoy the newsletter and certainly do not like to see it fall on hard times.

While with the Forest Service, I grew to greatly appreciate the communities that I lived in. We as a group were a part of the total community fiber. We had management flexibility to manage resources professionally in ways that were positive toward the local areas. We understood the renewability and the scientific constraints of the resources in local areas being managed. It bothers me to see the close knit team work of the past being over-shadowed by cookie-cutter decisions made far away from the local communities. With those things in mind I continue to be involved in the community. I am a member of the Douglas County Park Board. We manage numerous County lands for recreation, timber, and even for grazing. I feel that I’m making a contribution to the County in assisting to keep lands available in a county whose economics were battered by drastic timber harvest reductions. Also I am a member of the Roseburg City Parks Commission. Recently we accomplished what people said couldn’t be done—we proposed a city tax levy for City Parks. We got it on the ballot, we knocked on doors, we talked to people, we passed the levy. We are now in the process of building 5 baseball diamonds, hiking trails, picnic areas and beautifying the area.

I am also on the advisory board for the Oregon State Extension Service. The extension service has far-reaching impacts on the County through its wide variety of educational services; i.e., farm forestry, 4H, livestock, crop assistance, home economics, master gardener, and others. My real interest away from the land is with youth baseball. I am a state official for the Oregon State American Legion baseball program. I am also involved with our local program. In Roseburg we have one of the finest amateur baseball facilities in the State. It is a yearlong task raising funds to keep three baseball teams playing in the summer. Occasionally I’m asked why I do not write about or attend FS retiree functions.

I honestly haven’t had time to look back. There is still much to look forward to. Besides there are 11 grandkids that need spoiling.

Jack Kerr

Just received our newsletter. I examined our mailing label carefully and could find neither 2000 or 2001 printed thereon, so here is a check for two years dues. Apply it as appropriate. (*Ed. Note: Hope you got your pink card explaining the error. You are now good thru 2002.*) I have carefully considered the President’s message relating to membership funding. I have also considered the alternatives discussed by the Board. None of the three appear to offer a final solution. The funding problem seems to be the result of form and function of the investment account. During my FS career I became acquainted with many who are now, and have been for sometime, lifetime members of our Club. Not one of them would want the benefits of their membership subsidized by other members, but would be willing to furnish those benefits to others, whatever the cost, in a heartbeat!

I’m confident they expected the principal sum of their lifetime membership would provide the benefits subscribed. I doubt they expected interest from that sum to provide the benefits while the principal sum remained intact. What they did expect was by paying in advance they would receive a reasonable discount and wouldn’t be bothered by sending a check for payment each year. Then of course there is the prestige of being a lifetime member or a Charter Member or whatever. We have 270 members who are expected to send in their dues for the year 2001, and 550 members whose dues are already in the bank. All of the dues pooled should provide all of the benefits. A few members will send in an extra one or two years dues, but at a minimum we should receive \$2,700 to add to the \$48,500 principal. This, with last years earnings of 5% makes \$53,625 available. Withdraw \$8,200 and put it in an interest bearing checking account and use it for all operating expenses. This will leave \$45,425 in the trust account to draw %% interest, making \$47,696 plus 2002 dues available for next year. If all of the dues payments are deposited in the trust account, and annual operating expenses set out in an interest bearing checking account, we should be able to see the necessity of raising dues far enough in advance to avoid serious financial problems.

Gary Heath

I just wanted to drop you a note in reference to the Winter 2001 NL with a response to some of the contents. The NL is great and the editor deserves our heartfelt thanks. For those that haven’t published newsletters, they are a lot of work. Thank you, Wendall. I would also like to thank Vern Clapp for the membership directory. What a great document! I would like to let Vern know that I have changed my e-mail address. I hope that this will appear in the next newsletter. (*see address changes*)

I have enclosed my ballot for the VP. Phil is one of the first people I met in R6 Engineering when the Colville NF came into R6 in 1974. He was a great help to me when I was a Forest Engineer on the Mt. Hood NF. He will make a great president for the Club. Concerning the discussion of LT memberships, I would think it most practical to eliminate the LT, and go to multiple-year membership on a voluntary basis. In this way the cost for a multi-year membership could be adjusted from time -to-time to respond to current costs. Existing LT memberships could be honored with encouragement to the LT members to convert to the multi-year status on a voluntary basis. Pat and I are enjoying Colorado and stay in contact with the Forest Service through a group of retirees here in the Grand Valley. Chuck Hendricks, a retiree in Denver does a great job of keeping us informed about national issues and the Grand Valley Retirees often meet with the local Forest Supervisors and Rangers. Pat and I have a two-year old grandson in Bend, OR, and a one-year old granddaughter in LaJolla, CA, so we spend lots of time in Oregon and California. In my spare time, I still work for a contractor’s association and enjoy the contacts.

