



# Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees

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## President's Message - Doug Porter

Normally this is where I would thank **Phil Hirl** for the great job he has done as President this past year, but I actually get to thank Phil for the great job he has done for the past year and 4 months. During Phil's tenure as President, we decided to move the installation of new officers from the May banquet to the Membership meeting on the last Friday of September. We did this so the President for 2004-2005 (President-elect **Bob Tokarczyk**) would be in office as President through our National Forest Service Reunion, here in Portland in September 2005. During Phil's tenure, he provided leadership in establishing our non-profit tax status; finalized the Participating Agreement with Region Six, Forest Service; and has continued to establish a great relationship with Regional Forester **Linda Goodman**, and Station Director **Tom Quigley**. We have enjoyed lunch with them a couple of times already this year. Regional Forester Goodman has attended both our Spring Banquet and our Summer Picnic.

In July the Board enjoyed a retirees gathering in Bend, followed by a board meeting at **Vern & Jessie Clapp's** new home near Bend. Vern and Jessie took pretty good care of us and they have a beautiful home with a great view of the Cascades from Mt. Bachelor to Mt. Hood. We plan to look at other opportunities to combine our board meeting with retirees in other areas of the NW. In ALL cases we will continue with the luncheon on the last Friday of each month at the Beaverton Elks, which everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, with lots of time to visit with friends and make new acquaintances.

The 2005 reunion planning, chaired by **Bob Williams**, is coming along great, and I am confident it will be a huge success. We continue to build a list of volunteers, and if you have an interest, I know we will be able to use your help in some way. Please continue to pass the word to other USFS retirees that we will need their help AND attendance. It has been confirmed that the Chief

and National Leadership Team will be here during the reunion period, so be sure to attend the Reunion in 2005 to visit with the Chief, his Washington DC Staff, and all the Regional Foresters. There will be a lot of other exciting reasons to attend also.

A few things in our sights this coming year are: (1) to continue with our 2005 reunion planning; (2) more effort in recruiting new membership under **Cherie Cooper's** guidance; (3) initiate an annual audit of the associations finances; (4) reach decision on liability insurance needs for officers and the Association; and (5) through the participating agreement and other special volunteer efforts of our members, help the working Forest Service when and where we can.

If you missed the picnic this year, you missed a very good time. About 195 of us gathered to visit and enjoy Dave Dalton's excellent food. We even had porcelain dishes instead of paper plates! There were quite a few first timers and that core crowd that seldom misses the event. If you have access to the internet, go to [OldSmokeys.org](http://OldSmokeys.org), to see numerous pictures of your friends at the picnic. **Bob McQuown** puts a lot of good information on our site, and maintains a lot of links to other information of interest to most of us Old Smokeys.

If you think there is something the Board and I ought to be working on, please let me know and we will see what we can do. I'm looking forward to another good year for the Association and looking forward to personally meeting with many of you through various Association activities. And if you are looking for some way to reduce your taxes for 2003, try a donation to PNWFSA. And thanks to you that already have.

*Doug*

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### Reporting Your Volunteer Work

We are beginning a log of our member's volunteer activities with the Forest Service and other natural resources agencies. We have two reasons for this:

One, our participating agreement with the Forest Service says our members will participate in Forest Service activities. Our Newsletter, website and e-notes are key parts of this as we share info with members about FS activities. Another key part is what our members do as volunteers to support FS activities. The agreement says Forest Service will share up to \$5000 of our actual expenses for this.

Two, our nonprofit status with the State of Oregon says we "are involved with Federal and State resource managers regarding educational and scientific management of public resources." We need to be able to show that for both state and federal tax exemption.

We were able to meet both requirements with information from Board members, but we would like to expand that list. Some of examples we used are: Biscuit fire review; trail bridge on Mt Hood; volunteer service for a month in Hells Canyon (the Clapps), two weeks at Lava Lake GS (Kolbs and Bulls); Boy Scout Forestry Committee. We know that many of you do volunteer work with the Forest Service and related natural resource agencies, both State and Federal. Volunteer work with schools in the natural resources area would also qualify.

We know there is a lot more volunteering going on that we do not hear about. Your experiences would make good Newsletter stories, plus help with the documentation we need to support our Participating Agreement with the USFS, and to support our nonprofit status. So let us know. We will have more information in the Winter Newsletter, and perhaps a simple format to ease your work in reporting your volunteer efforts in 2003. *Phil Hirl*

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### OldSmokeys in Cyberspace

I get frequent request to have the OldSmokeys website submitted to search engines (at a cost, of course) to increase readership, but I have never done so because basically the site was created to provide information to our membership—and those of you with computers already know the URL.

Interestingly enough, the site has received 246,739 hits in the past twelve months without any advertising, which isn't large by Internet standards, but it does mean that it gets significant use. Even more interesting is that not only do the visits come from all over the US, but also from all over the planet—including such places as Iceland, South Africa, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, Turkey, the Russian Federation, and a myriad of other places that I don't even recognize. There were 27 countries represented just last month.

We get visits from individuals at commercial sites, non-profits, government agencies, universities, and a host of others. This effort to inform and educate, which is a part of our charter as a non-profit organization, costs the PNWFSA a total of \$171.46 per year, or roughly \$0.20 per member/year. *Bob McQuown*

### National Museum of FS History Forms Pact With Chief

(June 27, 2003 News Release from NMFSH)

The National Museum of Forest Service History and the USDA Forest Service signed a National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to increase cooperation between the two organizations to preserve and interpret the rich history of the Forest Service. Chief Dale Bosworth and President Gary Brown signed the MOU on June 16th, 2003 in Missoula, MT.

The Museum's Executive Director Frank McKinney said, "With the signing of this document, we now have a formal relationship with the Forest Service. The MOU formalizes a relationship between the Museum and the federal agency for the purposes of artifact collection and interpretation, program implementation and technical assistance on a national level."

