

President's Message -- Phil Hirl

I would like to thank Elmer for the great job he did this past year. He led us in a year of change. We became incorporated, changed our name, are awaiting word on non-profit status and had some good help from club "lawyer" Smoke Lewis. We kicked off the 2005 Reunion Committee with Bob Williams as Chair. We became involved with plans for "The Folklife Festival on the Mall – 2005" through John Marker. John convinced Linda Feldman to tell us about plans for the Festival at our banquet.

We expanded our relationships with Region and Station including lunches with Regional Forester Harv Forsgren and Station Director Tom Mills. Harv and Tom are new Club members. We also spent an evening at Welches with new Chief Dale Bosworth and his key staff. Harv and Tom are moving on to new assignments in the Forest Service. I wish them well and hope their replacements will have the same commitment to work with us retirees.

Homer and Deanna Chappell deserve a special thanks for chairing the Spring Banquet. What a great idea the silent auction was. It was a huge success because of the many Club members who donated items for bid. It was good fun with some spirited bidding, plus we generated some funds to help with expenses for next year's banquet. We are considering moving the location of the banquet to reduce costs. Homer and Deanna have agreed to chair this event again next year.

Dave Kolb has agreed to be the new Archivist. I have been that for 6 or 7 years and it is time for some new ideas. Dave has asked us to find a new RO Representative. We also need a new Membership Chair to replace Doug Porter who is our new President-elect.

I encourage more recent retirees to step into an active role with the club. We need your contacts with the future retirees who are the new member candidates. Those of us who have been retired a few years have lost some contact with current FS workers. We have some opportunities for you to

get involved with above jobs. Plus we will need a new VP come next spring. Is it your turn to get involved? Please call me or another Board member.

Have you checked our website lately? Bob McQuown keeps making adjustments and additions. If you were at banquet, maybe you can find your picture there. Bob has a lot of talent in the computer world and we can be thankful he is willing to spend time improving the website he built for us. Our website is really first class.

I am very glad Wendall has agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor. I think it is easily the best FS retiree Newsletter. He keeps coming up with new ways of improving it, like the increase of current Forest Service news. It is our key communication with the many members who do not live near Portland, and cannot access the website.

Hope to see a lot of you at the picnic, August 16. Reservation coupon on Page 3.

Phil

Elmer Moyer
passes the gavel
to Phil Hirl

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REGIONAL FORESTER MOVES TO SOUTH-WESTERN REGION

(Excerpted from WO release)

Chief Dale Bosworth, has announced that Harv Forsgren, Region 6 Regional Forester, will become Regional Forester for Region 3.

“I’m pleased that Harv is willing to make this move. His collaborative efforts with local communities, state, federal and tribal partners will be a strong asset in working with stakeholders and building relationships in the Southwestern Region,” said Bosworth. “Also, his experience in working with the Northwest Forest Plan, the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project and his tenure as national director of Fish, Wildlife and Rare Plants has given him a broad background in endangered species issues and other complex resource management challenges that he will face in the Southwestern Region.” Prior to moving to the Pacific Northwest Region, Forsgren served as assistant director and then director of the Forest Service’s Fish, Wildlife and Rare Plants staff. He was also regional fisheries program manager for the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service. He worked as a fisheries biologist on national forests in Alaska, Idaho and Oregon prior to moving to the regional fisheries program manager position. He received a bachelor of science in fisheries management from Utah State University in 1976 and a master of science in natural resources from Humboldt State University in 1980.

“I enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to serve and work with the people in the Pacific Northwest and look forward to engaging with the people and the issues of the Southwestern Region,” said Forsgren.” “It is an honor to have been asked to serve as a regional forester in a second region.”

Forsgren will report to the Southwestern Region July 14. A successor in the Pacific Northwest Region has not been named at press time.

Graybeal Takes New Job

(Excerpted from Chief’s memo)

For some time I have discussed the need to build stronger connection between our national level programs and the field organization. To help strengthen this effort and to also better utilize our collective energies in meeting the challenges we face together, we need to fly some new organizational approaches. I am pleased to announce a new approach in the National Forest System organization with the creation of a new position of a Field Associate Deputy Chief.

We are also very pleased to also announce that Nancy Graybeal, Deputy Regional Forester, in the Pacific Northwest Region has accepted this new position. Nancy has a tremendous background and experience in working on the kinds of issues, which will be the focal point of the position. Nancy, along with the other Associate Deputy Chiefs in the National Forest System, will work to make important improvements in our National Forest System operations. She will specifically work to promote inter-Regional consistency and coordination in implementation of field initiatives.

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PNW STATION DIRECTOR MOVES TO W.O.

(Excerpted from WO release)

Chief Dale Bosworth today announced Tom Mills as the deputy chief for business operations for the Forest Service. Mills will have responsibility for the Acquisition Management, Information Resources Management, Human Resource Management and the Senior, Youth, and Volunteer Programs staffs of the Forest Service. Mills is currently the director of the Pacific Northwest Research Station.

“Tom has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and is recognized as having some of the best analytical and organizational skills in the Forest Service,” said Bosworth. “This combination of attributes will be an invaluable asset in leading the business operations of the Forest Service.”

As director of the Pacific Northwest Forest Research Station, Mills was responsible for Forest Service research in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. During this time he was especially active in the development of guidelines on the role that scientific information and scientists can play in the land management decision-making process and in the proactive delivery of science information.

“I’m looking forward to the opportunity to work on the Forest Service’s business operations,” said Mills. “Efficient business operations are an essential foundation for effective delivery of the Forest Service’s many programs.”

Prior to his current position, Mills was in the Washington Office serving as the associate deputy chief for Programs and Legislation. Mills received a bachelor of science in forestry in 1968, a master of science in forest economics in 1969 and a doctorate in 1972, all from Michigan State University. He began his Forest Service career conducting research with the Forest Service’s Forest Resources Economics staff in Washington, D.C. He had a variety of assignments both in Washington as well as the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain and Pacific Southwest Research Stations. Mills has been serving as acting deputy chief for business operations since April 8. An official report date has not been established at press time.

