

President's Message -- Elmer Moyer

As I write this letter, it appears to me things are looking up. The sun is out, the rain barrel is nearly full and many exciting activities are under way. After the past tragic year with the Sept. 11, disaster and resulting corrective actions, it is helpful to me to look to the future. We have a new constitution and bylaws in place. **Wayne (Smoke) Lewis** is giving us great help in applying for an upgraded tax exemption status, which could help us with the mailing expenses. We are exploring insurance for our activities and I will report to you when it has been resolved. We thought it especially important with the new corporation status and the upcoming 2005 reunion. I greatly appreciate the hard work by a very competent board of directors. Their wisdom and guidance has been most helpful this past year.

I recently had an opportunity to visit with Regional Forester Harv Forsgren and Station Director Tom Mills, and the issue regarding the Lynx study came up. Many of you have expressed your deep concern about the situation and how it reflects on the integrity of the organization and even on its past members. Harv and Tom share your concerns. The Region has completed its investigation of the incident and has taken disciplinary action.

Chief Dale Bosworth sent a letter to all employees expressing his concern and his expectations regarding professionalism and ethical standards of conduct. At the present time, the Office of the Inspector General for both the Departments of Agriculture and Interior are conducting an independent investigation. The result of those investigations should be known within the next 4 to 6 weeks. Until those investigations are complete the agency will not take additional administrative action or discuss specifics of the case.

Some have used this incident to call into question the use of science in the agency's decision-making process. One thing that is clear already though is that this is not a science issue. It is an

allegation of manipulating or falsifying information, and if true that would be an ethics and conduct issue, no matter what information is involved. We are all sensitive to the allegations of misconduct, because it reflects badly on the integrity of the Forest Service, in which we all invested a significant portion of our lives.

It is very easy to take what few rumors we have today and visualize things that may or may not have happened. It is my feeling that management is trying very hard to get to the bottom of this matter, but is currently awaiting information upon which to act. I would like to encourage all of you to withhold judgment until all the facts are in.

A significant amount of work has been done related to the 2005 Reunion by **Bob Williams** and his team. The contract with the Doubletree Columbia River Complex is in its final phase. The Chief's office as well as the Region and Station are all fully supportive and involved. It appears that we have all the factors lined up to make this the greatest reunion ever. Keep September of 2005 open so you can join in on a great celebration.

The best to all of you for this new year.

Elmer

New Donors

**Chuck Downen
Ken Drahos
Connie Franz
George Kansky**

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2002 Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association membership directory is included in the center of this newsletter with a green cover. Pull it out and save for a reference. We hope you find it useful.

The only way we can keep your listing error-free and current is to make changes at your prompt. The Postal Service is getting increasingly fussy about mailing addresses for bulk mailings such as our newsletter. If it isn't quite right, they won't mail it. And, if you haven't been getting your newsletter, you won't be able to read this. **Please, review your listing and let us know of any errors or corrections.** *Vern Clapp*

E-NOTES POPULAR

Use of our OLD SMOKEYS E-NOTES has been increasing, with almost 160 sent out. There are about 345 members with e-mail at this time---an increase of 64 over the past year. We find that this is a neat way to timely get the word out to members, covering subjects such as a member's sickness or death, various FS issues, association announcements, locating individuals and other items that are of interest to the membership. Such timely notices are not possible in a quarterly newsletter, and, of course, those without e-mail do not get the word. If you want something promptly sent to all the online members, e-mail it to us and we will forward it out. The use of this database and service continues to develop and suggestions are welcome.

We encourage all of you that have Internet e-mail capabilities to let us have your address (345 members have). You will then be included in our E-NOTES list as well as future PNWFSA directories. The most painless way to do this is to send a short message to vclapp@teleport.com. We can then pull off your E-mail senders address and add it to the database. *Vern Clapp*

Lost Member

Alice Culp's newsletter is undeliverable by the USPS. Our address of record is RR1 Box 5, Okanogan, WA 98840. Can anyone up in that part of the country help us find Alice???

MEMBERSHIP UP SLIGHTLY

This year the Association membership grew slightly. At the start of the year, it was 834; it is now 848. We had more new members this year – 51 vs. 40 last year. Losses included 10 members who were dropped due to unpaid dues, 19 by death, 7 due to inadequate address, and 3 by request. Over 80 percent of our members reside in Oregon (533) and Washington (174). There are 22 members in CA, 21 in AZ, and the rest all over the country. A total of 52 address changes were logged, reflecting a mobile retiree group. Currently 555 members have elected Lifetime membership. *Vern Clapp*

Cyberworld Puzzler

In this newsletter, we have listed 26 changes of e-mail addresses, not including those forced by the AT&T debacle. This is somewhere around 7.5 percent of you that have e-mail. Some members change up to 3 times per year. What drives these changes? Finding a better bargain? Trying to escape spam artists? Server went broke? Is it trendy? Some of us must be missing out on something by having the same e-mail address for a bunch of years. Give us your story. Twenty-six lines of changes is roughly one-half page of a newsletter. Each page runs about \$75, including all printer and mailing costs. So each of these e-mail change entries cost about \$1.50. Boy, that \$10 annual dues is looking better all the time. *Wendall Jones*

ON AGING

My face in the mirror
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty.
The cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely.
And so does my lawn.
I think I might never
Put my glasses back on.

Anonymous

SPRING BANQUET 2002

Mark your calendar now for the Spring Banquet, **Sunday, May 5, 2002.**

The Banquet will again be at the World Forestry Center. We did considerable search for an acceptable alternative site, but without success at acceptable cost. We had many concerns voiced last year regarding the unavailability of parking and lack of handicapped parking facilities or shuttles at the Forestry Center. We are working on solutions to this problem. The Forestry Center has a few (less than 5) parking spots for handicapped behind the building. We are planning to have our own shuttle van operation to provide transportation from anywhere in the Washington Park/Zoo parking complex to the banquet hall. We will be urging any of you who live near, or are staying near, the light rail system to ride the train to the Zoo Station, which is very near the banquet hall.

We are planning a silent auction to raise funds to help cover the costs of the banquet. If you would like to donate some of your arts, crafts, or collectibles for the silent auction or for use as door prizes, we would like to hear from you. Please contact your Co-chairs Homer and Deanna Chappell – write to their address in the directory.

Attendance at the Banquet has dropped significantly in the last several years. We are to the point that about \$5 of your price of admission is for hall rental. In our hey-day that cost was about \$2 per person. Our caterer has graciously kept his prices very much in line. Wouldn't it be nice to get our attendance up around 200 again?

There will be more details, reservation forms, etc. in the Spring Newsletter. In case you have forgotten what you read in the first sentence, mark your calendar for May 5. *Homer and Deanna*

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The PNW Forest Service Assoc. is making application to the IRS for tax exempt status as a Public Benefit Corporation (Education) per Section 501(c)(3) of IRS Tax Code. Our exempt basis is providing the general public, through specific activities, knowledge concerning natural resources, land management and related topics. Almost any activity done as a volunteer for the USFS, or any other natural resource management agency, Federal, State, or local, would also qualify as supporting our purpose. But some of you could be working with churches, schools, youth or adult organizations using your experiences in your career with the USFS.

Many members are currently doing these sort of activities, but information concerning these efforts is not available to us. Describing our organizational activities in these areas is the most critical part of our application -- a salient factor in its acceptance by the IRS.

We need facts about the participation of our members in these activities. Accordingly, we ask for your cooperation in providing such information. If you have been involved in providing information/advice, or used your skills to perform tasks you feel are natural resource related in any way, send us a write-up on each activity. Some examples that may help you: working with Boy Scouts or Girls Scouts on outdoor activities, working on forest roads, trails or facilities maintenance or repair; doing restoration work on historic facilities on forests, parks, etc; speaking before groups about natural resource related activities; doing stream, or range rehabilitation work; and, yes, working as a volunteer campground host.