The National Museum of Forest Service History is a non-profit organization located in Missoula, Montana. The Museum's purpose is to preserve and interpret the history of the USDA Forest Service, to educate the public about the history of the agency and its role in the history of conservation in the United States and to present this information with integrity. We collaborate with other Forest history centers throughout the country to accomplish this goal.

For Museum membership information please contact: Frank McKinney, Executive Director, NMFSH, P.O. Box 2772, Missoula, MT 59806; e-mail [nationalforest@montana.com](mailto:nationalforest@montana.com) or telephone (406) 541-6374.

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### Federal Health Benefits Notice

"The Office of Personnel Management has published Benefits Administration Letter Number 03-401 on the subject of FEHBA Open Season Guides. Starting with the 2003 FEHB Open Season, we will no longer print and distribute any FEHB Guides. **This decision does not impact the services we customarily provide to annuitants.** Those agencies who want printed guides will be able to purchase a supply through GPO print rider."

Now, would you like that in plain English? OK. Your current provider, will still send you the paper work on alternatives and changes they will offer for 2004. If you want to consider a different provider, you may not be able to pick up hard copies at a USFS office. OPM really expects you to go to their website for the information, and print hard copy from there if you need. They don't address the many retirees who do not have access to a website. So if you go to your local USFS office with hat-in-hand, and on bended knee, some kind soul in the Forest Service might print you out a hard copy.

What does the sentence in **bold** above mean?? I don't have the least idea. *Wendall Jones*

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I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older, then it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals!



**CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE  
FOREST SERVICE REUNION  
SEPTEMBER 5-9, 2005  
PORTLAND, OREGON**

Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association

The Reunion committee met the last week of September to update members about progress that has been made on various projects for the reunion, and to coordinate fall and winter work activities. We are now two years and counting away from the celebration and planning is giving way to more focus on task accomplishment. Information on this meeting will be in the Winter 2004 Newsletter, since it is too late to get it into this newsletter.

The September meeting takes place at the Doubletree Inn, so the committee and hotel staff can review plans and facilities to make sure everything is on track for both groups. At the meeting the latest information about tours and celebration activities will be available, and the actual, "how to", of managing the event will be discussed.

David Longhini, editor of the R-9 retiree newsletter will be giving the reunion a plug in their next newsletter, and using one of our logos as a graphic. We really appreciate the effort that the Forest Service and FS retirees are making to spread the word to friends in the Northeast, and the continuing support from other retiree groups around the nation. *(cont'd. next column)*

Pat Lynch, owner of Western Heritage Co, Encampment, Wyoming has offered to help us with the reunion in any way he can. Pat's firm makes and sells a collection of Forest Service and other land management agencies memorabilia including old badges, dinner ware, belt buckles, etc. His experience in marketing and advertising will be a welcome resource for the reunion committee.

Several other firms with relationships with the Forest Service have also expressed interest in helping with the event, and we will welcome them with open arms as part of the Forest Service community.

The big push to get the "word out" will start in 2004. While we have been networking information about the reunion through word of mouth, email, retiree newsletters and the Forest Service, we'll ramp activities up and bring in help from the Portland Visitors Bureau and maybe, with some luck, help from the State of Oregon's tourism staff. *John Marker*

### **NAFSR Activities—By John Marker**

Planning regulations, roadless area debate and the Healthy Forestry legislation have been the focus for National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) members during the summer. Each of these issues are critical to the future of the National Forests, and NAFSR members are pleased that their comments and observations have been used by key players in the debates.

Montana and Idaho have been hard hit by fire this year with over 600,000 acres burned during this year's siege. Washington and Oregon have also been hit with major fire activity with some 257,000 acres burned so far this year. The 2003 losses are very frustrating to NAFSR members because of the continuing resistance of some individuals and groups to acknowledge the need for fuels management as a positive step to protecting the forest's future.

Public opinion polls and focus groups conducted by professional non-partisan public opinion firms continue to show that the majority of people, rural and urban, east and west, believe public forests should be managed, which includes cutting trees, to reduce fire damage. These people also ranked their values for the forests with water, wildlife habitat, recreation and scenery on the top of their list. They did not rank forest products as a priority

for forest management.

We have made progress in developing relationships with "key contacts" (Remember that term from the old 1600 section of the manual) and successful in offering scientifically valid information to the contacts about forest management and fire. However, there is a frustration that we are still too few in number and lacking in resources to have the impact needed to help the National Forests. And, yes, that is a plug for more retirees to join NAFSR.

Several of us attended the Western Governor's Forest Health and Fire Conference in Missoula, MT, in June to get a first hand look at wildfire politics. Several hundred attendees had an opportunity to listen to western governors views and discuss with them and their staffs forest management issues. Most of the governors and top aides took personal roles in the general sessions as well the small group discussions. The consensus among governors and most people attending the meeting was its time to quit talking and get to work.

The U.S. Senate will take up the Healthy Forest Initiative, passed by the House in the last session, early in the fall 2003 session. The future of this important forest management legislation is still in doubt. Oregon's Senator Ron Wyden will be a key player in deciding the future of the bill.

**High Desert Museum Plans USFS Exhibit**

Recently I met Bob Boyd, curator and historian at the High Desert Museum, south of Bend, OR, and learned from him the museum plans to open a major exhibit about the Forest Service and its role in the high desert country in the summer of 2005.

Bob is excited about the project and has spent considerable time discussing the project with local Forest Service people, and the Forest Service Museum in Missoula. The exhibit is envisioned to include a replica of a guard station, a Forest Service fire cache and possibly a fire lookout. While the talent and energy of the High Desert staff is going into this project, there is real need for help from the retiree corps as well as the active Forest Service.

The High Desert Museum is a major attraction in central Oregon and a top quality natural history museum with a world wide reputation for excellence. Its focus is on the area of the Great Basin know as the "high desert," roughly eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, eastern California, southern Idaho, northern Nevada and northern Utah. The goal of the museum is to present an accurate history of the land and the people who have lived on it. I don't have recent attendance figures, but I believe the museum attendance is over 100, 000 visits a year.