Graybeal (cont’d)

Nancy’s duty station will remain in Portland , but her responsibilities will be nationwide. We look forward to using this new organization approach to deal with some of the more challenging issues we face. Please join me in congratulating Nancy in this new opportunity and supporting her during the transition.

NEW MEMBERS

James & Phyllis Frakes

Melba Saylor

Charles Thompson



OUR SUMMER FIELD REUNION---A PICNIC IN THE WOODS

August 16, 2002

Social begins at 11:00 am

Lunch is served at 12:30 pm

The summer picnic will again be held at the Mountain View Shelter in the BLM's Wildwood Recreation Area. Wildwood is approximately 40 miles east of Portland off Highway 26 near ZigZag.

Anyone needing a ride should contact Elmer or Phil and transportation will be located in order to help those not comfortable with driving out there.

A large BLM recreation area sign is visible on the south side of Hwy 26 directing you to the area entrance. Follow area signs to the group picnic area. Mountain View Shelter is signed and on the left (east side) of the driveway. We realize most of you have been there before and will have no trouble locating a wild and rowdy party.

There is a \$3 entrance fee for use of Wildwood, and envelopes for the fee are available at the shelter parking lot. Disabled persons and Golden Age Passport holders are not charged the entrance fee. Golden age holders, put your passport number on the envelope and display the envelope stub on your dash.

The menu includes: beef brisket, BBQ chicken, picnic ham , biscuits and cornbread, fresh fruit, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and ice cream. There will also be coffee, ice tea, soft drinks, beer and wine.

No one goes away hungry and everyone goes home with good feelings about our relations with great folks. And there is no need to rush off after the meal. We have the place rented for all day, and you could even take your nap there.

The cost for this fine feed is \$18.00 per person. (Yes, costs are going up everywhere.)

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**YOUR 2002 PNWFS ASSOCIATION PICNIC RESERVATION
AUGUST 16, 2002**

Return **by July 19** to:
PNWFS Assoc.
PO Box 5583
Portland, OR 97228-5583

Make check payable to: PNW FS Assoc.

Number of persons: _____ @ \$18 each Total enclosed _____

Name(s) as you want them on name tag: _____,

_____, _____,

If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail has changed recently, please give us new information below:

Chief John McGuire Passes

John R. McGuire, the 10th Chief of the Forest Service, passed away April 6, 2002, in Gaithersburg, MD, after lengthy illness. He was 85 years old. Chief McGuire was a distinguished Forest Service career professional. Beginning in Research, he gained a reputation as an expert manager. He became Associate Chief to Ed Cliff in 1967, then Chief from 1972 to 1979. During that period, major USFS legislation was enacted by Congress, including Renewable Resources Planning Act, and the National Forest Management Act. He also headed up the Roadless Area Review process.

John McGuire was a Milwaukee, WI, native and a forestry graduate of the University of Minnesota. He received a master's degree in forestry from Yale University and a master's degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. During World War II, he served in the Army Corps of Engineers in the Pacific theater. After returning from overseas, he became a USFS researcher at the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station in New Haven, Conn. Later he was assigned to a research station at Upper Darby, Penn.

In the 1950s and 1960s, he was chief economist and then director of the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Berkeley, CA.

He received the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Service.

He moved from Falls Church to Asbury Methodist Village in the mid-1990s. His hobbies included birding and sailing.

The Washington Post carried the following human interest story about Chief McGuire:

During Christmas 1975, a reporter noticed an artificial tree in Mr. McGuire's office. A spate of news stories followed. As it turned out, Chief McGuire was on vacation and his devoted secretary felt his office needed a holiday touch. She had brought the fake tree from her home. When the Chief returned, he laughed off the situation and proudly told his secretary she did a nice job of managing the press.

Survivors include his wife, Marjory Graff McGuire, whom he married in 1945, of Gaithersburg; a daughter, Joan McGuire of Raleigh, N.C.; a brother; and a sister.

For those wishing to make a contribution in his memory, the Nat'l Museum of Forest Service History, PO Box 2772, Missoula, MT 59806, is suggested.

Delinquent Dues Payers—ATTENTION!!

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2002, you normally would not be getting this newsletter. But since Vern Clapp has not been able to update his data base currently with his move to Bend, we are not certain about members who may have recently paid. Therefore, considering the facts and maybe some sympathy, we have decided to send the Summer Newsletter to all of you. But before you read further, and you have not yet paid your dues, stop, pick up the checkbook, and send a check for \$10 to the Association address on the back of this newsletter. You might also want to go ahead and pay for 2003, since that will be due in about six months. SMILE!!

PNWFSA Board Meets with Chief

On March 19, members of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (30 Yr. Club) Board held an informal meeting with the Chief, Sally Collins, Tom Thompson, Joel Holtrop, Linda Goodman, Tom Mills and Harv Forsgren. The purpose of the meeting, held while the FS leadership was meeting here in Oregon, was to brief the "Front Row" on the Association's planning for the 2005 FS reunion, and commitment to helping the FS celebrate the 100th birthday.

While this was not a "heavy lifting" meeting dealing with management and policy issues, it was an opportunity to gain a better understanding of how key members of the leadership felt about the Outfit and the challenges it is facing. All of the "alumni" that took part in the meeting came away with a sense the FS is in capable hands. During the brief conversations about issues there was no question our guests understood the work they had to do, and the steep hills that had to be climbed. However, in my opinion, they were positive, energetic, realists and comfortable with their leadership roles.

They are very much committed to revitalizing the positive traditions of the FS and finding ways to help the new employees understand both the successes and problems FS people have had over the past generations. However, since there is no lack of critics, they would like to focus on the positives while keeping the negatives in perspective.

They also gave us a writing pad full of ideas for the reunion, alumni participation in the 100th birthday, and for alumni involvement in helping the Outfit understand its history as it moves forward in the next 100 years.

Thanks Dale, Harv, Tom and the rest of the WO Staff.

John Marker

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

We have done pretty well with increased membership this last couple of years but as we all know there are many more potential members out there. I would like to ask each member to recruit at least one more member this year. I know they would really enjoy what the club has to offer. Please let me or one of the other officers know if you are interested. I still think we have a chance to hit the 1000 members level if we all make an effort. Thanks in advance for your support.