There is no prescribed format. We need a brief statement as to: (1) the nature or purpose of the activity; (2) your role; (3) the amount of time spent in 2001 (your best guesstimate); (4) who was the recipient of your efforts (agency, organization, church, school, etc.). At this time, specific dates are not needed, but we suggest in the future you record such activities currently and report them to us at the end of the year. Later this year we may come up with a simple form for your use, which can be transmitted electronically or by postal service.

We can see you retired bureaucrats cringing at the idea of filling out another form, but we feel that it should be worth our efforts for the tax-exempt status. Our guiding rule will be "Keep it Simple." We will appreciate getting this important information soon. We want to submit our application in February 2002. **Thank you-----Elmer and the Board.**

Making the News

One of our members has a tremendous talent for writing letters to newspapers. Denny Caird takes a position and makes it sting. Whether you agree with him on a position or not, you must admire his ability to make his point with a sharp stick. Following are a couple of illustrations:

"Governor Kitzhaber finds himself in a position similar to that of PLO leader Yasser Arafat. In order to accomplish their goals (in Kitzhaber's case, forest health; in Arafat's case, Middle East peace), they must first show that they can contain the extremists in their midst. Good luck.

The environmental extremists are already taking pot shots at the Governor's pleas for thinning and fuel reduction by claiming it might increase logging. Well, it should. With modern harvesting technology, an aggressive program of commercial thinning and fuel treatment could pay a large part of its own cost while protecting the environment. However, unless Kitzhaber and the rest of the Western governors can somehow muzzle the anti-logging crowd, we as a society will pay a tremendous price in many different ways; increased Federal and state expenditures, fried watersheds, lost habitat,

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endangered communities, etc.

Unfortunately, I think Arafat's chances of success are better. "

Second letter:

"Your August 28 lead story illustrates several problems with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and also highlights the Oregonian's pro-environmentalist, anti-business bias.

First, the marbled murrelet is endangered only in the ESA, not in fact. Your habitat map stops at the Canadian border; if it showed the bird's entire range, it would include the coasts of British Columbia, Alaska, and Siberia. All species are "endangered" at the margins of their natural range.

Second, any species of vertebrate which sports over 18,000 individuals living in a narrow 50-mile coastal strip in which ideal habitat has been declining since European settlement is not "endangered". When enacted, the ESA's goal was to save a few dozen snail darters.

Third, what makes this story newsworthy enough to be the lead? The real news is that despite treating the New Carissa's misfortune as an environmental cataclysm for months, the Oregonian could find only 2400 dead birds."

Your editor

New Members

- Kent & Patricia Churchill
- William Cunningham
- Harv & Julie Forsgren
- Gordon & Beverley Haugen
- Glen & Tedra Hetzel
- Esther Davis Lee
- Bill & Ursula McCabe, Jr.
- Bruce McMillan (reinstated)
- Tom & Daria Mills
- Don & Jan Ostby
- Vince & Mary Puleo
- Bob & Willie Reindl
- Larry & Patricia Smith

Welcome to all of you from all of us!

We are proud to welcome as new members: Tom & Daria Mills – Tom is present Director of PNW; Harv & Julie Forsgren – Harv is present Regional Forester. Welcome aboard Tom, Daria, Harv and Julie. We hope to see more of you. Elmer Moyer, our President, gets the credit for putting the arm on Tom and Harv.

Folklife Festival on the Mall - 2005

In 2005, the Forest Service has been invited to be a featured part of the Smithsonian Institution's two week Folklife Festival on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Over a million people will attend the Festival, which brackets the 4th of July holiday, to see demonstrations, exhibits and displays of cultures, traditions, skills and heritage. Another 40 million or so people will visit the Festival through print and electronic media.

Began in 1967, the Festival has become a national and international model for showcasing living culture and heritage. It is a distinct honor for the Forest Service in its 100th year to be asked to take part in this premier event, and have the opportunity to show people, "Who we are and what we do."

I was invited to take part as a retiree in a preliminary planning meeting between Smithsonian and Forest Service staff, and to offer suggestions for "alumni" involvement in the event. There is no question that there will be a wealth of opportunities (and need) for active Forest Service people and retirees to work together for the success of this "Big Deal" project. The Smithsonian wants exhibitors to make their displays and demonstrations as people friendly and interactive as possible, and the more opportunity for visitors and exhibitor staff to talk with each other the better. This will be an outstanding opportunity for people to learn what working for and living with the "outfit" is really like, and for the "Forest Rangers" to get to meet more of the people they serve.

While high tech "whiz bang" tools and processes have a place in the exhibit, of equal importance are the traditional skills and activities that we considered routine. For example, skills and activities such as mule packing, stock handling, tack repair, avalanche control, trail building, research processes, forestry, engineering, biology, archeology, being a fire lookout, a firefighter, a backcountry ranger, a law enforcement officer, an "AO", pilot, a sea captain, a spouse, are a few of the things Forest Service people do that are candidates for presentations on the Mall. These examples barely start the list of the things the "outfit" does on a daily basis that help make it a unique organization.

Linda Feldman, New Century of Service Program Coordinator, in the Chief's Office is tasked with organizing and managing the Mall project. This, as you can imagine, will be a demanding job. She is not going to be bashful about asking for our help. Early in 2002 we can expect to hear from her as she kicks the project into gear.

The 2005 Reunion committee will be working closely with Linda to explore opportunities for coordination and cooperation between the Mall and Reunion events.

Submitted by John Marker

PUZZLER

It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial costs and blamed it on the cost of living.

Who was Gifford Pinchot

By Stan Rapp for a local newspaper

In the 1940s, as a teenager, I had just earned the "Forestry" merit badge in the scouting program, when my dad suggested that I read an autobiography "*Breaking New Ground*", just published. It was the life story of Gifford Pinchot, noted 20th century conservationist and first Chief of the Forest Service. That story led to my civilian career; that dog-eared book is still in my library today.

So, imagine our pleasure when we were able to visit the ancestral home "Gray Towers", of Cornelia and Gifford Pinchot at Milford, PA, when it was dedicated as a national landmark on Aug. 11, 2001. It was also a celebration of his 136th birthday, complete with birthday cake bands, and dignitaries.

Pinchot's legacy is that he championed protection of the public's forest resources and beat the special interests who would misappropriate these public properties. The old Columbia National Forest of one and a quarter million acres was proclaimed from public domain about 1905, and was renamed the Gifford Pinchot NF in 1950. Its resources of water, wood fiber, wildlife and recreation are subject to public demand and the variable efficiency of professional land managers. The infrastructure of the Gifford Pinchot NF is simply worn out by use, misuse and mismanagement.

Pinchot was a European-trained forester and one of the first to use scientific methods in forestry here. To his credit, he instinctively knew that the Old World oligarchic forestry practices would not work in democratic America. His "best use for the most people in the long run" lifetime philosophy was a natural ally for the crusading conservationist president, Teddy Roosevelt. Pinchot, himself a progressive Republican, was a Pennsylvania governor for two non-consecutive terms. He was a problem solver. Today, in Pennsylvania, locals still call hardtop roads "Pinchot Roads" because "he got the farmers out of the mud" in the 1920s.

We toured the second and third floors of the Pinchot estate, now restored to its early 20th century ambience. The Pinchot Institute of Conservation uses these spaces to host national and international seminars in a spirit of civility and enlightened democracy--- a function sorely needed when present day societies seem prone to solve the scarcity issues with either litigation or war.

Gifford Pinchot was my 20th century forest conservation hero because he progressively adapted the current technologies to changing times. Good forestry is not rocket science, but it's awfully close. It means citizens and public land managers must continue to cooperate in the targeting of forest ecosystems, which are changing very fast.

Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service, present at the "Gray Towers" dedication, said it right when he stated, "We are going to pay more attention to what we leave than what we are take." Gifford Pinchot would be proud.