The Forest Service exhibit is not an attempt to compete with or duplicate the goals of the National Museum of Forest Service History. It will focus on the activities of the FS and its people in the high desert, and should stimulate interest in the NMFSA. It will be an excellent venue to show the public what the real Forest Service and its people were about.

One major need is to find artifacts of the FS from the period of about 1921 to the early 1950s to make the exhibit historically accurate. I plan to meet with Bob Boyd in early October to discuss the exhibit in more detail, develop a list of specific items that would help make the exhibit more authentic, get his idea about things retirees can do to help complete the exhibit and see how we can coordinate High Desert's project with our reunion.

This is an early alert to look through the treasures of your FS career, the boxes in the attic and garage, and consider what items you might be willing to loan, temporarily or permanently, to the museum. I plan to have a list of needs and more information for the winter OldSmokeys newsletter.

If you have friends in Region 4 or Region 5 you might pass this information on to them. Their help will certainly be appreciated. *John Marker*

**Mt. Hood NF History to be Preserved**

The Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, and the Mt. Hood National Forest recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding that designates the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum as the museum of choice for the preservation and curation of the Forest's rich history. The museum will immediately begin accepting artifacts, photographs and archival materials for the Mt. Hood NF Collection. We expect retired Forest Service employees will donate a large portion of the collection. The Forest will entrust the museum with memorabilia, photographs, documents and artifacts relating to the Forest and Forest Service History.

This new museum is located in Government Camp, and is operated by the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, a non-profit, 503-c tax-exempt organization. The 9000 sq.ft. Cascadian Style building houses an art gallery, Internet Café, five museum galleries, gift shop, and archives. The Cultural Center and Museum hosts lectures, visiting artists, community and private meetings, receptions and parties.

The exhibits and collections of the museum have been designed to fill the void in history not covered by the surrounding museums and interpretive centers. To that end, the Mt. Hood Museum will primarily focus on 1.) Natural history of Mt. Hood, 2.) Outdoor recreation with special emphasis on snow skiing and mountain climbing, 3.) Exploration and development starting in 1845 with the opening of the Barlow Road a branch of the Oregon Trail, 4.) Photography of Mt. Hood, and 5.) Mt. Hood National Forest History.

The Mt. Hood National Forest focus was added at the request of a local focus group of private citizens. The MOU with the Mt. Hood NF, and the loan of exhibits from the PNW Regional Office will provide the foundation for the creation of the Forest Service gallery. The museum has requested the assistance of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association in preparation of the gallery and installation of the exhibits. Financial or in-kind donations are needed for building materials and volunteer labor needed to install the exhibits. *Lloyd Musser*  
*Lloyd Musser, USFS Retiree and PNWFSA member, is the volunteer curator of the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum and a member of the Board of Directors. For more information, request a special tour of the museum or make a donation, contact Lloyd .*

**Donors**

We don't have a big list of donors at this time, but we do have a short list of BIG donors. Both of these donors are showing you their appreciation of all their fellow USFS retirees. One of these great folks is **Jim Drury and his wife Mary Jane**. The other donor wishes to remain **Anonymous** and we will protect that request.

**New Members**

**Richard & Linda Connelly** (a gift from Rolf Anderson). This is by far the least number of new members that we have ever had to announce, at least in recent years of the newsletter. This is scary because our survival as an organization is dependent on bringing in new members. We are making special effort, including the new brochure, to recruit new members, especially out of the "working" USFS. Any ideas on boosting or improving this effort?? Contact Cherie Cooper, Membership Chair, and share your thoughts.

## R-6 Reminisces Book Update

Our publication of historic reminisces for the 2005 Reunion continues to move along well! By the time you read this, we should be through the initial review of Chapter One (1905 – 1918), and on the way to putting Chapter Two (1919 – 1932), and Chapter Three (1933 – 1945) together. Several folks have volunteered to help in a variety of ways, including helping with word processing and providing advice and counsel about managing our ever-growing computer files. Both the Willamette National Forest and Sweet Home Ranger District have provided copying services, Paul Caruso (WNF retiree) and his wife, Marcia, scanned over 150 pages from Timberlines into computer format, and Dick Connelly and Dick Buscher have taken on the hunt for photos to use in the book.

I have given several talks about the old days to Willamette N.F. Ranger Districts and the S.O., using material from Timberlines. Each talk focused on a different theme – safety, new employee orientation, reorganization, and the CCC days. These talks have generated a lot of interest in the book from WNF employees, so I am hoping that interest will result in some new stories for us.

I appreciate the stories you folks are sending me. Please keep it up. If you have been putting off writing a story, now is the time to jot it down and send it to me. We can always use a good story from any time period, and especially need stories from 1970 up to the present time. *Rolf Anderson* –( e-mail, phone and postal address in your directory)

## “The Forest Ranger Who Could”

Gilbert “Gil” W. Davies, a 30 year USFS retiree, announces his latest literary achievement, “The Forest Ranger Who Could, Pioneer Custodians of the United States Forest Service: 1905-1912”. It is a novel about Buck Stonewall, and the rip-roaring life of a forest ranger during the formative years of the US Forest Service. Gil borrows from tales of real-life rangers of the time to create this action packed story of the fictional Buck Stonewall. Buck’s adventures include murderers, trespassers, outlaws, and wild animals. And Buck has his share of horse and mule train stories, dealing with cattle and sheep allotments, and homesteader problems. Of course he has forest fires, timber sales, and insect infestations to deal with. Mixed in are stories of an alcoholic supervisor, love interests, fistfights, and injuries. Learn about Buck surmounting obstacles of the day to build a ranger station, campgrounds, bridges, phone lines and a lookout.