Your Membership Chair – Doug Porter –

Editors Note: Since Doug has been elevated to President-elect, we are looking for a new Membership Chair. If you would like to take on this job, give a Board Member a call or send e-mail. Or do the same if you wish to recommend someone else. We also have a vacancy for the RO Representative, and are still looking for a Wallowa-Whitman representative.

Membership applications can be printed off the OldSmokeys website, or call a Board memo and we will mail you one.

Address Changes, Additions, Corrections

- Clapp, Vern & Jessie—Change address: Bend, OR
Conklin, Bill & Donna – New e-mail:
Culbertson, Dick & Mae - Change e-mail:
Cullens, Dean & Vic – Change e-mail:
Didricksen, Ralph – Change address: Jefferson City, MO
Frakes, James & Phyllis – New member: Clarkston, WA
Friddle, Francis & Elda – Change address: Albany, OR
Frost, Ray & Wanita – Change address: Casa Grande, AZ
Gray, Jim & Jan – Change address: Bellingham, WA
Gump, Ted & LaRea – Change e-mail:
Higgins, Joe & Dorothy – Change e-mail:
Hughes, Dallas & Sharon – New e-mail:
Kincaid, Claude & Betty – Change address: Vancouver, WA
Loff, Don & Jean – New phone number:
Morse, B. Eric – Change e-mail:
Newlon, Charlie & Barbara – Change e-mail:
Olsen, Chad & Toni – Change address: Vancouver, WA
Perkins, John & Anne – Correct phone number:
Philbrick, John R – Add phone:
Plank, Marlin—Change e-mail:
Post, Lita – New e-mail:
Rakestraw, Mary - Address change: Portland, OR
Saylor, Melba L. – New member: Phoenix, OR
Schallau, Con & Leanah – Change address: Moscow, ID
Schultz, Ed & Mae – Change e-mail:
Shilts, Wayne & Peggy – New e-mail:
Smith, DeWilton & Julia – Change e-mail:
Stark, Robert Larry & Lillian – Add phone:
Thompson, Charles A. – New member: Klamath Falls, OR
Wahrgren, John – Add phone:
Williams, Bob & Mary Lou – Add phone:
Woodward, Dick & Brownwyn – Change address: Lakeview, OR

Losses:

- Adeline Baker – deceased 6-02-02, wife of Gail
Maxine Cramer – deceased 5-26-02, wife of Owen
Bob Dolph – deceased 3-11-02; LT member, no surviving spouse
Delos Dutton – deceased 3-11-02; LT member survived by Marlene
Charlie Hof – deceased 4-26-02
Richard L. Schoof – deceased 3-29-02; LT member survived by Pat
Thomas W. Sears – deceased 4-24-02

SPRING BANQUET A GREAT SUCCESS

The Spring Banquet was a major success thanks to all who attended and participated. We had 104 members who enjoyed an excellent buffet prepared by Dave Dalton and crew. For those who didn't attend, you missed a good one.

A silent auction was available for bidding before and during dinner. Items available were members crafts that ran from wood-working to linen, historic items, and future canoe rides, B&B reservations, and home-cooked dinner for eight. The bidding could be described as competitive, sneaky, and a lot of fun. Total amount received from the Auction was a very successful \$1,757.00, which will be used to defray costs of future banquets.

Our featured guest was Linda Feldman, special assistant to the Chief of the Forest Service for the New Century of Service program. Linda spoke to us briefly about the Celebration on the Mall in 2005, which will highlight the Forest Service history and it people. She also mentioned the actions to produce a postage stamp and a quilt commemorating the US Forest Service 100th Anniversary. (Cont'd next column)

Details on both of those activities are elsewhere in this newsletter. Volunteer help from retirees is openly solicited. Your help is desired and requested by the Chief.

Thanks goes to Deanna and Homer Chappell for organizing and hosting the whole event; Bev Pratt who organized the auction and to Bonna Wilson for assisting; to Bob McQuown for taking pictures; to Bob Tokarczyk for being our cheer leader and heading folks toward the auction tables; and to the Board for their support and assistance. Special thanks to Dave Dalton and his crew, and to all who attended and made this another opportunity to renew old friendships. Pictures page 8, 9, 10

Decorative star border containing the text: ** DONORS ** Ken Drahos Claude Kincaid J. R. Philbrick Steve Sorseth Ted Stubblefield THANK YOU SO MUCH !

Help Wanted! Quilters and Artists

I have been invited to help put together a Forest Service quilt for possible display at the Smithsonian Institute's Folklife Festival during the Forest Service Centennial Celebration in summer, 2005. While I dabble in textile arts as a weaver of more than 25 years, I am neither a quilter nor an artist. I can, however, bring together the people who are quilters and artists (or know them), and make things happen.

Right now there are more questions than answers – and probably more questions than I even know exist! I am looking for people who can do things like:

- specify the requirements for quilt squares (size, fabric content, signatures by quilters, etc),
- organize information about the squares – designer, quilter, what story the square tells about the Forest Service,
- lay out squares from multiple sources to make an attractive whole,
- have access to resources for assembling the squares and quilting the result, and
- help identify all the other questions that need to be asked and answered.

I have no resources to pay salaries, so everything will have to be on a voluntary basis. The only pay I can offer is the satisfaction of knowing your work will be displayed on the mall in Washington DC during the Folklife Festival – to millions of visitors.

If you would like to be involved in any or all of the above, please send me a note at jberg02@fs.fed.us, or call her at the WO, 202-205-1277. Indicate whether you would like to be involved in quilting a square, designing the quilt itself, or want to help in other ways. If you have been involved in any similar effort for a local guild or other organization, I would be extremely grateful for advice and counsel along the way. I will be putting together a mailing list to get us started.

The 2005 Reunion & Lewis & Clark Tour

By John Marker

Check your calendar to make sure you have scheduled the week of September 4, 2005 to be in Portland, Oregon for the big Forest Service reunion. Now that is done, the Reunion Committee needs some immediate help from you with tour planning for the event.