INNER PEACE

My therapist told me a way to achieve inner peace was to finish things I had started. Today, I finished 2 bags of potato chips, a lemon pie, a fifth of Jack Daniels and a small box of chocolate candy. I feel better already!

REMEMBERING THE CCC

Many Forest Service 30 Year Club members had an association with the Civilian Conservation Corps either as enrollees, or as foremen and technical advisors. Some of them are members of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni, an organization which is composed of chapters throughout the United States. The purpose of NACCCA is to preserve and commemorate the work and spirit of the CCC program.

Oregon Chapter 4 has about 50 members, mostly from the Portland area. Ken Wright serves as the president. I serve as the Vice President and Bob Torheim is the Secretary. Bud Waggener, Pete Foiles and Jack Smith serve as "advisors". All of the above are 30 year club members, as well as former CCC'ers.

For the past several years the chapter has been working with the Forest Service to install signs and bronze plaques at former CCC camp sites or work areas. To date we have participated in the installation of such signs and plaques at the Camp Zigzag site on the Mt. Hood, at Longbow organization camp, Clark Creek Forest Camp and the Camp Belknap site on the Willamette. We are negotiating with the Umpqua, Rogue River, Siuslaw and the Deschutes to place some signs at their CCC sites.

Recently we worked out an agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry to erect a bronze statue of a CCC worker at their headquarters site in Salem. The statue will be placed in front of an original CCC building, which will also serve as an Oregon Dept. of Forestry and CCC museum. About a dozen states have already installed these statues, the last of which is the State of Maine.

We invite anybody who is interested to join NACCCA Chapter 4 as a measure of support. If anyone feels inclined to extend some financial support for the project we will be pleased to accept donations for any amount. Contributions can be made to any U. S. Bank - "CCC Statue Fund", account number 153691345158. It will be forwarded to our Tualatin U.S. Bank. For those wanting to obtain income tax credit for the donation, our NACCCA-Wide Deferral Number is: SF:EO-78-1761.

If you prefer to send your contribution to NACCCA, you may do so at :

Kenneth H. Wright, 22560 SW Stafford Road, Tualatin, OR 97062. *Submitted by Emil Sabol*

Responses on 'Safety Slogan'

Some responses to "No Job is so Important.....". John Marker says, "I believe the slogan came from Lyle Watts. I remember seeing the slogan on just about every wall of the Ranger Station complex in Marienville, PA, Allegheny NF, R9, when I was a FS brat in the late 40s. Herb Stone served as RF in R9 (then R7) about that time, and maybe he liked it so much that he brought the emphasis to R6." Lee Boecksteigel responds, "I don't know if J. Herbert Stone's name being on the slogan meant that he was the author. It seems that I have seen the same slogan with Lyle Watts name." *Editor*

Message from the Chief in 1939

We are soon on the eve of another Christmas. Another New Year will soon be here. And although these are days when armies march as dictators command, America stands firm for democracy.

It is the job of everyone of us to help maintain that stand.

As a Nation we draw civic and spiritual guidance from the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. For most material things on which our strength is based we turn to the earth, its minerals, its soils and waters, and to the plants and animal they yield.

As members of the Forest Service we therefore rededicate our efforts to securing wise use of our natural resources. For, as sources of raw materials, of necessities of life, and of employment and income, these resources are fundamental to national defense against military aggression and against the undermining of economic and social structures within our borders.

But abuse and depletion of natural resources are not the only threats to democracy as we know it. Freedom must also be guarded; freedom to seek the truth, and courage to apply it without prejudice or rancor through established institutions in defense of human right.

You and I are members of an organization permeated by the spirit of public service. Foresters, we are also citizens of democracy. I am confident, therefore, that our efforts and our lives are also rededicated to preservation of tolerance, kindness, and those ideals that guided our forebears when, seeking blessed sanctuary, they founded the United States of America.

This document, titled Guarding Democracy, by Chief Fred A. Silcox, was first published in the Service Bulletin, December 1939. A different kind of war but an eerily appropriate message, 62 years later. (*provided by Jim Campbell R6USFS and others*)

Green Underwear

By Stan Tixier

Stan's new book is now available in bookstores and on the internet. This fascinating 267 page novel about a Forest Ranger and his family reveals the inner-workings of National Forest management at the basic on-the-ground level, the Ranger District. The book is fictional, but based on actual experiences. All of you still wearing green underwear will undoubtedly like this book. Stan retired as Regional Forester in R4 several years ago. Some of you might also know of him as a cowboy poet. You can get his book from Bonneville Books, P.O. Box 531, Springville, UT 84663, or on-line at <http://www.cedarfort.com>, for \$14.95. Also available at a discount from Western Heritage at <http://www.westernheritage.com>. Also available from amazon.com

Address Changes, Additions, Corrections

To save space, the following members have changed addresses in the new directory included in this newsletter. Use this list to find their new address in the directory.

Gary Adams	Francis Friddle	George Moeller
Jim Allen	Lowell Gilbert	Al Oard
Kelly Allen	Annette Heintzelman	Patricia Peltier
Carlos Brown	Marjorie Hergert	Ann Scholz
Dick Chase	Ken Johnson	Ed Schultz
Carol Crowe	Don Loff	Lillian Smith
Warren Current	Steve McDonald	Katherine Sigovich
Ron DeClark	Bruce McMillan	Clair Stahl
Bob Devlin	Bill Meisner	William R. Taylor
Ormond Doty	Meryle Metcalf	Robert Turner
Chuck Downen	Tom Miller	Jim Wieman

Anderson, Carl & Linda – Change e-mail:

Anderson, Rolf & Barbara – Change e-mail:

Armstrong, Ron & Ima – Change e-mail:

Blashill, Dick – Change e-mail:

Brown, Evelyn – Change e-mail:

Canutt, Paul R. "Rod" - Correct Phone:

Carter, Jack – Change e-mail:

Chappell, Homer & Deanna – Add phone & e-mail: Phone:

Christensen, Jay & Sharon – Change e-mail:

Churchill, George & Margaret – Change address:

Churchill, Kent & Patricia – New member:

Colosky, Beverly – Change Phone:

Conibear, Jim & Deanna – Change e-mail:

Connelly, Ray & Maxine - Change e-mail:

Culver, Don & Grace – Add e-mail:

Cunningham, William – New member:

Dumont, Mary Jane – Add e-mail:

Dutton, Delos & Marlene – Add e-mail:

Elton, Claude & Shirley – Change e-mail:

Fellows, Larry & Kathie – Change E-mail:

Forsgren, Harv & Julie – New member:

Gora, Pearl - Correct address:

Hagedorn, Barbara & Allen – Change e-mail:

Haines, Richard & Bunny – Add e-mail:

Haugen, Gordon & Beverley – New member:

Hetzel, Glenn & Tedra – New member:

Hofer, Jerry & Loraine – Change e-mail:

Kaufman, Bruce & Wanda – Change e-mail:

Kelly, Pat & Joan – Change e-mail:

Kopecky, Renee – Change e-mail:

Kreimeyer, Vic & Roxa – Change e-mail:

Lee, Esther Davis – New member:

Lewis, Ted & Joan – New e-mail:

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Address Changes *(continued)*

Lewis, Wayne (Smoke) & Marilyn – Add e-mail:
Matson, Larry & Patty – Change e-mail:
McCabe, William, Jr. & Ursula – New member:
Meyer, Helen M. – Change e-mail:
Mills, Thomas J. & Daria – New member:
Mounts, Jack & Audrey – Change e-mail:
Nearhood, Donald K. & Mickey – New member:
Neufeld, Carolyn – New info:
Ostby, Don & Jan – New member:
Paulson, Steve & Mary – Change address:
Pomeroy, Dick & Olive – Change e-mail:
Puleo, Vincent & Mary – New member:
Reindl, Robert E. & Willetta – New member:
Rondthaler, Harold & Carolyn – Change address:
Sand, Steve & Beryl – Add e-mail:
Smith, Larry & Patricia – New member:
Smith, Zane & Betty – Change e-mail:
Spada, Patricia – New e-mail:
Stanger, LaVell 'Pete' & Peggy – Change e-mail:
Stone, Jo C. & Bill – Correct e-mail:
Swinnerton, Dick & Mary – Add:
Talbur, Jim & Eileen – Change e-mail:
Tarrant, Bob – Change e-mail:
VanAken, Bob & Catherine – Change e-mail:
Walter, Frank – New email:

For **Len Farr, Bob McQuown, Joe Ragsdale, Jim Torrence, Ron Walters, Jim Wilson, and Dave Yates**: their server has changed from <@home.com> to <@attbi.com>, due to the changeovers in AT&T. Others who had "home.com" made other changes in their e-mail address and are listed in "Changes" above.