The book is 6" by 9" with illustrations. Gil has produced eight previous books relating to the U. S. Forest Service people.

If you would like to order the book, send check or money order payable to HiStory ink Books, PO Box 52, Hat Creek, CA 96040. Retail price of the book is \$15. Gil pays all shipping and postage and any taxes.

I have that dreaded furniture disease.....that's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

## Biscuit Group Report Rebuttal

*from David Graham*

The Summer 2003 Newsletter report on the June 2003 retiree group trip to the Biscuit Fire area will surely draw a good deal of attention. It really is at odds with what most of us have been led to believe about the lack of critical initial fire suppression action taken, with available resources, when these fires were FIRST discovered/reported. Based on recent local Montana observations, I believe there would be more to report on this critical aspect of the "Biscuit" catastrophe if a "Diane Sawyer" type had been included in the retiree visitation group. The very well-written newsletter article is very similar to most of the reviews of recent completely-out-of-control wildland fires that have caused so much alarming long-term resource damage in the west. They concentrate on burned area recovery plans/needs and almost totally ignore corrective measures needed to prevent small fire starts from being ignored until its really too late to do anything much with them except assemble large crews and equipment and wait for the rains. Hopefully, the apparent current Forest Service "let burn/fire is good" policy will be critically reevaluated soon. Except in rare cases where the situation precisely meets previously developed prescribed burn plans that clearly spell out all of the required ignition criteria, fire starts should not be allowed to burn while the most critical initial suppression opportunities are lost during never-ending analyses of possible consequences and potential resource loss.

## Jim Boynton New Forest Sup. on Wenatchee-Okanogan

Jim Boynton has been selected as Supervisor of the Okanogan and Wenatchee NF's in eastern Washington state. His transfer will be effective October 19.

“We are very happy to have Jim join us here,” said Pacific Northwest Regional Forester (RF) Linda Goodman. “His exceptional leadership experience will be invaluable to the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests. Jim’s common-sense approach to management has made him a very effective facilitator. His greatest strength is bringing together people with differing viewpoints to resolve complicated forest management issues.”

Boynton is a graduate of Utah State U., where he earned a masters in hydrology in 1968. Started out in Region 9, but has spent most of his career in Region 5. He became Forest Supervisor of the Sierra NF in 1985, and has served a couple of hitches as Acting Deputy RF for Resources in R5.

“The Pacific Northwest Region is getting one of our best forest supervisors,” said Pacific Southwest RF Jack Blackwell.

Jim and his wife Pat have four grown children and 11 grandchildren. *(From an R6 News Release)*

Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.

Old age is when you have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

## Summer Picnic 2003 a Big Success

Our Summer Picnic at the BLM's Wildwood Recreation Area in Welches, OR, was a big success. Nearly 200 members and guests enjoyed a great meal, nice weather and visiting with friends. Thanks to Bev Pratt for getting it all organized. Let's have a few volunteers to do this next year, so Bev can enjoy the camaraderie of the picnic. Wayne Kleidosty brought the firewood and built big fires in the CCC type fireplaces to make a cozy place for those needing to stay out of the sun. And it was a beautiful day in the sun. Dave Dalton did another excellent job as our caterer. An added very nice touch was porcelain plates instead of paper and real silverware. It is amazing what he gets done with just a few young hard working helpers in his crew. He is spoiling us.

Paul Enberg took pictures with his digital camera, and Bob McQuown had them posted on our OldSmokeys website within about a week. For those of you who went to the picnic, check it out and find how many people were there that you didn't see. For those OldSmokeys that weren't at the picnic, and for those retired (or still working) from other Regions, just log onto the website at <http://oldsmokeys.org> and follow the link to the photo page and you will probably recognize some of your friends as well. Just for the record, there are at least four members in the crowd that are over 90, so regardless of your age now, be sure to plan on attending next year's picnic! (See pages 8 and 9 for a few pictures in this newsletter)

People came from all over. Chris Chriswell from Bellingham, WA, was there with a friend. Ron Skrip came from Roseburg, OR. Several came from John Day, OR, including Jim and Mary Walker. It was good to see them again. Frank and Jan Johnson came from Port Angeles, WA. Regional Forester Linda Goodman was there, as was DRF Jim Golden. We thank the RF for her continued support of the retirees. (This article is a mix of Phil Hirl, Bob McQuown, Bev Pratt and your editor trying to tell you what you miss by NOT going to the picnic. See you there next year!)

## Members Corner Letters from Friends

### Howard Banta

I have many happy memories of working with Arno Reifenberg. I was R-10's first resident mining engineer making mineral examinations when mining claimants insisted they had exclusive rights to timber of their claims and that they had qualified for patent (full fee ownership) of their claims. Since R-10 did not have enough legal work to require their own OGC attorney, Arno provided our legal service. I well remember taking him on a few long hikes to see the claims in question just before testifying in a determination or mineral contest case. He would present the Government's case before Federal and Administrative law judges, and I would testify as an expert witness. He has a very fine legal mind and enjoyed his trips to Alaska. He became a good friend, but we lost much contact after I left R-10 for R-9 and later the WO, not to return until my own retirement in 1985. Arno deserves many accolades for his sterling work. (Howard writes in regard to Arno's retirement)

### Howard Banta

Sorry to say that I don't know a lot about "Swede" Holmgren. Arno Reifenberg who retiring in Office of General Counsel, USDA would I am sure know about Swede as he tried mining validity cases with Swede as his principal witness. Swede had a reputation as a fine mining engineer and I connect him with being assigned for quite a few years to one of the westside southern Oregon forests (Rogue or Siskiyou). Gerry Patchen, now retired in Potrero, CA, would have known him. I never had much direct contact with Swede as a WO person working with the Minerals people in the R-6 Regional Office. Milvoy Suchy was the main mineral man in R-6 most of my time in the FS, but Mil, rest his soul, long since has passed on. Failing to get information from them, why not try Personnel in R-6 in their archival material, or also OPM in D.C. who would surely have a file in their archive.