Here is the situation. Dick Deleissegues and Dave Trask, tour organizers, have made preliminary plans for a two day Lewis and Clark historic tour of the lower Columbia River area where the explorers spent their winter in the Northwest. This tour will include a bus trip from Portland to Astoria with stops at historic points along the way; a night in Astoria, the oldest European settlement in Oregon; a boat ride following Lewis and Clark's route down the lower Columbia; an exclusive guided tour of Fort Clatsop with a re-enactment of the Corps of Discovery telling of their experiences and the opportunity to see a beautiful part of the Northwest.

The tour package includes transportation, hotel accommodations, park fees, refreshments and a dinner and buffet breakfast. The bus will pick people up at the Double Tree reunion hotel and get

More Help Wanted! Forest Centennial Stamp

There is strong interest in having the US Postal Service issue a commemorative stamp in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Forest Service in 2005. Your support can help make this possible.

The Forest Service has not been formally recognized with a postage stamp. Forestry and conservation-related stamps have been issued from time to time during the past 50 years. The most closely related stamps have been a Forest Conservation issue in 1958, the 50th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps issued in 1983 and a Fire Prevention issue featuring Smokey Bear in 1984.

Secretary Veneman will make a proposal for the Centennial Stamp this spring. Please join us in this effort by writing a letter of support. Additional information and sample letters of support are available. (*Ed. Note: If you want to use a sample letter, you can request it by e-mail to Donna. If you don't have e-mail, call or write to me and I will send you a copy—address and phone in the directory.*)

Address Letters to: Forest Service Centennial Stamp,

USDA Forest Service
310 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 580
Milwaukee, WI. 53203

Centennial Stamp Contact: Donna Hepp 414-297-3538
e-mail: dhepp@fs.fed.us

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everyone back in time for the reunion festivities. Estimated cost of this once in life time adventure is \$400 per couple or \$300 for one person.

Now here is what we need from you. We need to have an expression of interest in such an adventure. We **do not need a firm commitment**, but Dick and Dave need an idea of how many people are interested in this unique opportunity before signing binding agreements that involves financial obligations. Take a moment and drop the Club a short note expressing your interest (Lewis and Clark, PNWFSA, PO Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228-5583).

This feedback is needed ASAP since 2005 is a big Lewis and Clark celebration year, and facilities and tour options are being booked up.

The Truth About the Northwest for our out of area readers:

Contrary to media reports and folklore the sun does shine brightly in the Northwest, and especially during the late summer and early fall. During the reunion you can expect blue skies, mild temperatures and spectacular views of the mountains and forests in the National Forests. You'll also find some of the nicest people in the world to help you have great time.

"You never saw a fish on the wall with its mouth shut."
Sally Berger

2005 NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE REUNION

**“Celebrating the Forest Service People”
September 4-9, 2005 Portland, Oregon**

The Event:

A national reunion of retirees and friends of the Forest Service gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Outfit, and to take pride in their contributions to the Outfits success.

The five-day event will have a series of programs and activities, including field trips, to celebrate accomplishments, friendships, FS history, and encourage the next generation of Forest Service people to continue “Caring for the Land and Serving People.”

Sponsor:

The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, formerly known as the “30 Year Club”. Bob Williams, retired R-6 Regional Forester, chairs the committee that is planning and managing the event. While the Association is underwriting the event, it is also looking for partners to help with expenses.

Attendance:

The reunion committee’s goal is a minimum attendance of 1500 people. While the basic attendance will be retirees, participation of current Forest Service staff, cooperators, friends and Forest Service partners, the “extended” family of the Outfit will be actively encouraged.

Forest Service Participation:

The Association would like the event to be considered an “official” part of the Forest Service’s centennial celebration, and encourages the Outfit to be an active participant in the program and activities.

The Location:

The Double Tree Inn Complex on Hayden Island at the Columbia River, just off I-5 near the Interstate bridge, in Portland, will be the reunion site. It is an excellent facility with easy access to Portland International Airport and Interstate 5. *John Marker*

Tongass National Forest 100th Anniversary

The Tongass National Forest is turning 100 in August of this year. Celebrations are being planned throughout the Tongass NF. As coordinator for the Craig and Thorne Bay RD celebrations, I'd like to give former employees advance notice of this event. The Prince of Wales Island celebration will cover three days, August 16th through August 18th and will include special features such as the Fiddlin' Foresters, People of the Tongass (celebration of the Native cultures of the island, with cultural displays, Native foods, and Native dancing), district open houses and Ranger Boat tour, and a Centennial Banquet to close the celebration. A retired Craig RD employee will be coordinating an informal get-together for retired and former employees visiting from out of town during that weekend.

I'm trying to get the word out early so any of you who would like to come back to Alaska for this special event can have plenty of time to plan a great summer trip. This is a good time to come back to the island, see what has changed and what has remained the same, and get reacquainted with old friends. Please pass this on to any retired Tongass employees you may be in touch with. If you have any questions, give me a call or email me. It's going to be a great celebration. *From Mary Pierce, Craig RD, Tongass NF. Her e-mail address is mpierce@fs.fed.us. Her phone: 907-826-1604*

Protecting Your Valuables

A corporate attorney sent this out to the employees in his company. We are passing it along for your information.

- Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel.
- Keep the photocopy in a safe place.
- We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed using your name, address, SS#, credit, etc.
- If you suffer a theft of these documents, cancel your credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily.
- File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where the theft occurred. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).
- Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and SS#. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. The numbers are:
Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
Social Security Administration (fraud line):
1-800-269-0271.

2002 Spring Banquet Pictures

Co-chairs Deanna and Homer Chappell with Auction
Assistants Bonna Wilson and Bev Pratt

Betty and Claude Kincaid from Vancouver

Joe Ragsdale and Fred Cooper—Happy Guys!