Losses:

Beeman, Harriet – deceased, no date; widow of Bob
Brillhart, Ruth – deceased, 10-8-01; wife of John (LT)
Hopkins, Margaret – deceased 9-22-01; widow of Howard Hopkins (LT)
Johnson, William E. –deceased 9-21-01
Leavengood, Bob – deceased 9-25-01
Neufeld, Elmer – deceased 6-15-01, survived by wife, Carolyn (LT)
Palmer, Rozina – deceased, no date; widow of George (LT)
Pechanec, Joe & Genevieve – deceased 12-14-01 and 12-02-01, respectively (LT)
Trotter, Sherwood 'Johnny' – deceased 12-18-01
Bill Wood – deceased, survived by wife, Ruby (LT)

Attention Annual Dues Payers

The Fall Newsletter carried a notice about paying of annual dues along with this coupon to clip. It seemed to work pretty good. We had a lot of "clippers." But here we are beyond January 1 and still have quite a list of "late" payers----many of whom are the same persons whom we had to urge and "threaten" last year before they paid up. No, the annual dues are not payable in March or April or later. They are payable before January 1! So here is your chance to avoid the prodding and threatening by clipping the coupon below, putting a \$10 check with it, and mail as directed before you go on reading the rest of this Newsletter. It will make you feel ree -aaaa-lll good!

Thanks again to **Marvin Hoover** for suggesting the use of this coupon.

Here are my annual dues for 2002: Still just \$10.00 at this time (you can pay for more than one year if you like.) Make check to: PNW Forest Service Assn.

Mail to: PNW Forest Service Association
P.O. Box 5583
Portland, OR 97228-5583

Name _____

Current Address: Street No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Add a message here if you wish:

Clip Here or put the above information on a separate piece of paper with check and mail

Pinchot History

The Forest History Society and the Pinchot Institute recently published "The Conservation Diaries of Gifford Pinchot" edited by Harold K. Steen. This 230-page book provides new insight into Gifford Pinchot, the early conservation movement and the early days of the USFS. In the Foreword, Ed Brannon, Director of Grey Towers, comments, "If you loved the mythical Gifford Pinchot, I hope you will forgive him for being human. If you felt estranged from this larger-than-life person, I hope you will welcome him into your home..." The book is available from Island Press www.islandpress.org or from the Forest History Society at 919-682-9319. It is \$29 for hardback and \$19 for soft cover. Also be sure to check out the USFS web pages or the Forest History Society web page at www.foresthistory.org.

JUST MATURE

Today at the drugstore, the clerk was a gent.
From my purchase this chap took off ten percent.
I asked for the cause of a lesser amount.
And he answered, "Because of the Seniors Discount."
Understand---I'm not old---I'm merely mature.
But some things are changing, temporarily, I'm sure.
The newspaper print gets smaller each day,
And people speak softer---can't hear what they say.
My teeth are my own (I have the receipt),
and my glasses identify people I meet.
Oh, I've slowed down a bit...not a lot, I am sure.
You see, I'm not old...I'm only mature.
The gold in my hair has been bleached by the sun.
You should see all the damage that chlorine has done.
Washing my hair has turned it all white,
But don't call it gray...saying "blond" is just right.
My friends all get older...much faster than me.
They seem much more wrinkled, from what I can see.
I've got "character lines," not wrinkles...for sure,
But don't call me old...just call me mature.

Courtesy of Ron Skrip—Author unknown

MEMBERS CORNER

Pat Int-Hout

(Note with dues coupon) Good wife Elsie passed away on Oct. 6, 2001. She was very ill for the last 6 months of her life. All 5 of our children live within a half hour commute of Wenatchee, so it is a strong family, full of vitality.

Art Carroll

(Note with dues coupon) Doing a lot of various volunteer work for Oregon Lions, local Lions, Gorge Discovery Center, Hood River Valley Parks District, local Food Bank, local Hospice, delivering equipment and playing some golf when it fits in. Hope to make some "Old Smokeys" meetings in future. *(Hey, Art, you were supposed to retire!)*

Mary Lou Wood

Sorry to be so slow in bringing my account current. I really enjoyed Frank Lewis' letter. He really hit the nail on the head! I feel as if we all should defend our policies and the manner the National Forests were taken care of and managed. The Forests were certainly a lot better off and something to be proud of. Let's tell the world.

George Kansky

I am slowly catching up on a few things. Among them my underpaid 30 Year Lifetime dues, now in a priority spot. Enclosed is a contribution with my thanks to the dedicated workers who have brought the Association to its present prominence. It appears that we need the togetherness now more than ever before, and the historic, upgraded 30 Year Club will be there in good hands.

Tom Miller

I moved back to Pennsylvania in September. It was a long time ago in 1963, when I went to my first USFS engineering job at Mineral RS on the Snoqualmie NF. I'll miss the Pacific NW, but it is good to be closer to family and old friends around here. I expect to get back to Oregon now and then. *(See address changes)*

Glen Hetzel (new member)

Thanks (to Bev Pratt) for the application and information. We were visiting the Stockbridges in Maine, and Joe gave me a copy of the PNWFS Assn. membership directory. I see that members are living all over the country, so decided to join up. I will enjoy the newsletter. My first 17 years in the USFS were spent in Oregon, and included tenures on the Siuslaw, Malheur, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, and Ochoco NFs. Other assignments were R-5 RO, WO, and R2 *(Welcome aboard Hetzels—make plans to come to Portland/Vancouver for the reunion in 2005)*

Temple Hahn

(note with dues coupon) Keep up the good work! Like the name change. Britta and I still very much enjoy retirement in Earlysville (Charlottesville), VA, with our beautiful view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Its great to be in a University town with all of it's activities. Keep active in SAF and the Natural Resources Committee at Montpelier—James Madison Historic Estate. Going to Hawaii for our 40th anniversary, quite a change after starting at Hemlock on the Gifford Pinchot NF.

Ken Drahos

Enclosed is a notice of Dick Haney's death *(See Obits.)*. Dick was not a member of the 30 Year Club, but had many friends who are members, and probably not aware of his death. Dick was a good friend of mine who worked on a ranger district of the Fremont NF, when I worked in the SO. Dick transferred to the Wenatchee NF, and later to a district in Bend where he retired. Dick was a very dedicated Forester and Christian. Have enclosed a check in memory of Dick Haney, Bill Rines, and Jim Ralph. Maybe these extra contributions might catch on with other members who might wish to memorialize other Forest Service retirees who have passed on with a donation to the Association.

As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.

Carolyn Drew Neufeld

This letter is to let you know that Elmer Neufeld has died. He died June 15, 2001, in Boise, at Capitol Care Center. His health has been deteriorating for several years and took a turn for the worse when he was hospitalized on January 25, 2001. From there he went into a care facility where his health continued to fail. He died peacefully and is now at peace. I am enclosing his obituary.