**Letters** –Banta (Cont'd. next column)

### Letters Banta (Cont'd.)

It is now getting on to 20 years or more since I last saw Swede--my impression is that he died perhaps that long ago. Please let me know if I can be of further help. (We inquired of Howard about Swede. Swede's wife recently passed on, see Obits)

### Vern Clapp (7-12-03)

It is looking more and more like this summer we have another hot fire season. Our favorite campground (Davis Lake) burns up, and we watch another forest fire from our deck.

While we were in Colorado before the 4th, the Davis Fire, some 30 miles south of us, exploded to 22,000 acres. During its height, it was the largest fire in the Nation with over a thousand firefighters assigned. It started near, and consumed Davis Lake Campground, one of our favorites where we have been camping and fishing for years. It also burned out the firewood unit where we have been cutting Lodgepole pine firewood this Spring. The Davis Fire was contained last week, but continues to smolder and is said to be dangerous.

We are tonight watching the Link Fire from our deck. It is about 15 miles due west of us, and has been burning for almost a week. It blew up yesterday to 3,300 acres, and is currently 40% contained. We watch aerial tankers fly overhead. We have heard there are 800 working on the fire right now -- present cost \$2.1 mil. Black Butte Resort is on standby for evacuation. We are getting some interesting views of the smoke plume at sunset. (After this spectator report, the Clapps were entertained by the BandB Complex fires, also readily visible from their deck.)

### Connie Franz

I worked with George Breitmeier for many years in the RO. He was patient with a naive person about processing bills from contracts and taught me a lot. I was lucky to have seen George at Tebo's Hamburger Restaurant just a couple of weeks ago. It was nice seeing him and he was as usual in great spirits. He will be missed. I don't know if I will attend his service but I will be thinking of him and praying for his family. **Letters** (Cont'd. page 11)



## Address Changes, Additions, Corrections

Berry, John & Glenda – Change e-mail:  
 Boeckstiegel, Lee & Kathleen – Change e-mail:  
 Bulchis, Robert – Change address: Corvallis, OR  
 Campbell, Don & Jeanne 'Kit' – Change address: Clackamas, OR  
 Connelly, Richard & Linda – New member: Bend, OR  
 Davies, Warren & Sally – Change e-mail:  
 Dell, Elder John D. & Dorothy – Temp. address change (2 years): Italy Milan Mission,  
 Drain, Darlene – Change address: Portland, OR  
 Elliott, Joseph – Change address: Walnut Creek, CA  
 Elton, Claude & Shirley – Change e-mail:  
 Farr, Leonard & Barbara – Change e-mail:  
 Fisher, Phil & Carol – Change e-mail:  
 Harris, Robert – Change e-mail:  
 Hasson, Margaret & Joseph – Change e-mail:  
 Higgins, Mary Jo & Bob – Change address: Baker City, OR  
 Jacobson, Sara E. – Change phone:  
 Johnson, Barbara – Add e-mail:  
 Johnson, Frank & Jan – Add e-mail:  
 Johnson, Shirley – Change e-mail:  
 Jones, Wendall & Jessie – Change e-mail:  
 Knapp, Walt – Replace address in directory: Beaverton, OR  
 Lewis, Wayne (Smoke) & Marilyn – Change e-mail:  
 Malmsten, Ed & Helen – Change e-mail:  
 Moyer, Elmer & Mary – Change address: Portland, OR  
 Ostby, Don & Jan – Change e-mail:  
 Pederson, Don & Darcey – Change e-mail:  
 Ragsdale, Joe & Ann – Change e-mail:  
 Schmidt, Gordon & Marcella – Change e-mail:  
 Soule, Lloyd & Betty Soule – change address: Woodburn, OR  
 Stahl, Clair & Peigi – Correct address: Bandon, OR  
 Tubman, Richard H. – Change address: Waldorf, MD  
 Zechentmayer, Richard & Mary – Change e-mail:

### Losses:

Joan Bennett – died 8-29-03 – Chet survives  
 George Breitmeier – died 7-19-03 – wife Vivian survives, not LT  
 Robert Carlson – died 7-26-03 – no surviving spouse, LT member  
 Tom Glazebrook – died 7-27-03 – wife Rita survives, LT member  
 Joe Lammi - died 8-26-03 – wife Eleanor survives, LT member  
 Charlotte Nautel – died 7-3-03 – Bill survives, LT member  
 Wallace Tower – died 6-28-03 – wife Pauline survives, not LT  
 Katherine Sigovich – died 9-10-03 – no surviving spouse

## Recipe Book Project for 2005

Remember the fabulous potlucks on the ranger stations, or wherever your career or spouses career carried you? And the Dine-around groups that were formed from Washington, DC to the Pacific Coast. Where are all those amazing recipes?

We need your help to create the best **Region Six Forest Service Cookbook** for the 2005 Reunion.

The Recipe Book committee would like your favorite recipes!!! Please include with your recipes something about your family, forests and stations you lived in. Perhaps a short story about you and your neighbors at the time, or a great story to seal the memory of your recipe. Remembrances of good food, good drink and fun wherever you were at the time. If you have pictures that relate to the time of your remembrance, please include those for this book.

*(Cont'd. next column)*

Please dig out your favorite recipes. If you would like to help on the committee just give me a call: 503-255-3265. Send your recipes, pictures, stories, etc. to Bev Pratt... P.O. Box 5583...Portland, Oregon 97228-5583.

Betty Soule sent five of her finest recipes this week. I would like to share this one:

### WESTERN ONIONS

3 medium white onions...sliced thinly...separated into rings...placed in deep 1 quart container  
 Soak onion rings at least 6 hours (overnight is best) in:  
 1 cup water 2/3 cup cider vinegar 1 cup sugar  
 When ready to serve, drain off and discard liquid.  
 To onions stir in: 1 cup mayonnaise (approximately)  
 and 1/2 tsp. celery seed.