Corson Williams

So I’m behind in my dues payment. I think I will pay you for 2 years so next year will be out of the way. I’ll be 90 years old then and perhaps more forgetful than I am now. I retired 30 years ago last July. Not many people are lucky enough to have such a long retirement.

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R6 Updates- - *-(Cont'd. from page 9)*

Historic Diaries Found in Packwood

This September, Packwood Community Library received an unusual donation: a cardboard box containing 120 pocket-sized notebooks, "Diary of Wm. Sethe District Ranger" written on the cover of each. The diaries, which cover the period from 1921 to 1942, provide an important first-person historical record of events at Packwood RD. William Sethe was hired as a Forest Guard to work at Packwood. In 1915 he succeeded Harry Cunningham as District Ranger, and did not retire from that position until 1947. Bill Sethe was characterized in two popular books of non-fiction, *Tatoosh* and *Skyo*, by Seattle author Martha Hardy. Sethe hired Hardy as a fire lookout in 1943.

Tom Allen, visiting from Pennsylvania last summer to clean out his mother's house in Packwood, found the diaries in the attic of the house. Allen took them to an antique store in Packwood. Seeing their potential importance to local history, the storeowner gave them to the community library.

Local historian and Forest Service engineer Dave Garoutte arranged to borrow the diaries in installments for transcription. Dave has spent several months typing up transcripts of the handwritten diaries in his spare time. After more than 30 years with the Forest Service, Dave retired in January, 2001, and plans to complete the transcription project this winter. The diaries contain a wealth of information about the day-to-day activities on the district, and should provide historians with valuable material for future historical research. (Note: In 1998, the Packwood and Randle Districts were consolidated as Cowlitz Valley RD.) (Courtesy Roger Peterson, Gifford Pinchot NF)

Adaptive Management in Olympic NF

"Ecological thinning" has been underway at Olympic NF since 1988, writes Olympic NF planner **Ward Hoffman**.

Ecological thinnings, he says, may be designed to enhance wildlife habitat; develop and/or retain key ecosystem components (e.g. snags and coarse woody debris); and accelerate development of late-successional forest characteristics and meet aquatic habitat management objectives, while providing commercial wood products.

The techniques and strategies used to develop these thinning treatments have evolved over time, as individual project efforts provided new insights into how to best achieve a range of goals, including habitat and stand-development objectives, providing wood products, preventing windthrow, and encouraging snag retention.

The project is located within a late-successional reserve, as defined by the Northwest Forest plan. Thus, he explains, a primary objective for young stands is to attain late-successional features (such as large trees, diversity of structures and species, and functional levels of snags and coarse woody debris) as early in the stand development process as is reasonable. *(Ed. Note: This is good news. I would hope that this would be happening on many Forests, but sadly there are thousands of acres of these stands in R6 that are not being thinned because "scientists" do not believe the Ward Hoffmans)*

Response from John Marker

Last week we carried a "local heroes" item describing assistance given by **Sandra Melinder, Chris Jensen, Mark Leverton, and Dale Gardner**, all Middle Fork RD, Willamette NF employees at the scene of an auto accident on Hwy 58, on Feb. 12. The action inspired John Marker, president, FS 30 Year Club and former director of R-6 PAO, to write, "Congratulations to the FS people who helped the accident victims. They carry on one of the traditions the old people think is a basic part of FS tradition, real public service."