Ed Whitmore

I first met Otto Hannell when I began my career on the Olympic NF's Soleduck RD, in 1961. Otto was Timber Staff, and came up on a routine functional assistance trip. He always made a point of meeting the new people, and on subsequent trips, made sure he chatted with them about what they were doing, and what kind of help they needed from the SO. Otto would go out on inspections, check cruise plots in the field, follow sale administrators down to the tail blocks to make sure they met fire standards, etc. He expected and got a high level of professionalism, and always walked in the shoes of those whom he was asking to perform. And always, always, Otto was a gentleman---never chewing out, never using profanity, but always encouraging and showing by example. Anyone whose career came in contact with Otto was truly blessed by one of the finest examples of a staff person the Service has ever known.

Bev Pratt

Otto Hannell was Ranger on the Rigdon RD, Willamette NF. He was such a gentleman. I remember the fellows really respected him. He was one of my Dad's best friends. He hired me as his clerk in 1954. It was my first "paying" job with the Forest Service in Oakridge. I was the clerk there one summer (where I met Bert), and the next summer I was lookout on Clark Butte for a time. I also worked at the check scalers station in Westfir with Mickey Spotts in 1956. What a fun time for a young gal just out of college!! Otto was 91. He was in excellent health on his 90th birthday. Sad to see some of the old timers go on to another planet.

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Members Corner (*cont'd*)**Denny Caird**

I worked for Bob Leavengood for four years on the Willamette NF, 1976-80. He had no idea what I did, but that didn't stop him from trying to help me do it. He used profanity like others might use adjectives and adverbs, but it only made him colorful, not offensive. Dale Rettman and I used to talk about trying to take notes on his overheard telephone conversations, which were held at the top of his lungs and were often hilarious (as long as you weren't on the other phone). But after 6 months or so we realized that the guy was simply a fount of unusual colorful phrases and to write it down would be a full time job. And Bob expected us to be putting in more than a day's work to start with. We just listened and giggled and tried to wipe the grins off before he came out of his office.

Two of his remarks that I have remembered: 1) Never a big fan of centralized or zone engineering services, he once remarked, "They can't hurt too much when they're spread out, but give 'em an office of their own and the next thing you know they're putting up a flagpole and wearing badges and thinking they're Rangers...". 2) The term "stud duck" as in "the Forest Supervisor thinks he's the stud duck of this outfit, but Margaret Hollis (the Supervisor's Secretary) really runs this place." Which by the way was true.

Harold Welborn

I knew Bob Leavengood since shortly after I started with the outfit in 1962. He was one of those who made the good old Forest Service what it was when we were the "Marine Corps of the Bureaucracy." He was a good strong educated professional woodsman. I was shortly out of the Portland State business school and he was Timber Staff on the Okanogan, with Kerm Link as his entire staff. I worked two or three doors down from him, and I could hear every word he said when he called a timber operator or a Ranger District. He was always colorful, and everyone always got his point.

He taught me a lot about the USFS before he and his wife, Norma, went off to the Deschutes NF, and I went to the Siuslaw NF. We worked together again on the Willamette NF, when I was Asst. Forest Su-

ervisor and he was Timber Staff. We always worked well together, whatever our place on the totem pole, in a supervisory or task force mode. He knew a lot and gave a lot; often impatient with progress, our bureaucracy, or something he needed to be impatient with. He was an original and helped a lot of people be their best or surpass it.

Bob Krell

I met Bob Leavengood on the Okanogan in 1963. He was the Timber Staff under Fritz Moio. It took me a while to adjust to Bob's "colorful" language. I liked Bob. He said it like it was, and then some. During those days I was trying to lose a few pounds, so I cut out lunch. One day he was inspecting an active timber sale with me. When we set down for lunch, Bob said, "Where's your lunch?" I told him my reason. He slammed his metal lunch box shut and said, "I cant sit here and eat my lunch when you aren't eating. Nex time bring your lunch!!" He will give St. Peter a rough time.

Richard & Bunny Haines

Dick will be campaigning for his 3rd term in the Montana House of Representatives in 2002. He will also be undergoing hip replacement surgery in January 2002.

Beaverton Elks Lodge

The Beaverton Elks provides our monthly meeting place at no rental cost. Of course they benefit from us all buying lunch there, but they have also been very gracious hosts. In lieu of a payment, the Association has been donating \$200 each year to the Elks in appreciation of their services. Following is a thank you letter from the Elks:

"We have received your check for \$200, and appreciate your generous donation. With people like you, we will be able to continue our help in the community. This will help in so many ways. The Officers and Members appreciate your business and hope you will continue (to hold your Friday lunches with us.)" (*from Bruce Reed, Sec., Beaverton Elks*)

**IN MEMORY
of FRIENDS**

By Phil Hirl

Ruth L. Brillhart

Ruth died Oct. 8, 2001, at age 89. She was born Ruth L. Crider, on Dec. 7, 1911, in Lancaster, PA. She lived throughout the country before moving from Corvallis to Portland in 1961. In 1935, she married John H. Brillhart, Sr. John retired from the R6 Lands Staff in 1973. Ruth was a 30 Year Club LT member since 1964.. Survivors include her husband, John; son, John H., Jr.; daughters, Mary K. and Marjorie J.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Richard Curtis Haney

Dick Haney died May 24, 2001, at age 76. He was born March 18, 1925, in International Falls, MN. He was a graduate of Forestry in 1954, from the U. of Minnesota. Dick served in WWII and the Korean War. He married Lois J. Kilde on June 4, 1948. They came to the Ochoco Ranger Station after his graduation. Dick also worked on the Fremont, Wenatchee and Deschutes NFs. They have resided in Bend since 1969. (*This info provided by Ken Drahos*)

Otto Hannell

Otto Hannell passed away Nov. 1, 2001. Otto had been a Lifetime member since 1965. He was born on July 28, 1910, in Bloomington, IL, to Swedish immigrants Victor & Hedda Hanell. He attended Washington State U. (then College), and received his degree in Forestry. In 1937, Otto married Hazel Lee who preceded him in death on Sept. 12, 2001. During WWII Otto served with the Eighth Army Air corps stationed in England. Otto served on the Willamette NF as Ranger at Rigdon, the Malheur NF as Staff, and the Olympic NF as Timber Staff. He retired from the Olympic in 1970. Survivors include a son, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

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More Memories

George Phillip Honey *(excerpted from Wenatchee Daily World)*

George passed away Dec. 3, 2001, in Entiat, WA. He was born on Feb. 10, 1906, at Fort Walla Walla to Allen and Anna (Enfield) Honey. George moved with his parents and two older brothers to homestead on Tunk Mountain near Conconully in 1906 by way of riverboat up the Columbia River. He enlisted in the Army and served in the Philippine Islands. While in the Army, he became a professional boxer. Later, he boxed professionally under the name "Soldier George Honey." On Sept. 7, 1932, he married Hazel Zackman. She preceded him in death. He moved to Winthrop in 1936. In 1940, George became one of the pioneers of smoke jumping for the Forest Service at Winthrop. He later became Construction and Maintenance Foreman for the Chelan National Forest, until his retirement in 1967. During the '40s, George and his partner, Francis Lufkin, trapped in the Pasayten area and hunted cougars. At one time, they killed eleven cougars in one week.

George is survived by two sons, George, Jr., and his wife, Ruth, Entiat; Raymond, and his wife, Shirley, Winthrop; seven grandchildren, plus greats and great-greats, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Margaret Hopkins

Margaret Hopkins, widow of Howard "Hoppy" Hopkins, died Sept. 22, 2001, at the age of 92. She was born Margaret Fowler on Jan. 24, 1909, in Aitken, MN. She graduated from Washington State College (now WSU). She was a high school teacher in Washington and Oregon. She moved to Milwaukie, OR, in 1961. Margaret was a LT member since 1963. In 1990, she donated the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm to Forests Forever, Inc., a non-profit organization. She was a 40 year member of the Milwaukie Presbyterian Church. In 1933, she married Hoppy. He retired about 1968 from Silviculture, R6 TM.