Makes a tasty addition to any meal. May also be served on chopped lettuce as salad. *Bev Pratt*

## 2003 Picnic Pictures

Bert Toler, Carl Anderson, Shela Toler, Linda Anderson

June and Marlin Plank

Lloyd Musser Verna Rae, Dorothy Marshall, Merle  
Marshall, Jack Rae, and Dick Buscher—Mt. Hood Gang

Jessie and Vern Clapp

Our New President Doug, and Dottie Porter

Norma Gant and Elmer Moyer



## 2003 Picnic Pictures

Omer & Cecelia Riehl

Mike Kerrick & Dale Heigh

Gerry Swank & Connie Franz

Emily and Jim Allen

Terry and Bob Healy

Carol Sue and Nick McDonough

Lloyd Soule and Bill Cameron

**R6 Updates**— Employees electronic newsletter

Kathy Bowman, Editor

June 19

**Bill Bulger receives Chief's award** - "I am delighted to inform you that **Bill Bulger** (Aviation safety) has been selected by the Executive Leadership Team of the Forest Service to receive a Chief's National Safety and Occupational Health Award," writes **Laurie Perrett, Director of Fire and Aviation Management**. "But we want to honor him in a bigger way for his passion for aviation accident prevention, nationally, for many years," she adds, saying, "We are grateful for [his] efforts in the Pacific Northwest and are proud that [he has] been acknowledged nationally." Bill has also been honored recently for service as Qualified Technical Investigator on the investigation of the fatal helicopter accident associated with the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery effort this spring.

**R-6's Lenise Lago, Jeffrey Park**- receive Chief's awards honoring financial excellence. Assistant Director for Budget and Financial Management **Lenise Lago** plays a key role in all aspects of budget development and implementation, and has the trust of senior leaders in Region 6, and possesses a unique talent in being able to bridge the gap between technical budget and accounting practices and processes to the corporate leadership level of the Regional Leadership Team.

**Jeffrey Park**, systems accountant, has been involved in the leadership, design, development and support of a variety of projects directed at improving financial accountability. His contributions include work on the Incident Automation Project, I-Suite, and its component Incident Cost Accounting and Reporting System (ICARS). While these have been developed on a local scale, they have provided a necessary and critical solution to the management of incidents from fires to the trade center disaster and shuttle recovery. National Wildfire Coordination Group recently adopted I-Suite as the national incident automation standard.

**Historic Black Butte Tower Salvaged**

In 1934 the Civilian Conservation Corp laboriously assembled a new fire lookout tower on Black Butte near Sisters, OR, using a thousand loads of lumber carried up the mountain by packhorses. The historic tower fell in 2001 under a load of snow and ice and has been a public safety hazard. In the last two weeks, the job was to take apart the tower ruins with a 20-man inmate crew from the **Deschutes NF**/Oregon Department of Corrections Work Program. Assistant FMO **Kirk Metzger**, who led the work force, hoped that there might be significant components to salvage for lookout restoration projects. The wreck of the old Black Butte Lookout Tower yielded about 500 pounds of metal hardware, some hand forged; 15 massive wood beams, staircases saved; and, other wood sorted by whether it was burnable or treated. Keys to the success of the effort include a grant from the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation of Redmond and guidance by **Metzger**, assisted by **Ben Benhower** and **Rod Bonacker**.

July 3

**Siuslaw NF is international award finalist**

The **Siuslaw NF** along with its partners has garnered international attention for work on the Karnowsky Creek Restoration Project. **R6 Updates (Cont'd. next column)**

**R6 Updates Siuslaw (Cont'd)**

This project has been selected as one of five finalists in the 2003 Thiess International Riverprize. The winner will be announced in Brisbane, Australia in early September 2003. Stay tuned. (**John Zapell, Siuslaw NF**)

July 10

**Smokejumper Association honors Redmond, nation's jumpers.** **Mark Corbet**, a Redmond Air Center smokejumper and other board members of the National Smokejumper Association presented a plaque to current and veteran Oregon smokejumpers at the Redmond Air Center last weekend. The plaque honors the 30 smokejumpers killed in the line of duty since the agency began the program in 1939. Over a half million jumps have been made since then.

Corbet says one of the group's key programs is preserving smokejumper history, and the plaques are an integral part. Board members are presenting plaques to managers at the nation's nine BLM and Forest Service smokejumper bases. (**Courtesy of Roland Giller, Deschutes NF**)

July 31

**Forest Service and Partners Honored In Oregon Forest Highway Enhancement Program**

"The Environmental Excellence Awards are intended to showcase and recognize the transportation projects and partnerships that balance environmental protection, safety and mobility," writes **Becky Hutchins**. "Plaques were presented to each partner agency (Forest Service, Oregon Department of Transportation and Association of Oregon Counties) at a recent Oregon Transportation Committee meeting in Salem." Attending the ceremony for the Forest Service were **Richard Sowa**, Director of RO Engineering, and **Becky Hutchins**, Forest Highway Coordinator. According to Hutchins, "Enhancement projects have included trailheads, turnouts, viewpoints, interpretive signs, roadside parking areas and historic restoration of highway features. Many of these were proposed and then designed by Forest Service employees."

**Specific projects recognized were:**

*Historic Columbia River Highway – restoration of the Vista House.* Forest Highway funds provided about half of the money for exterior restoration of the historic Vista House at Crown Point.

*Historic Columbia River Highway – pedestrian and bike path from Cascade Locks to Eagle River.* This project restored 2.5 miles of abandoned segments of the historic highway for bikes and hikers. Later projects have made 5 miles of the route available for walking and biking.

*McKenzie Pass-Santiam Pass National Scenic Byway and West Cascades National Scenic Byway.* The project included an east portal in Sisters, making Dee Wright Observatory accessible, and an improved visitor info center at McKenzie River Ranger District.