Members Corner *(Cont'd from p. 7)*

Ellis Gano

Enclosed please find our check for extending our annual membership. Also enclosed is my ballot for VP. Betty and I are still here in God's country (Colville, WA) wishing the snow would go away. However, this has been a mild winter with temperatures seldom below 20 degrees and hanging around 32-34 during the day. We used to leave during the winter but this year we decided to forego the crowds and high cost of living and recreation. We usually take a break in March and go to the Oregon Coast at Newport. For 13 years Betty participated in the Oregon State whale watch program, but that became too commercialized under the State Park system so we dropped out. Originally it was handled by Oregon State College as a scientific endeavor and a person felt good about contributing time and effort. We spend our summers, April-November, golfing and short trips to visit friends. I retired in 1978 with 36 years of federal service and then took on the local golf course as Greens Supt. for 10 years until I finally realized that was not really the way to retire. Worked 12 hour days, 7 days a week for 7 months. Now the golf course workers spend 8 hours a day, five days a week.

I have a lot of fond memories working on the Clackamas River Division of the Mt. Hood NF--started at Oak Grove RS—with Bus Carrell, Amos Smelser, F. Leroy Bond, Rex ?, John Grove, Bud Unruh, Lowell Gilbert, Warren Maggs, Vic Kreimeyer, Jim Merritt, Howard Beguelin and a host of others on the road crew. Ferm Warnock was maintenance foreman. We traveled from the Mt. Hood to the Siskiyou under Hershel Obie for two years. Then to Corvallis, the Siuslaw under Rex Wakefield, where I was Assistant Admin. Officer under John Theriault. L.C. Winkle was B& F, later replaced by Harold Parker. Then on to the Wenatchee in 1962 under Ken Blair as his A.O. Worked with Paul Enberg, Fritz Morrison, Jack Fowler, Archie Mills, Pat IntHout, and many others. Moved to the Colville in 1974 and retired in 1978.

Those were the days when people were proud to be a Forest Service employ and put out extra effort. Time have changed and there seems to be a lack of enthusiasm brought on primarily by outside interests.

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Members Corner *(cont'd)*

Gail Baker

In reply to John Marker's message in the winter newsletter, I have a few thoughts. I was President of the Club when the lifetime membership was started in 1984 and 85. We also got the yearly dues raised from \$3 to \$5. The thought in making the lifetime membership at \$50 was that would cover 10 years at \$5. That was about the length of time the average retiree lived after retirement. Time has proved that was faulty thinking for several reasons: (1) people are living longer, (2) the decision was made to let spouses continue on with full benefits (as of the latest directory there were 117 of these), and (3) rising costs.

Those of us who got in at the \$50 rate have gotten a free ride for several years. I personally am doing something about it. I am sending a check that will bring my lifetime membership up to date. This makes me feel better, but it is not going to solve the problem.

I believe the idea of reducing the newsletter frequency from 4 to 3 is a good start. I have another idea that I think would be a real money saver. Find out just how many of the total membership (834) really want the newsletter. I believe many do not, especially the spouses of deceased members. To find this out just ask them. Put a note in the newsletter asking the members if they want the newsletter. A one line note to the Club in an envelope with a 34 cent stamp would suffice for response. Those that did not reply would be taken off the newsletter mailing list. I believe this would be worth a try. Adeline and I are anxious for the Club to prosper. We look forward to the luncheons, the dinner, and the picnic. At 93 and 94. we don't take any long trips. The grocery store, the drug store and the VA office are about it. We get along in our home we bought when we came here from Bend 45 years ago, by helping one another. We stopped buying green bananas.

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Golden Years: I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a word you say.

Norm Hesseldahl

They tried to recruit me for fire duty this summer, but I am working full time for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and declined. Besides, the summer of 94 took the joy out of it for me. Then a year later another one of the 'shots who was a buddy of mine committed suicide. So I did my fish and wildlife stuff. Anyway, the hills are too darned steep anymore. But I still get a tense feeling in my gut when I hear a retardant bomber taking off. I heard that quite a bit this summer, as La Grande has a tanker base. Old reflexes die hard, I guess.

Don James signed me up for a year of the 30 year club as a Christmas gift. He and I are long-time hunting partners, although I don't get to see him much since we moved to La Grande. When I worked in Prineville, I'd go up and have lunch with him a couple times a week.

All indications are that next summer could be worse than this past year. I'm glad to see that they are beefing up the forces. Wouldn't hurt to harvest a little timber and burn a little slash either. Ah well, those days are gone. The Alsea district used to put out more timber than the whole Willamette produces these days.