Survivors include her daughters, Connie Battaile and Jill Herzig; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

James W. Jay

James W Jay, 89, of Columbia Falls, MT, passed away Nov 30, 2001. A graduate of the U. of Idaho in 1935, Jim spent most of his thirty-two year career in Region 9. He was District Ranger on four Ranger Districts and Fire Staff on the Lower Michigan NFs. He retired in 1967 as a member of the Fire and Aviation staff in Wash, DC. Among his accomplishments were initiating a prescribed burning program for the Kirkland Warbler in Michigan and developing the first wildfire simulator for the training of fire overhead teams. Jim was a member of the 30 Year Club. He is survived by three children: Dave, La Center, WA; Marilyn, Haslett, MI; and Jack, Columbia Falls, MT. His wife Alene preceded him in death in 1993. A memorial service will be held in the spring. *(This information provided by David Jay)*

William E. Johnson

Bill died September 21, 2001, at age 80. Bill was born June 19, 1921, in Portage, PA. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. During his service time, he married Louise H. Delaney in 1945. After his discharge, Bill received a degree in Forestry at Penn State University in 1952. The family then moved to Oregon where Bill worked on the Mt. Hood NF. Then in 1957, he went to the Monte Christo District on the Mt. Baker NF as Ranger. In 1962, he went to the Regional Office in Lands, where he headed the land exchange and purchase programs. Then in 1971, he went to the WO, where he was in charge of land exchange. Bill returned to Portland in 1980, as Assistant Director in Lands, where he retired in 1981. In Bill's work during an era of large and complex land adjustments, his frank and straightforward manner and persistence won him respect both in and outside the service. Bill was a member of the Thirty Year Club. He raised Brittany Spaniels and won many awards in national and regional field trials. He was a member of the American Kennel Club.

Bill is survived by his wife, Louise; daughter Marci Wilson of Boring, OR; sons, William J. of Vancouver, WA, Robert M. of Battleground, WA, and Daniel E. of Chevy Chase, MD; brothers, Donald of Blairsville, PA, and James of Portage, PA; sister Patricia von Borstel of Grass Valley, OR; and eight grandchildren.

(This information was provided by Paul Brady, Louise Johnson, Carlin Jackson, Bob Miller, and John Brillhart.)

G. Robert Leavengood

Bob died Sept. 25 at age 81. He was a 30 Year Club member and lived in Eugene. He was born May 27, 1920, in Athens, Mich., to George and Mary Bohanna Leavengood. He married Norma Brophy in Klamath Falls on Dec. 19, 1945. She died May 27, 1997. He received a BS degree from Michigan State University in 1941 and attended graduate school at Syracuse University in New York. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon and Washington for 38 years. He was a District Ranger on the Mt Hood and Umpqua NFs in the '50s. He was TM Staff on the Okanogan, Deschutes and Willamette NFs from 1960 until he retired about 1978. He enjoyed choral singing, hiking, swimming and fishing. Bob was a member of the Episcopal Church, the Society of American Foresters and the Eugene Gleemen. Survivors include two step grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren. A step-grandson, George Lloyd, died in 1969, and a stepdaughter, Phyllis Lloyd, died previously.

Elmer W. Neufeld

Elmer Neufeld died June 18, 2001, in Boise, ID. Elmer was 80 years old. He was born in Carnduff, Saskatchewan, Canada on April 23, 1921. When he was 12 years old, his family moved back to Inman, KS. He was drafted in WWII, but signed on as a Conscientious Objector because of his Mennonite background. He was sent to a base camp in Colorado. In 1943, he heard of another camp that was training C.O.'s as smokejumpers to jump out of airplanes to fight forest fires. He was accepted into the smokejumper program in 1944. He went to training in Missoula, MT, and went to Cave Junction, OR, for his first fire season. In 1945 he went to Winthrop, WA, where he jumped and trained new jumpers until 1970. In 1970, Elmer went to work for a fire retardant company and spent 16 years in that business. In 1986 he retired and had an auto mechanic shop at home. He also ran the retardant base at NIFC for a private contractor until 1996. Survivors are his wife, Carolyn, of Boise; a daughter, Carol Henry, of Boise; two sons, Bill of Everett, WA, and Richard of Kuna, ID; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters. *(this information taken from an obit provided by Carolyn Neufeld)*

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More Memories

Joseph Frank Pechanec

Joe Pechanec, 91, of Boise, died on Friday, December 14, 2001, with his daughters and grandchildren present. He was born north of Nampa, Idaho on March 9, 1910, son of Joseph and Anna Chleboun Pechanec. He and Genevieve E. Garvin were married in Rexburg, Idaho on May 29, 1941. Joe and Gene resided at Hillcrest Retirement Center in Boise since October 1992. Genevieve preceded Joe in death by 12 days. (*see her obit. next*) Joe graduated from high school in Nampa, Idaho in 1927, and with a B.S. degree in range management and forestry from the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho in 1932. For 40 years he was employed as range ecologist (research) and forester by the U.S. Forest Service with headquarters in Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Washington, D.C. and Asheville, North Carolina.

During his career he served on foreign assignments in Somalia, Africa in 1951, the Middle East in 1954, and Iran in 1973. He served in several scientific and professional societies concerned with forest, rangelands and watersheds. He was active in formation of the National Society for Range Management and served as its first president in 1948 and editor in 1953. He authored more than 60 scientific publications. For his contributions and scientific leadership he received several awards including honorary Doctor of Science from the University of Idaho, his alma mater; the Superior Service award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Outstanding Achievement award from the Society for Range Management; and Distinguished Alumnus Award from University of Idaho 1989. Joe and Gene were LT members since 1961.

Joe and Genevieve are survived by two daughters, Mrs. Patricia (A.V.) Pusateri of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Joan (Charles) Price of Redding, California, and six grandchildren. Their son Ted preceded them in death.

Genevieve G. Pechanec

Genevieve, who resided at Hillcrest Retirement Center in Boise, Idaho, died on December 2, 2001, of symptoms incident to age. She was born in Boise, Idaho on May 5, 1907. Her parents were Martin

M. Garvin and Ellen O'Reilly Garvin. She attended St. Joseph High School in Pocatello, the University of Idaho in Pocatello, Utah State University, Albion Normal School, and the University of Southern California. She taught school in Idaho, Virginia and North Carolina.

She married Joseph Pechanec in Rexburg, Idaho in May 1941. They resided at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station near Dubois until August 1945. They then moved to Portland, Oregon; Alexandria, Virginia; North Carolina, and Ogden, Utah. There they resided for 30 years before their move to Boise in 1992.

While in Utah she served as Director of Volunteers at St. Benedict's Hospital for three years. She was very active in St. Joseph Catholic Church, serving as their hospitality chairman for six years. She served on the Community Council of Social Services for four years and was on the Y.M.C.A. board for six years. She was a member of Chapter P.E.O. in Ogden. (*see Joe's obit for survivors*)

Memorials to Joe and/or Genevieve may be made to Life's Doors Hospice, P.O. Box 5754, Boise, Idaho, 83705.