National Scenic Byways have outstanding examples of scenic, historic, recreational and cultural, archeological and/or natural qualities. The enhancement program partnership in Oregon, part of the Oregon Forest Highway program, was the first of its kind in the nation. Retired Assistant Directors **Phil Hirl** and **Bill Kolzow** were the main proponents.

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**R6 Updates** (*Cont'd. from page 10*)

August 14

**Honoring excellence in Small Business contracting**

This summer the annual Small Business Award Ceremony recognized two R-6 nominees with important awards. Forest Service employees and small business partners were recognized. Among those honored were two nominees submitted by the Region 6: Juan Cisneros owner of Cisneros Construction, Inc., an 8a contractor in Portland, OR, and **Joel Bone**, contract specialist at the Umpqua NF. Both attended the award ceremony, and met with the Chief and WO AQM leaders. (*Deborah Duperon*)

**Retiree volunteers at Cape Perpetua recognized**

Two retiree volunteers on the **Siuslaw NF**, **Donald Burnett** and **Elton Knutson**, have earned national recognition for their efforts at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center near Yachats, OR. Don and Elton were selected from national nominees for their dedicated service and innovative assistance to one of the **Siuslaw NF's** most-attended attractions. Both were instrumental in keeping the Visitor Center up and running during a brief staff shortage last spring, wrote Visitor Center Director **April Rand** in nominating them.

Sept. 4

**Deschutes Forest Supervisor Leslie Weldon greets President**

When President Bush decided to visit the **Deschutes National Forest**, **Forest Supervisor Leslie Weldon** was there to welcome him to Central Oregon. On Thursday, August 21, President Bush arrived at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds with American flags lining the walkways and the smoke plume from the B and B fire Complex visible in the distance. Accompanying him were Secretary of Interior, Gail Norton, Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman, Senator Gordon Smith, Congressman Greg Walden and Governor Ted Kulongoski. After greeting the President, there were quick introductions and Leslie spoke with the President about the Metolius Basin Project, the outcomes, community partnerships and what the Healthy Forests Initiative means locally. Weldon had a 45-minute personal meeting with the President. After the briefing, Leslie flew in Marine One, the Presidential helicopter, with the President over the B and B Complex on the Sisters Ranger District. During the flight, she discussed with the President the Booth fire and talked about forest health and fuels reduction in and adjacent to Wildland Urban Interface areas, such as Camp Sherman in the Metolius Basin.

**Letters** (*Cont'd. from page 6*)**John Berry**

Ken Vines was the River Manager for the Rogue River for many years and his wife Alice was a Personnel Specialist on the Siskiyou NF. Ken is the great river rat of all times.

(*John also forwarded the following letter from Bill Blackwell, Resource Assistant on the Gold Beach RD, Siskiyou NF, in regard to Ken Vine and his condition.*)

I spoke to Alice (Ken's wife) the end of last week. Ken is continuing with his speech, physical, and occupational therapy.

**Letters**—John Berry (*Cont'd. next column*)

**Letters** John Berry (*Cont'd.*)

He can stand with assistance now. He still has the numbness on the right side, so for example, he has to look down at his leg to make sure it is correct to maintain his balance. His right arm also has the numbness but he can move it. Ken knows he is at Providence and he is working on remembering doctor's and nurse's names.

Sometimes he can remember their names and sometimes not. Alice said that Ken still cannot have visitors. He won't know people, and it would overwhelm him at this point. She will let us know when he can start phasing that in, but it may be awhile. Overall, some days are better than others and he is working hard at the rehab. Alice is still staying at the house the hospital has for relatives, and will come home on occasion as she can.

If you send cards here to the Ranger District office, we are making sure she gets them when she comes home. Alice wanted me to tell people that she appreciates everyone's kind thoughts.

**Ted Stubblefield**

Ken Vines was the best River Manager of the entire western US. I have been running white water with our raft for 23 yrs now and he's tops by far; really knows his stuff and was extremely practical and overloaded with common sense. I just wish they were all half as good as Ken. I talked with Alice last night and he's making decent progress; lot's of therapy as one would expect. Long way to go yet.

**Roger Stamy**

In regard to passing of James R. "Bob" Hendrix. I must have missed the notice of Bob's passing. Here are a few memories. I was a neighboring ranger to Bob while he was ranger at Lewis River. He was quiet, competent and decisive. The road from Pine Creek to Cougar was unpaved during his early tenure. One Saturday, he drove his car to town, hit a rock but was able to drive on to Woodland. He walked into the Buick garage. Without even greeting the salesman, he pointed to the one car in the show room and said, "I want that car." A good example of his quiet and decisive demeanor. Bob was a devoted husband to his wife Lois. He was also a good example of a dedicated and loyal employee.

**Chuck Lundeen**

Donna and I always considered Bob Carlson one of those special people. In 1968, when I was on a fire, Donna's father was dying of lung cancer in Michigan. Donna called Bob, who was in the RO. Bob reassured Donna that I would get the word and would be home ASAP. Bob got me home and held Donna's hand over the phone all the time.

Years later we were goofing off in South Tahoe. We waited for a traffic light before we could walk across the intersection. In the middle of the crosswalk a man stepped out of nowhere, gave Donna a bear hug and a kiss. It was Bob.

Years later, yet, Bob's memory was sharp as a tack. He could remember family relationships, names, places, etc. like nobody else. He was truly without equal.

**Letters** (*Cont'd. on page 12*)

**Letters** (Cont'd. from page 11)

**Phil Carlson**

I am very sad to report that my Dad, Bob Carlson, passed away yesterday. We had been looking forward to coming to the Summer picnic, until just a few days ago. Perhaps a few of you will take a moment for a toast in his memory. He loved going to the retiree events, and I'm so glad he made it up to the Spring banquet.