Lloyd and Betty Soule from Waldport

Phyllis and Earl "Nick" Nichols from Bend

Marcia Smith, Dave Scott, Don Smith (from Medford)

More Spring Banquet Pictures

Dottie and President-Elect Doug Porter

Bob Ethington and Dick Ferraro

Claudia and Ken Evans from John Day

Tom Glazebrook with J. R. "Phil" Philbrick (Roseburg)

Dick and Annette Pierce from Aloha

Dee and Marlene Dutton (in memory of Dee)

....and More Banquet Pictures

Bob and Marilyn Lease

Emil and Dorine Sabol from Wilsonville

Ron and Helen Johnson from Hillsboro

Adeline and Gail Baker (in memory of Adeline)

Renee Kopecky and Hank Warnecke

Carol and Phil Fisher

Members Corner Letters from your Friends

Vernon "Bud" Usher

Thank you for your interest in my brother, Jack. I know he would appreciate it. He was well-liked by all who knew him. Here are a few items about his earlier life. Our home town was Modesto, CA. Jack was high school student body president and first string blocking quarterback. I used to kid him about being a "blocking quarterback" ---wasn't smart enough for the real thing. He was in the Navy for 4 years during WWII. He came close to getting it when he was barely missed by flying metal parts during action. He then followed our brother, Jim, to Oregon State, as I did later. The only thing I could beat Jack in was checkers, and I never let him forget it.

Ethel Jennings

Sorry I overlooked payment of dues. To assure this won't happen next year, I increased the check. Keeping in touch with FS happenings means a great deal to me. Oldsmokeys notes and the E-mail updates along with the newsletter, contrast that which is in the news papers---not disturbing.

Claude and Betty Kincaid

We are in the process of packing up to head back home. We've enjoyed another nice sunny winter in Yuma, AZ, without any rain. It's time to head back to Vancouver as the temperature is now in the high 80s and 90s. We are enclosing a check for the Banquet, and also a check to bring my life membership in line with present rates.

J. R. "Phil" Philbrick

Enclosed check is not for seconds on the banquet, but for 2 banquet dinners and the rest for postage or anything that does you the most good. Next time you publish a roster, please change my phone number. (*see Changes*). Ninety-two and counting.

THE FOUR STAGES OF Life:

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus

Katherine Sigovich

When I received notice in the January newsletter that my address had not changed and my 2002 dues were due, I actually thought I had paid. But I have checked and my check is now enclosed. I will be 89 on May 10. Your Spring newsletter arrived this past week. The mailing address was correct, but the list showing corrections does not include my name. To make things worse, the telephone book wasn't corrected either, so my friends in 30 Year Club, etc. couldn't reach me. Hopefully this letter and check will straighten out the records and further newsletters. Sorry, I seem to have misunderstood.

Ken Drahos

Jack Usher was my boss in TM when he was on the Fremont NF, in Lakeview, OR. He was a good man and a pleasure to work with and for. It was my pleasure and honor to have worked for him for three great TM Staffmen while I was on the Fremont. Jack was transferred to the RO where he worked until his retirement. We had kept track of each other through the years until about a year ago. I was stunned and grieved to hear the news, as I wasn't aware that Eula and Jack had health problems. My wife and I extend our sympathy to Jack and Eula's family. I have enclosed a donation to the Association in memory of Jack.

Stan Rapp

Thanks for the e-mail on the 2002 dues. Here is my yearly contribution. We continue to assist in grandparenting six children (ages 6 to 10) in Trout Lake, WA. Also busy gardening and picking huckleberries nearby. I am active in building a new senior center in White Salmon, WA. Also am still President of the Board of Governors of the 4,500 person Alumni Group of the Penn State School of Forest Resources. We have an ongoing opportunity to make a difference nationally.

Families are like fudge...mostly sweet with a few nuts!

Today's mighty oak is just like yesterdays nut that held his ground.

Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

Dick Smith

In May of 1960, I transferred to the Rigdon Ranger District, Willamette NF. There I met Jim Seabaugh. On our first encounter he said, "As district engineer, you are not going to like the tagline I just ran. There is ¾ mile of 12% grade climbing up the south side of Bear Mtn." He was right. The steepest grade we used at that time was 9%. We immediately got into an argument. He said that a 9% grade would get into a mile or more of steep sidehill full bench road which would be expensive. When I asked why not start up the side of the mountain further east, he pointed out the tagline was only a half mile away from the boundary of the Diamond Peak Wilderness. So I got out a contour map and the longer I studied it, the more convinced I became that Jim was right. There was no practical way to avoid using a 12% grade. I mentioned our argument to the Ranger, Dave Kolb. Dave said that our argument made him happy. It convinced him that everyone was committed to doing their job. A year or so later, Jim transferred from the District. We next met several years later in the RO, where I was a bridge designer and Jim was an expert on cable logging systems. We conferred back and forth. He gave me information on the axle load configurations of mobile yarders, so we could design our bridges strong enough to not be damaged by these heavy machines. I gave him my thoughts about why the recommended safety factors for cables was so much greater than that for other materials. I have always respected Jim. His direct approach, that led to our initial argument, got us head on into the meat of our disagreement and cleared the air for our future friendship. I shall miss him.

Denny Caird

For a long time I was more than a little afraid of Jack (Usher); even guys like Virgil Binkley gave him a pretty wide berth. However, the more we worked together the more he mellowed or maybe I just became more used to his bluster. At any rate, his obituary didn't do him justice as a man or as a forester. Just a lovable little fuzball...with a deep commitment to the Forest Service and its people. (*Letters cont'd p.12*)

More Letters

Carl Anderson

During 2001, I logged 174 hours patrolling and maintaining Nordic Ski Trails on the Deschutes NF. My efforts consisted of assisting in stocking trail shelters with firewood, clearing fallen trees from x-country ski trails, installing and renewing trail markers and direction signs, advising users of regulations and acting as a host to all Nordic Trail users. This work is done in coordination with the Central Oregon Nordic Club. During this period, I skied 556 miles on the trails. I have been doing this for about eight years.

Actually, this has served as good training for a x-country ski race that I participate in over in Sweden. Fifty-four miles (90K) between Salen and Mora, Sweden, called the Vasaloppet Oppet Spaar, and billed as the "longest, oldest, and biggest" x-country ski race! Last year I got pulled off the track with a frozen throat and jaw (24 degrees below zero) with only about 6 miles left to go. This year, with better temperatures I finished it in nine and one-half hours of steady skiing. With over 7,000 participants, only about the first 100 are really racing, the rest of us are just having fun---as long as no one tries to pass!! What a thrill it was to ski the last 200 meters, in a foreign country, with the spectators cheering and shouting "Go American Heja! Heja! Heja!"