Gordon Reinhart

Gordon died Nov. 5, 2001, in Weston, OR, at the age of 60. "Gordy" was born Sept. 29, 1941, in Cederbend Township, near Warroad, MN, to John and Helena Reinhart. Gordon came to Oregon in 1961, and began a career with the USFS. In 1964 Gordon married Patricia Hannu in Astoria, OR. He graduated from OSU in 1974 with a Forestry degree. He held various positions but was devoted to forest fire control. He retired in 1991 as Fire Mgmt. Staff for the Umatilla NF, and as a National Incident Commander. After retirement, Gordy ranched on Wildhorse Creek, northeast of Pendleton, OR. Gordon has been active in the Eastern Oregon Fire Protective Assoc., Oregon Cattlemen, Small Woodlands Assoc., Senior Hockey League, Umatilla Co. Pioneer Assoc. and Weston Chamber of Commerce. He was Weston's Citizen of the Year in 1996.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Pattie; two daughters, Jacqueline Gentry and Jeriline Guxman; three grandchildren; his mother, Helena; sister, Myrna; brothers, Ronald and Walter. (*This information provided by the Reinhart family*)

Sherwood C. 'Johnny' Trotter

Johnny Trotter, 80, died Dec. 18, 2001, in Missoula, MT, after a 10-year battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born Aug. 26, 1921, in Anaheim, CA, to Clyde William and Loie Babb Trotter. He enlisted in the Army in 1942. He volunteered for the parachute infantry, training in Camp Toccoa, GA, with the 506th Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. He jumped behind enemy lines on D-Day, jumped again into Holland, fought in Bastogne and on into Germany. His outfit was the first to occupy Berchtesgaden, Hitler's stronghold. He received three Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star and four Battle Stars for the ETO. (*You can read all about Johnny's outfit in Stephen Ambrose's book, The Band of Brothers. Ambrose's book featured E Company whereas Johnny was in A Company*)

Trotter married Marilen Hart on Sept. 1, 1946, and graduated from Oregon State U. with a BS in Forestry in 1948. Johnny then began a long career with the USFS. He started on the Umpqua NF, was DR on the Okanogan NF. While DR there, he trained with the smokejumpers and actually made some fire jumps. (He may be the only DR to ever hold that claim.) Then he went to the Mt. Hood NF as DR, to the Los Padres in R5 as Recreation Staff. He became Forest Supervisor of the Hiawatha NF in Upper Michigan. Then he went to the WO as an Assistant Director in Watershed, soils and geology. In 1969 he came to the RO in Missoula as Director of Watershed, soils and geology until he retired in 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; four daughters, Sara, Debbie, and Tina of Missoula, and Marcia of Eugene, OR; son, Hank of Seattle, WA; a sister, Mary Parkinson of San Francisco, CA; and several grandchildren.

As the 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles would say, "Another eagle has soared."

(*Excerpted from the Missoulian, sent to us by Ed Heilman*)

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MORE MEMORIES

William C "Bill" Wood

Bill died Dec. 17, 2001, at age 79. Bill was born Aug 16, 1922 in Missoula MT, to John C. and Irene Wood. Attended Roosevelt Grade School, graduated from high school in 1940, and attended U of Montana for two years. He began working for the Forest Service in 1942, and began smoke jumping in 1943. He trained Conscientious Objectors during WWII for smoke jumping and continued training jumpers for many years. He married Margaret Linier on Dec 8, 1943. His job with the Forest Service involved fire control equipment development and management, where he assisted in the making of life saving fire-proof tents and smoke jumper suit design. He was famous for doing rescue by parachuting into the wilderness areas. He was transferred to Wash DC in 1961-65, then to Portland, OR. Here he designed the first helicopter water bucket. He was very proud of his two sons, expecting them to be like him: loving, kind, hard working and honorable. He loved outdoor activities, especially hunting and fishing, but he also enjoyed travel. He married Ruby Richards in June 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby of Beaverton; sons Gary and wife Barbara of Lake Oswego, Tye and wife Joyce of Portland; four granddaughters, Vanessa, Amanda, Patty, and Marianne; seven stepchildren, Maria Dias, Barbara Mordock, Judy Guthrie, Tom Strong, Paula West, Ted Richards, Jim Richards; and 17 step-grandchildren. His first wife preceded him in death.

He was a member of National Smoke-jumpers Assoc. and a LT member of the 30 Year Club since 1971. *(This information provided by the Wood family)*

Have you read the Important Message on page 3?

Have you checked to see that Your dues are paid for 2002?

NAG! NAG! NAG!

40th ANNIVERSARY

1962 FIRE GENERALSHIP TRAINING

Marana Air Park, Arizona, April 2002

(Exact date not firm at press time)

Three living "Fire Generals" are looking for other 1962 Fire Generals who would like to enjoy a get-together April 9-11 at Marana Air Park, Marana, AZ to share memories about their career and retirement years. From available records, 42 trainees attended Fire Generalship (13 days) and 35 others attended Comptroller/Finance training (10 days) from February 13 to March 8, 1962. This was the first National Fire Training Course conducted at the Marana Air Park that became our National Fire Training Center under its first Director, Ed Heilman in 1967. In review of the attendees list over a third have gone beyond retirement years.

The "three living" (group of three) are looking for the living Fire Generals and Finance Officers of this Class through releases in Nationwide Retirees' Newsletters, E-mail Directories, and some direct mailings. If known class members are interested in attending contact one of the following as soon as possible:

Ed Heilman, 112Michelle Court, Missoula, MT 59803. Phone: 406-728-7377

Lynn Biddison, P.O. Box 69280, Tucson, AZ 85737. Phone: 520-818-1158

Jack Godden, 8321 N Whitney Rd, Fox Point, WI 53217. Phone: 414-351-4207.

Any help you readers might be able to provide as to names and addresses of the "living" members of this Class of 1962 would be appreciated. Send to any of the "group of three" above. YES, there will be follow up (motel accommodations, program, etc.).

There appears to be interest in expanding this reunion for all "Fire General" Alumni from the years since 1962. Wendall Jones, your editor, and Rich Wands, present Director at Marana NFTC, have expressed such interest. If we do not arouse enough for this get-together, maybe we can try again another year.

We will try to keep you informed.

(Submitted by Jack Godden)

R6 Updates

10-18-01

Larry Pratt, Assistant Director of Interpretive Operations for the **Bend/Fort Rock RD of Deschutes NF**, has received the Pacific Northwest Region Interpreter of the Year Award. Pratt will be considered with winners from other regions for the **Gifford Pinchot Excellence in Interpretation Award**. All regional winners will be at the National Association Of Interpretation Conference.

10-25-01 **Come and CCC it**

Janet Joyer, Siskiyou National Forest, recently conducted a tour of the historic CCC- (Civilian Conservation Corps) era Siskiyou NF warehouse facilities in Grants Pass, Oregon. The Siskiyou has a number of choice CCC administrative sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places, built by workers from CCC Camp Kerby, which was located near Selma, Oregon in the 1930s. Today the compound is still in use as a vehicle maintenance shop, and includes offices for several employees. Fire crews use the handsome old site in the summer time. **Retiree Sparky Reeves**, 91, who worked at the site in the 1930s, accompanied the tour, which was covered in the Grants Pass Courier newspaper last week.

10-25-01— **Umpqua NF's Capitol Christmas tree 2002**

Umpqua NF employees have until November 15th to submit their candidate for the tree that will grace the west lawn of our Nation's Capitol in 2002. "I've heard there's 160 million trees on the Umpqua NF that are the right size. Surely we can find a great-looking tree out of that number!" wrote **Cheryl Walters** to fellow employees, encouraging them to nominate a handsome 70' tree to go East for the holidays.

10-25-01 **New Forest Supervisor**

Jim Caplan, Deputy Regional Forester for Natural Resources in Alaska will be the Forest Supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest

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More R6 Updates

11-01-01 Two R-6ers on National Jamboree team

Stuart Carlson and **Dave Evans**, both R-6, were part of the Forest Service staff at the national Boy Scout Jamboree in Bowling Green, Va. Carlson works at **Umpqua NF**, Evans works at **Colville NF**. Evans was also on the staff at the 1997 Jamboree.

Stuart Carlson, coordinator and incident commander at the national Boy Scout Jamboree in Bowling Green, Va. event, writes, "This was a great opportunity to be involved in an event of this magnitude and importance for our agency," he says. "It gave me the opportunity to work with people from across the nation to show the Scouts and other visitors what the Forest Service is all about."