It's interesting to read the debate about raising the cost of a lifetime membership. Good to know that we're living longer. Used to be, we'd retire and drop dead within a couple of years. My goal is to collect my pension for more years than I worked to earn it! Good to hear from you.

Bob Romancier

Comments and suggestions: (1) re unfunded obligations-- how about combining your #1 and #3 options? \$200 for lifetime membership and offer 5-6 year memberships at \$60 to \$75 per year. I think 10 years is too long a period. AND solicit donations from current lifetime members; I will add to the kitty later this year. I think the lifetime option should continue; it attracts members. (2) Enjoyed Chuck Peterson's "Bungalow Cabin" article. (3) Summer tour possibilities that sound good are San Juan Island tour, Columbia Riverboat tour, and Southern Oregon Coast. (4) To stimulate signing up new members, how about enclosing a membership application in the next newsletter? Well, I'm tired out, so good luck with the Club finances.

Herman Kuppler

I'll attempt to respond to your request for thoughts and ideas on finances. Non-profit status seems advantageous. A tax deduction would be an incentive for donations. Donations should be encouraged. Perhaps donors names should be published in the Newsletter, simply listed or under headings such as "in honor of", "in memory of". Most of us appreciate being recognized.

Allow honorary memberships. Possibly expand membership to include other Federal or State agencies—or from the private sector or interested individuals. Life membership might be raised to \$175. Yearly dues might be raised. Affiliate with other entities such as the Oregon Historical Society. Advertise in USFS units.

Re' fund raising – sponsor a craft, antiques, collectible, book show, etc, with a luncheon or afternoon gathering.. Resume Club tours, but put them on as money-making basis. My wife and I brought several friends along on previous tours. We all enjoyed these trips. Enclosed is my donation; also my ballot for Phil Hirl.

Thelma Robinson

I just remembered I hadn't paid my dues for 2001, so enclosed find my check for the dues. I so enjoy reading the letters and news in the Club newsletter. A "hello" to President John Marker. I remember you from Ogden days. I am sure you remember Dale, my husband. He has been gone now for nearly 11 years. I still carry on, and am so thankful I can keep in touch with old FS friends.

Mary K. Crawford

I am sorry I must be reminded every year to pay my dues. I suppose I am always surprised I am still here. Seems impossible. However it is still the same here. It always saddens me to read about those who have passed on. I don't know many of the members any more. Really things are OK.

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Dick Tubman Story

I submitted this story some years ago for Timber Lines, but it was never published. The Timber Lines project appeared abandoned. It is a factual story. If it is too long or not applicable, scrap it. Don't believe it is any longer that Frank Lewis' stout rebuttal (mentioning Frank triggers a memory---In late '30's, I hiked from Spirit Lake over Strawberry to the end of the Cispus road, where Frank and his dad, Ranger Lewis, met me. He, Frank, was the chauffer (about 12 years old, maybe 15) and Ranger Lewis and I pulled naugahyde in an old Chevrolet pickup as Frank wrangled the old crate over the slippery, sluity, fresh rain dirt road to Randle. I wish those days were still with us---fond memories, Frank.) *Dick Tubman (Ed. Note: We did trim some out of your story, Dick, but we maintained that flavor of your times and your undeniable pursuit of becoming a Forester)*

On Becoming a Forester – By Dick Tubman

It was in 1918, as a boy on a 675 acre Maryland tobacco farm, an event occurred that altered my direction in life. Our family subscribed to two Curtis Publishing Co. monthly magazines, one of which was the Country Gentleman. It was my favorite reading. As a grade schooler, one issue carried a black and white photo of a forest ranger in a scene on a high Colorado mountain astride his saddle horse on a trail switchback in a snowstorm. That enthralled me. My first reaction, "That's for me", although that phrase hadn't been coined at the time. That began my visions and desires for years. That picture is just as clear today in my mind as it was the day I first saw it.