Larry Fellows

Don't know who handles the obit stuff now, but see Delos Dutton's obit in today's Oregonian. Marlene called this am. She has notified all his old Jumper and fishing buddies. Apparently he had a stroke while fishing on the Columbia out of Chinook Landing at Troutdale. He caught a fish and after netting it was found in the boat with fish. What a way to go!!!!!!!

GREAT TRUTHS:

Growing old is mandatory not optional. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

Wisdom comes with age, but age sometimes comes alone.

Wrinkles don't hurt.

Lyle Sears

I want to tell you that my husband, Thomas W. Sears, passed away on April 24, at the age of 84. The Forest Service has been our love and our lives for the past sixty-two years. Tom and I started on a lookout tower on the Ochoco NF, and he retired in 1977 in Atlanta, GA. We moved back to Wenatchee, WA, to retire on my home place. Several years ago, Tom became ill with then diagnosed Parkinson's Disease. This past year he was told that he actually had Lewy Body Disease, a whole new disease of the brain with his former medications and care making him worse. He spent the last few months in a home care place up the Entiat River, where he could be close to an area and forest that he loved. I send my love to all of the members that knew Tom and me. The Forest Service has been our lives.

Chad and Toni Olsen

Enclosed is our new address (*see Changes*). We haven't lived at the Portland address for quite some time. We sold our house and gave away or threw away most of our belonging and moved to Trinidad and Tobago in 2000. I had a consulting contract there with the Ministry of Agriculture (through Texas A&M U.) to offer advice on activity-based budgeting. And I thought the USFS had some problems! I was able to help Bernie Armstrong get a contract with Texas A&M. Bernie, Toni, and I had a great time. The rum did flow and a few Cuban cigars were smoked. We just bought a home near Phoenix, AZ (gold Canyon) and plan to spend the winters there playing golf and touring around. (*We were looking forward to seeing you at the banquet---what happened!*)

A couple of rednecks are out in the woods hunting when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing, his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls 911. He gasps to the operator, "Bubba is dead! What can I do?" The operator in a calm soothing voice says, "Just take it easy, I can help. But first make sure he is really dead." There is silence...then a shot is heard. The guys voice comes back on the line, and says, "Okay, now what?"

IN MEMORY OF FRIENDS By Phil Hirl and Dave Kolb

Martha L. Abel

Martha died March 24, 2002, at age 69. She was born June 3, 1932, in Columbus, Ohio. She moved to Portland in 1944 and graduated from Jefferson High School. She worked for the Forest Service for 32 years. She was in RO Engineering in computer support for most of the '70s, and then worked in the contracting group. Martha owned Abel's Love Day Care for the past eight years. In 1951, she married William L. Jr. Survivors include her husband; daughters, Andra Abel-Caston and Geri Abel; sons, Kareem H. Ali, Gary Abel and Tivon Abel; sister, Barbara Smith; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Viola P Agnew

Vi died April 28, 2002, at age 50. She lived in Portland. She was born Sept. 23, 1951, in Leavenworth, WA. She graduated from Washington State in 1973 with a degree in anthropology. She moved to Portland in 1976 to work in the Multnomah Co. Library. In 1979 she began her 22 years with the Forest Service, first with a "hot shot" crew, then into the RO as a Cartographer and remote sensing specialist. She was a sports enthusiast, a marathon runner and a softball player, and she participated in Cycle Oregon. She is survived by five sisters, and four nieces and nephews.

Adeline Louise Baker

Adeline Baker died June 2, 2002, at age 94. Adeline Goekler was born Jan. 1, 1908, in Chico, CA, one of 5 children. She graduated from Chico State University in 1929, and later received a Masters degree in Education. She met Gail in Callahan, CA, Gail's hometown, when she was a teacher there. Adeline and Gail moved to Beaverton in 1956. Adeline was a substitute special education teacher for the Beaverton School District
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and helped establish its Head Start program. She had been a Sunday School teacher until just recently. She married Gail C. in 1933. The Bakers have been Lifetime members of the 30 Year Club since 1962.

Survivors include her husband, Gail; sons, John E. and James C.; daughter Beverly G. Loder; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Remembrances to the Boys and Girls Aid Society.

M. Maxine Cramer

Maxine died May 26, 2002, after seven years of complete disability. She was 80. Maxine Martin, and her twin brother King, were born Oct. 14, 1921, in Portland, to Theo Bennett and Charles B. Martin. She graduated from Milwaukie High School and obtained her degree in Interior Design from the Univ. of Oregon. She was a draftsman for Willamette Iron and Steel during WWII, and later she was in charge of the Home Planners Den for the Portland Gas and Coke Co. In 1946, she married Owen P. Cramer, and launched a career she loved, raising 4 boys. Owen is retired from PNW Research, and is a Lifetime member of the Association. Before she was disabled by MS, and a stroke, Maxine was active in the First Christian Church, League of Women Voters, PTA, Little League, Boy Scouts, and Forest Service Wives. Survivors include husband, Owen; sons, Steven, Douglas and Bruce; five grandchildren and one great grandchild; and her twin brother, King Martin. Maxine and Owen's eldest son Gregory died in 1988 at age 40, from complications of diabetes.

Garry L Creek

Gary died March 2, 2002, at age 50. He was born July 31, 1951 in Portland. He graduated from Beaverton HS in 1969. He moved to Rhododendron in 1970 and was a forestry tech for the Forest Service for 25 years. He married Blyhe Underwood in 1977. Survivors include his wife; sons Zahni and Devin; mother Pat McGuire; and two sisters.

More Memories**Robert Eldon Dolph Jr.**

Bob Dolph died March 11, 2002, at age 77. He lived in Eugene and was a Lifetime 30 Year Club member. He was born Oct. 7, 1930, in Springfield, OH. He served in the Coast Guard and received two bachelor's degrees from Utah State. In 1965, he married Peggy E. Woodfin; she died in 1996. Bob was an entomologist, and was for most of the 30 years he worked for the Forest Service. He started his career in R4. Paul Buffam says he spent time on the Siskiyou NF, but not sure whether it was before or after graduation from college. In 1963 he moved to R6 RO as an entomologist and became the Group Leader in the mid '70s. He retired from there in 1986. Survivors include his stepdaughter, Penny Louise Parker; sister, Dolores "Dee" Grimley; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Delos M Dutton

Dee died May 11, 2002, at age 75. He lived in Tigard and was a Lifetime 30 Year Club member. He was born Oct 8, 1926 in Hughenden, Alberta. He was raised in Montana and graduated from Montana State U. He served in the Air Force. In 1958 he married Marlene Erb. He was a smokejumper. He trained at Missoula in 1951 and became Cave Junction Base Manager in 1966. He left CJ in 1975 to work in the Regional Office as an equipment development specialist in Portland. He retired in 1981. Dee was a life member of the National Smokejumpers Assoc., and had planned on becoming more involved in the NSA next year. Survivors include his wife; daughters Karen Koep, Pauline Dutton and Katherine Dutton; and two grandchildren.