11-15-01 Bend Pine Nursery building damaged by fire

Fire damaged the old seed extraction building located at the Bend Pine Nursery late the evening of Nov. 8. The cause of the fire is under investigation. "There is evidence of forced entry into the building," according to Forest Service special agent **Ron Pugh**.

Bend Pine Nursery started as a seedling operation only. In 1946 the first nursery manager at Bend Pine Nursery started seedling operations at the site. The first shipment of seedlings from Bend Pine Nursery occurred in 1948. Seed extraction activity (the facility that burned down was used for seed extraction purposes) was added quite some time later. In the mid 1990s we moved all seed extraction activity into the newly remodeled and expanded seed extraction facility. At that time use of the building was turned over to Deschutes NF for warehouse space. It housed law enforcement records briefly, and more recently ecology records.

More R6 Updates

11-21-01 Governor's Film Advocate Award. Each year, Oregon Film and Video Office, together with the Oregon Governor's office, gives out Governor's Film Advocate awards to people who have worked beyond their normal scope to enhance Oregon's film and video industry. Film Advocate awards will be presented **K.J. Silverman** (acting Forest Supervisor) and **Christy Covington**, both of **Mt. Hood NF**, for work in building an ongoing relationship with the industry and improvements to the permit system.

Covington adds that **Sharon Gautney** has prepared a website allowing the film and video industry to get information and applications. As a result of this work, Mt. Hood NF has issued several film and video permits this year, including a major movie piece filmed on the forest "The Hunted." **Covington** and **Doug Jones** also received thank you letters from the Governor for work on that project.

11-21-01 In the Media

Outside Magazine mentions **Umatilla NF** employee **Phil Musgrove** in its December, 2001 issue in an article titled *Unnatural Disaster*, in the *Dispatches, News from the Field* section of the magazine.

"Never in my entire life," Musgrove said, "did I think I'd be standing in New York City in a Forest Service uniform."

Musgrove, 49, was making his first visit to New York under the desperate circumstances following the terrorist attack of September 11...

...Two days after the World Trade Center towers collapsed, he found himself in a Sheraton Hotel in New Jersey. There, along with 50 other Forest Service employees, he was put to work orchestrating the flow of food, water, tools, and people into the massive search operation at Ground Zero...

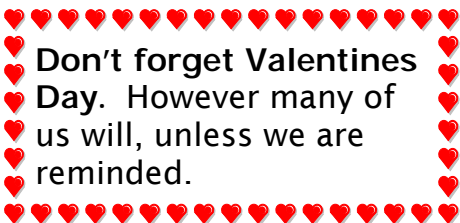
The article goes on to describe a variety of rescue efforts at the sight, and the overwhelming conditions under which search and rescue operations were undertaken. Phil is a member of **Joe Stutler's** Type I incident management team. (Courtesy Earle Rother, *Umatilla NF*)

More R6 Updates

1-01-02 Siuslaw employee to carry Olympic Torch

Siuslaw employee **Evan Evensen**, was nominated and selected to participate in the carrying of the Olympic Flame. He learned of the honor by reading his name in the local Gazette-Times newspaper October 24. Unbeknownst to him, Evensen's training partners submitted his name. On January 22, 2002, Evensen will wind his way through the streets of Salem for approximately a quarter mile carrying the 2002 Olympic Torch. Evan is a tri-athlete competing internationally in running, biking, and swimming for over two decades.

11-21-01 Colville NF's Mike Picard, of Three Rivers RD, is a Lieutenant Colonel for the Army Reserves assigned to the Southwest Division of the US Army Corps of Engineers in Dallas, Texas. He has been called up for active duty for one year. Picard is a specialist in "force protection" – designing protection barriers around buildings, ammunition storage facilities, and vehicle entryways. His supervisor and fellow employees actively support his service, and several district employees will assume some of Mike's job responsibilities during the year he is away. Mike is no stranger to service: In 1997, he was assigned to nine months of active duty managing for the protection of US Armed Forces at nine base camps in Bosnia. From 1993 to 1995, he served three, month-long assignments providing disaster assistance during Hurricanes Andrew (Miami) and Opal (Atlanta), and flooding along the shores of Lake Ontario in New York State. Besides leaving his job for a year, Mike will also be leaving behind his wife Ellen and two college-aged children. Ellen also works for the Three Rivers Ranger District as a rangeland management specialist. Mike's family is used to his long absences, but greatly appreciate the support they receive from their extended Forest Service family, according to an article by **Cynthia Reichelt**, **Colville National Forest**.



Don't forget Valentines Day. However many of us will, unless we are reminded.

MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

The PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOREST SERVICE ASSOCIATION (Formerly the 30 Year Club) invites you to become a member. You are eligible if:

- * You are a Forest Service retiree who served in the PNW Region or the PNW Station or one who served elsewhere but is now living in the PNW, or
- * You are a current or former USFS employee with at least 25 years of federal service (including military) who served a part of that time in the PNW Region or Station.

The Club was organized in 1945 to help preserve the traditions of the Forest Service, and to maintain closer contact between retirees and those still in active service. The following activities help achieve this purpose:
 A MONTHLY LUNCHEON is held on the last Friday of each month at the Beaverton Elks, 3500 SW 104th Ave. (Just off Canyon Road, about 1/2 mile east of 217). Social hour starts at 11:00 am., followed by a cafeteria style luncheon at noon. There is no formal program, and no advanced reservations are required. All members, spouses, and guests are welcome.

The QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER is mailed to all members. It relates current activities of interest to the members, and prints letters from members with stories, travels, changes, etc.

A MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY showing names and addresses of all current members is printed with the Winter Newsletter. A BALLOT for the election of Club officers comes in the Spring Newsletter.

The ANNUAL BANQUET is held the first Sunday in May. New officers are installed at that time.

An ANNUAL PICNIC is held in August. Old friends from here and other parts of the country often make this fun event.

SPECIAL EVENTS OR TRIPS are usually held every year and typically include a three day bus tour of areas of particular scenic or historic interest to members

To become a member, please complete and mail the following membership information to:

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOREST SERVICE ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 5583, PORTLAND, OREGON 97228 - 5583**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your Name: _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Spouses Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____ + _____

Phone No: (____) _____ - _____ e-mail: _____

Date of birth: _____ If retired, date of retirement: _____ Retired from: Dept. _____

Agency _____ Last duty station: _____ Last station in R-6 or PNW _____

Years Service: with FS _____, in R-6 _____, w/ PNW Station _____, Other Federal Service _____, Total Federal Service _____

Membership dues of \$10.00 per calendar year are payable with the submittal of this form and thereafter on January 1, of each year. Dues payment for new memberships begun in the last quarter of the calendar year will also cover the following calendar year. A second option is to submit a \$125.00 one time payment for a lifetime membership. This may well be your best bargain.

Please indicate type of membership you prefer: Yearly _____, Lifetime _____ (No billing is sent, but your Newsletter mailing label will show the year you are paid through.)

If you have any questions, please write us at the above address, or ask your area representative or other active member. Or you may just choose to attend one of our monthly luncheons held the last Friday of each month at 11:30 at the Beaverton Elks, 3500 SW 104th Avenue. Whichever you prefer, we hope to hear from you soon and will welcome you into the club.

Your signature _____ Date: _____

Please attach any comments you may have—your friends really do enjoy hearing from you!

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Winter 2002

Join us for lunch

Last Friday every month
Beaverton Elks Club
3500 SW 104th Ave
Off Canyon Rd, just east of
Hwy 217
11:00 AM

Note: Your mailing label shows the year through which your dues are paid. For example, if your label shows "02", your dues are paid through 12/31/02

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Coming Events

2002 Spring Banquet May 5

2002 Picnic Aug. 16

Mark these on your calendar

Food for Thought

A pat on the back is only a few centimeters from a kick in the butt.

Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level, then beat you with experience.

If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

Some days you are the pigeon, and some days the statue.

Everybody is somebody else's weirdo. *(Sent in by Jack Grubb)*

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.