From grade school on, I sought literature and stories on the forests. I was interested in both the State and Federal aspect of forestry and continued my efforts through high school. One source was the Chief's office when it was in the vicinity of 9th and F Streets in early days. The Bureau of Entomology on C street was another source. Also received information from the Maryland Natural Resources Division. My English composition was on forestry subjects. Upon high school graduation, a classmate prophesied my becoming a forester. Graduating in 1924, being fed up with "book learnin" I turned down a scholarship to St. John's College in Annapolis, that was offered me by my English instructor, telling him, "I'd rather dig ditches the rest of my life than crack another book." Immediately I picked up a job in a local grocery store at \$15 a week. Six months later, A&P Tea Company offered me \$3 more and week and I took it.

One hot sultry summer day in 1926, I went into a drugstore to have a fresh lime soda. I walked to a magazine rack and glanced at a copy of the "American Forests and Forest Life" magazine. Thumbed through it and bought it. On the last page was an advertisement for 6 or 7 forestry schools, mostly in the west. One was for Syracuse, so I obtained a curricula of their forestry courses and set my sights for that institution in 1926. But by the time a second semester began, I could not make financial arrangements. So, forget the enrollment in that year. After I received curricula from the other six schools, one school, the old Colorado School of Forestry

(est. 1905) offered me the most interesting course and chance for board and room. That made my decision to enter in 1927. Even though A&P Tea offered me a management job, I was tired of 10 to 12 hour days sacking sugar and spuds. So, in early October, I bunched the job.

Next Monday morning I was working as a carpenter's helper for Cafritz Construction in Washington, D.C., on a block of 31 residences. My job was digging ditches in that wet clayey soil and swinging an eight pound sledgehammer all day long, besides packing purloins on my shoulder with other helpers. That's where I swallowed my words that I uttered to the English instructor at graduation in 1924. The job was completed in late December. Another job showed up in Jan.1927. I quit that job in early September.

In the late afternoon of Sept. 7, 1927, I shot a couple of big squirrels, skinned them out and ate them for breakfast the next morning. Kissed my folks goodbye and shoved my steamer trunk aboard a horse-drawn wagon, and a tenant drove me to the "Berceau", a Navy boat on the Potomac River. We docked in the Washington Navy Yard, then by taxi to Union Station, where I boarded the Pennsylvania RR for Colorado Springs. On Sept.12, I registered at Cossitt Hall, Colorado College. Thus began a twelve year old boys dream. I never regretted it.

Savannah River Project

By e-mail from Peggy Nadler in Region 8: I'm touching base with all of your to request your help in locating past FS employees of "The Bomb Plant", Savannah River Project., now Savannah River Site. (SR) in Aiken, SC. I've been in touch with the fsx.org website and placed an announcement in the lost and found section. (What a great website!) Much good forest management and research has been done at SR over the past 50 years, but few records can be found. (The forest history library at Duke U. has nothing!) We want to gather and document as much information as possible during this 50th anniversary celebration and need to contact as many former employees as possible for an oral history project, and to notify them of a planned reunion in March, 2002. Some names that have come up from the 50's and 60's are: Charles A. Connaughton, R8 RF in '52; Frank Albert, Karl Strauss, Douglass Craig, FS, completed forest survey in '51; Lawrence Newcomb, set up first co-op agreement with Atomic Energy Commission, was NF Supervisor for Florida; Dr. Elwood Demmon, Director of SEFES, consulted on tree species to plant at SR; Thomas Lotti, Santee Research Center in Charleston, early tree research; W.H. Fischer, R8, Chief of TM in '52; A.W. Hartman, R8, Chief of Fire in '52; W.L. Nothstein, DR at Franklin, NS, performed planting and site surveys; Owen Jamison, planting inspecor from NFs in NC; Omar Campbell, Charles Barnes, and Thomas Laurent, planting inspectors from R2 in Denver; Tom C. Evans, biometrics at SEFES, survival plots. Others who helped with early plantings: J.R. Padgett,

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Savannah River Project *(Cont'd. from page 8)*