Conny Jean Frisch

Conny died April 17, 2002, at age 49. She was born Nov. 21, 1952, in Portland. She was a graduate of Wilson High School, Tufts Univ., and the Univ. of Cal, Berkley. She worked as a supervisor in the Kaibab NF. In 1986, she married Michael Lainoff. Survivors include her husband; son, Eden Lainoff; parents, Dr. David and Irene Frisch; a sister and brother.

More Memories**Patricia Ruth Felice**

Pat Felice died May 14, 2002, at age 70. Patricia Ruth Lofftus was born May 6, 1932, in Helena, MT. She lived in Montana most of her life and moved to Portland in 1987. She was a retired accounts manager for the USFS. Survivors include her daughter, Shawna Holt; sons, Frank and Ben, and one grandchild.

Charles Daniel Hof

Charlie died April 26, 2002, at age 90. He lived in Portland area and was a 30 year Club member. He was born Oct 11, 1911, in Watertown, SD. He graduated from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology about 1935. He moved in 1959 to Portland from California where he was a County Engineer. He married Leona Wisehart in 1936. She died in this past year. He came to work with the Forest Service in 1959. He was for many years the Transportation System Pre-construction Engineer in the R6 RO. He retired in 1973. He was Dick Schoof's first Forest Service boss. Survivors include his son, Daniel; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Caryl Kotok

Caryl Thompson Kotok, 92, a resident of Annapolis for 26 years, died May 2, 2002, at Anne Arundel Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Kotok was born in Spokane, WA. She graduated from the University of Idaho and the University of Washington, and was a teacher for many years in Idaho and California. She was a lifetime member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She played cello for six years in the Missoula Symphony Orchestra in Montana and was an active supporter of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra. She married Edward S. Kotok in 1963 and lived in Utah, Montana, Silver Spring and Annapolis, MD. In addition to her husband, survivors include her son, Barry Heatfield of Baltimore; her stepdaughter, Cris Johnson of Eugene, Ore.; her stepson, Nicholas Kotok of Ogden, Utah; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
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More Memories (cont'd. from p. 13)**Nance Cecelia Nead**

Nance died May 26, 2002, at age 87. Nance Johnston was born Jan. 16, 1915, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She immigrated to Phoenix, OR, in 1918 and was a personnel officer for the USFS in Portland. She moved to Portland in 1933. In 1941, she married Benjamin. He died in 1968. Survivors include her daughter, Diana; son, Douglas; and three grandchildren.

Hildegard Oswald

Hildegard died March 1, 2002, at age 89. She lived in Portland. She was born Hildegard Korte on Feb. 13, 1913 in Berlin, Germany. She lived in Vancouver, BC, before immigrating in 1955 to Portland. In 1944 she married Josef, he died in 1977. She had graduate degrees in both architecture and engineering. She came to work for the USFS in 1965, in the RO Bridge Section. She was first a bridge designer, then later headed the Regional bridge inspection program. She retired in 1979.

Survivors include her daughter Cordelia, son Peter, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Richard L. Schoof

Dick died March 29, 2002, at age 66. He lived in Brush Prairie, WA, and was a Lifetime 30 Year Club member. He died of complications from Meningitis. He was born June 12, 1935, in Council Grove, KS, and lived in the Vancouver area the past 12 years. He graduated with an engineering degree from Kansas State about 1959. Dick came to work for the Forest Service in 1959 in the R6 RO. He was at Diamond Lake RD on the Umpqua NF, was Forest Engineer on the Umatilla NF 1967-72, then Forest Engineer on the Siuslaw NF 1972-76, retiring because of illness. He survived his cancer and began volunteering to help other cancer patients through their recovery with visual-imagery. And later, even went to John Hopkins and taught his class to the student doctors. Though he retired, he kept contact with his working Forest Service friends. He enjoyed golfing, and was a white-water rafting guide for a number of years.

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Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Patricia A., at home; two daughters, Teresa Fleming of Yakima and Patricia Luna of Brush Prairie; two sons, Richard of Vancouver and Timothy of Brush Prairie; one sister, Lokeil Pilkington of Santa Rosa, Calif.; one brother, James of San Antonio, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests that any memorials be donated to Shriners Hospital for Children, 3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd, Portland, OR 97201.

Thomas Sears

Thomas W. Sears died April 24, 2002, at the age of 84, in Wenatchee, WA. Tom was a member of the PNW Assoc. No obituary, but his wife, Lyle, wrote a letter that is in the Members Corner section of this newsletter.

Norma Stickney

Norma Stickney passed away from congestive heart failure on April 3, 2002. She was 75. Norma was a Lifetime 30 Year Club Member, and wife of Scotty Stickney who retired in 1975 from the Administrative Officer position on the Mt. Hood NF. Scotty passed away in 1994. Both were fine people. *From Dick Ferraro*

Jack H. Usher

Jack died March 8 at age 77. He lived in Portland and was a Lifetime 30 Year Club member. He was born Oct. 30, 1924, in Turlock, CA. He served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II and in the California shipyards during the Korean War. He graduated from the Oregon State University School of Forestry. In 1950 he married Eula Martha Dobson. Early in his career he was on the Ochoco and Umatilla NFs. While on the Umatilla he was Ranger at Pomeroy, WA. He went to the Fremont NF in 1963 where he was TM Staff, then came into the R6 RO in TM about 1967 and was soon assistant to the Director. He went to R1 as Director of TM about 1977. Then returned to R6 as Director of TM about 1981. He retired from that position in 1984.