W.J. Chapparo, A.E. Stamer, Russel Burns, Harry Sontag, all from R3 in 1954; Jack Crellin, Jim Perry, Joe McAdams, Barney Rhett in '55; Dale Vandenburg, Don Durland, Dick Pennington, Bob Nixon, Bill O'Brien, Walt Smith from R1 in '56; Arthur Jervey, Jay McConnell from R2, Owen Lashley from R9, and Russell Griffith in '57; Finley McNaughton from R4, Ed Kinsman from R1, and Rich Wheeler. This is not an all inclusive list, and focuses on the '50s, but we are interested in talking to anyone who has worked here, or friends/family members of those who have passed away. Any help you could give us in getting the word out would be greatly appreciated. Peggy Jo Nadler can be reached at e-mail: p nadler@fs.fed.us , or Fax at 803-725-1807. By phone at the Savannah River Site: 803-725-0248 (sorry did not get a postal address)

Bill Ciesla, former R6er and Club member, has responded to Peggy with details about some of the above named former Savannah River crew: Your message about some of the folks working on the Savannah River Project brought back a lot of memories. My first permanent assignment with the FS was in R8 with the Asheville, NC field office of what was then known as Forest Pest Control (61-67). I worked with several of the folks on your list.

Oregon Tax Refund

In the Winter Newsletter, we gave detailed information in regard to seeking out any federal retiree that might be due an Oregon Tax Refund on their annuity, but has never sent in the application forms. At this time, we believe we have found one such case, thanks to Joe Marchibanks. If this one works out for the lady involved, it will be well worth the effort.

Again, if you have any thoughts or suspicions that someone might be overlooked in this process, let me know, or call the Oregon Dept. of Revenue in Salem at 503-378-2051, or at their toll free number 1-877-877-6198. The DOR will not let out a list of retirees who have not responded, BUT if you know a person you are concerned about, they will check it out. Probably would help if you also had a SSN, or at least an address. Eligible retirees who have not filed a Form 40F, or in the case of a benefactor, Form 243-F, must do so **no later than April 16.** *Wendall Jones*

R6 Regional Golf Tournament

Prineville, OR May 19, 2001

Additional information had been hard to come by. Suggest you call Regional Office, or your local Forest Office for further information.

For a retiree to get on the R6 Update electronic mailing list, just send an e-mail to kbowman@fs.fed.us (Sorry, she cannot mail hard copies). Kathy Bowman says, I can certainly mail an electronic copy of your membership application form to all the forest mailrooms and public affairs officers. *(Ed. Note: Kathy is the editor of the R6 Update, which is the electronic employee newsletter for Region 6. We share newsletters through an agreement with the Region.)*

Teachers in the Woods

Fisheries biologists, watershed managers, and Forest Service and National Park Service scientists in the Northwest have been working with local science teachers through an innovative partnership called "Teachers in the Woods". The program gives teachers better scientific backgrounds and field research skills, and experience working with field biologists to implement a variety of aquatic and also terrestrial monitoring projects.

The Forest Service supports this project with partnership funds. Faculty from PSU and OSU, the Forest Service and National Park Service biologists trained and worked alongside teachers as they conduct monitoring projects at agency sites for one month during the summer. 135 Pacific Northwest middle and high school teachers have participated so far.

Evaluations: Teachers in the Woods produces more than just "units of work": At the end of their stint, significant number of teachers had more positive perceptions of the land management practices of the Forest Service, and visibly different attitudes about the agency's mission as a result of their time in the woods. *(Ed Note: Déjà vu of the Jack Woods, Vic Kreimeyer days. Might this be an excellent example of re-inventing government?)*

Native plant notebook on the WWW - Umatilla NF 2-8

Since 1994, the Umatilla NF has operated under a policy that promotes the use of native plant species in restoration and revegetation projects. The Forest has a "native plant" web site that offers species profiles for selected grass, tree, and forb species native to the Blue Mountains area of northeast Oregon and southeast Washington. Topics on the WWW site include habitat needs and restoration uses, as well as biological information. To see more detailed information, go to www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/native/.

Umpqua NF Employees Honored

Recently, **Terry Dean** and **Debbie Anderson**, North Umpqua Ranger District, Umpqua NF, were recognized by the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO). SDAO assists special service districts in providing cost-effective and efficient public service to the people of Oregon. SDAO recognized Terry as the State of Oregon Volunteer of the year, and Debbie as the state of Oregon Public Information Officer of the year. *(Ed Note: Howard Dean, Terry's father, had a long time Willamette and Siuslaw NF career, and was a 30 Year Club member. Terry inherited his public service merits from his dad.)*

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