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Two of his brothers also worked for the Forest Service. Jim Usher was a 30 Year Club member, too.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Ella Edwards and Claudia Usher; sister, Audrey Fine; brother, Vernon Usher; and two grandchildren.

A Dick Tubman Story

In Harold Chriswell's comment in the last fall's Newsletter, the name of Fred Matz crops up. I worked for Fred on the Fremont in the fall of '32. The job over and the duck season on, Fred invited Doc Cambers and me to join him next morning to spend the day shooting on Summer Lake. Well early morning came, with the wind howling, and birds flying out of reach of guns. We got on the shore of the lake, still grassy. There were no blinds or brush to hide behind. We stood in the open out of each others gun range. The soil underfoot was mucky. Suddenly the winds changed erratic, and it began to snow. The birds came straight at us riding the wind. We cut loose with the shotguns and some birds dropped, others flared off. The wind carried the shot birds downwind. The snow changed to sleet and the winds were bitter, but the birds kept coming. We kept shooting, and birds dropped, but far downwind and they were scattered all over the marsh. Doc, with hip boots, and Fred with logging boots and being 275 pounders, struggled to retrieve their kill, so I had to birddog all over the marsh. Had on a pair of Foresters that gave me a wider tread than normal boots, so I rounded them all up. I was stiff as a board and wet to my navel. Toughest day I ever spent hunting.

Remember These?

Cautious rider
to her reckless dear
let's have less bull
and lots more steer
Burma-Shave

Drove too long
driver snoozing
what happened next
is not amusing
Burma-Shave

R6 Updates from Kathy Bowman

3-14-02

Wenatchee River Salmon Festival scores!

The Wenatchee River Salmon Festival is an internationally acclaimed event co-hosted by the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests and Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. Recently festival producers took home the "gold, silver and bronze" recently when the festival was honored at the Northwest Festivals and Events Conference in Welches, Oregon. The event received two gold awards for best children's event and best environmental education event in the state of Washington. A silver award was received for T-shirt design, and a bronze award was received for the festival's newspaper insert. Want to see what it's all about? This year's festival will be Sept. 19-22. (Courtesy of Paul Hart, Wenatchee/Okanogan NFs)

Another honor for Central Oregon

The mobile inmate work camp has recently received two prestigious awards. Last month a "Caring for the Land Award" was given to the Oregon Department of Corrections, the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Deschutes National Forest. It was presented by the U.S. Forest Service for creating a model partnership that reduced excess fuels on over 3,700 acres of fuels treatment last year of forest land adjacent to communities at risk of wildfire in Central Oregon.

In July staff representing the Deschutes Conservation Camp will receive a special Honor Award from the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior in Washington, D.C. for maintaining and enhancing the Nation's Natural Resources and Environment. Only minimum-custody inmates are eligible to participate in the Deschutes Conservation Camp. Those selected for this assignment are within three years of completing their prison terms, have had acceptable behavior while incarcerated, and are supervised by correctional officers at all times.

Time capsule for south Douglas County history

Items representing the culture of the past and present in the South Douglas County area are now being gathered for a time capsule to be dedicated at the annual Tiller History Day picnic June 1 at the **Tiller Ranger Station, Umpqua NF**. The capsule will have four units. (Box 1 will contain predictions for the future; Box 2 is to contain concepts representing local culture of 50 years ago; Box 3 will contain artifacts of the culture of 25 years ago; and Box 4 is will contain items representative of culture today.) The time capsule is designed to be "regenerative". Many time capsules are sealed for long periods of time and are to be opened once to share the contents of the past with those opening it in the future. A regenerative design means that as each box is opened sequentially (Box 1 in 25 years, Box 2 in 50 years, etc.), it will be refilled with items of that day. (From a longer story by Paula Trudeau)

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More R6 Updates

Saving bucks and serving people 6-3-02

Marcella Webber writes, "about a month ago, in an effort to reduce costs and number of main phone lines, the RO went from 11 "receptionist" lines, to one number: 503/808-2468."

In addition to saving money, here's what that change means, she says. "When somebody calls a number in the RO and hears the voice mail message that says "press zero" the call is automatically forwarded to x2468. **Sylvia Whitney**, 6th floor; **Mildred Bartley**, 5th floor; and **Bill Walters**, 4th floor - the RO's three receptionists - pick up your calls."

Marcella adds, "They've been doing a good job of sharing 'who's in/who's out' info with each other, so that regardless of who/what floor the caller called, they are able to provide information that's been given to them about the person's whereabouts."

Today's World

Let's see if I understand how the world works lately...

If a man cuts his finger off while slicing salami at work, he blames the restaurant.

If you smoke three packs a day for 40 years and die of lung cancer, your family blames the tobacco company.

If your neighbor crashes into a tree while driving home drunk, he blames the bartender.

If your grandchildren are brats without manners, you blame television.

If your friend is shot by a deranged madman, you blame the gun manufacturer.

And if a crazed person breaks into the cockpit and tries to kill the pilot at 35,000 feet, and the passengers kill him instead, the mother of the deceased blames the airline.

I must have lived too long to understand the world as it is anymore. So, if I die while my old, wrinkled butt is parked in front of this computer, I want you to blame Bill Gates...Okay?

The Rope

There were 11 people (ten men and one woman) hanging onto a rope that came down from a helicopter. They all decided that one person should get off because if they didn't the rope would break and everyone would die. No one could decide who should go so finally the woman gave a real touching speech saying how she would give up her life to save the others, because women were used to giving up things for their husbands and children, giving in to men, and not receiving anything in return. When she finished speaking, all the men clapped.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A WOMAN.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE PICNIC

Bring your sunglasses, sunscreen lotion, and your appetite for friends and food.

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Coming Events

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Forest Service Reunion
Sept. 4—9, 2005

Food for Thought

You will note that there are quite a few obituaries in this Newsletter. All dear friends of many of us. Two attended the Springs Banquet and are in the pictures in this newsletter. I hope that does not offend anyone. The intent is to carry the memory of these folks with us. I would really rather be attending more Banquets and fewer memorial services.

Your Editor

Newsletters are generally sent out about the 20th of January, March, June, and September. Address changes should reach us by the 1st of those months.