**Bill Carpenter**

Larry Everson was the Fire Management Officer for the Sweet Home RD, Willamette NF, while I was District Ranger there. An excellent FMO and true professional in his field of expertise. A very good team member on the District staff. He will certainly be missed by family and many friends too.

**Joseph Elliott**

Re the recent Newsletter, page 14 – "A Salute to Our Nonagenarians." On October 10 of this year, I will become 91 years old. If my memory serves me correctly, I last worked in Region 6, on the Malheur NF, in 1953. I was born into a Forest Service family on October 10, 1912, on the Stanislaus NF in R5. I think I qualify as an "Old Smokey."

(Ed. Note: *Sorry we missed you, Joe. Our records are not complete on birth dates of every member.*)

**Bev & Jim Deem**

I apologize for missing payment of my dues. We have been traveling and are now in the process of moving to Idaho after seven years of fulfilling care-giving responsibilities for my mother in North Dakota. We celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last January. She is in an excellent care facility and we are ready to move on. We enjoy the "news" too much to forget our dues! Thanks for the reminder.

**Clair Stahl**

Please correct our address in your records. I would also like a copy of the Survivors Guide. We live in Heritage Place, an assisted living facility, because neither Peigi or I drive anymore. For our rent of a small two room apartment, we get all meals and limousine service to Bandon or Coos Bay. Plus immediate help if needed. **Letters** (Cont'd.)

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**Mary Crawford**

Forgive me for forgetting to send in my dues. I am now 92 and used to forgetting – even my name. I have enjoyed getting the newsletter all these years (I hope Ralph would forgive me). So many are now deceased, or seems I know no one now, but that is not an excuse. The money enclosed will help wherever it is needed (a stamp or two). I know I will forget again. Still live here (Assisted Living place in Salem). Not so good. Please accept the wish for the Forest Service's continued success. Tell everyone hello that remembers Ralph. (Ed. Note: *We remember you also, Mary.*)

**Rita Glazebrook**

You may have already received this article (about Virginia Holmgren) which was in the Aug. 15, Oregonian. Mrs. Holmgren belonged to the Forest Service Wives Club in the 1960's. The article does not mention that specifically, but that is how I came to know her. The article mentions her husband 'Swede', but I do not know his given name. His was a mining engineer, with whom she came to Oregon in 1956. "Ginger" wrote more than two dozen books on birds, cats, and raccoons, and had a regular column on the pages of the Oregonian. (See obituaries for more on *Ginger Holmgren*)

**Sarah Jacobson**

I would like to notify you of my change of address. I was married on May 22, to Robert Fries, so I am learning to cook all over again! I am keeping the name Sarah Jacobson. (Sarah's new address was in the *Summer NL*, but we missed her new phone number---see *Changes*)

**Jim Drury**

At one time I thought we were trying to set up a fund so we would have some income coming in. Don't see many places that pay much anymore. Anyway you do what you think best. I hope you can read this. I am turning 88 in a few days, and I don't seem to write as good as a few years ago. Hope to make the picnic again this year. (Ed. Note: *This note accompanied a significant donation to PNWFSA. Yes, Jim and Mary Jane made it to the picnic again, and looked like he is good for another 88.*)

**Letters** (Cont'd. next column)

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**Elizabeth Anna Leuthauser**

Al's family wish to thank you (Forest Service friends) for the years of friendship, and your caring concern and support for us during the years. Al was very strong and courageous during the past fifteen years of his life when he was injured. He ended his earth's journey on April 5, 2003. He would want you to know how much he cared about you.

**MEMORIES**  
**Dave & Jane Kolb**

**Richard Lee Apple**

Richard L. Apple died Aug. 29, /2003, at age 56. He was born April 4, 1947, in Dallas, TX.. Richard served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He received a MS in Forestry at the University of Minnesota. He was currently working in the RO in Ecology, Range, and Watershed Management. Prior to coming to R-6 in 1990 Richard worked on the Tahoe NF in R-5 and the Salmon NF in R-1. He married Carol Reber in 1985. Survivors include his wife; daughters, Sarah E. and Amanda J.; mother, Marjorie; sister, Nancy Shipler; and brother, Robbie.

**Joan Bennett**

Joan Bennett died August 29, 2003, at age 67. She is the wife of Chester, retired from the Malheur NF, and a PNWFSA member. Joan Finlayson was born March 27, 1936, in Seattle, WA. Her family moved to Eugene, OR in the 1940's where she graduated from High School and attended U. of Oregon for 2 years. She married Chet in 1956, and later earned her degree in elementary education from Oregon State U. in 1962. Chet's Forest Service Career took them to Oakridge, OR where Joan taught at Westfir (1959 - 1962) and to John Day, OR where she taught at John Day (1962-1967) and at Mt. Vernon, OR (1967 until her retirement in 1990).

Joan was an accomplished musician, and used that talent in her classroom teaching as well as teaching music classes. She was involved in many community

**Memories-Bennett** (Cont'd. on p. 13)

**Memories - Joan Bennett (Cont'd.)**

activities in the John Day area, where she shared her teaching, musical and organizational skills.

Survivors include her husband; 2 sons, Jon and wife Laura of Grants Pass, OR, and Don and wife Anne of Puyallup, WA; 2 granddaughters; her mother; and a brother.

**George D. Breitmeier**

George Breitmeier died July 19, 2003, at age 72. He was a PNWFSA member.

George was born June 28, 1931, in Havre, MT and grew up in the small town of Harlem, MT. He was the youngest of six and the only child in his family to graduate from high school and college. He earned his BS degree from the U. of Montana. George married Vivian, the pastor's daughter of his church in Harlem on 6/29/51. From 1953 to 1955 he served in the Korean War. George started working for the Forest Service in Montana in 1956. Later he moved to an accounting position in R4 and the WO before coming to Portland in 1971 as Director of Fiscal Control for R6. He retired in 1989.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Debra Skiles and Susan Parked; sons, John and Donald; brother, Rudolph; and 9 grandchildren.

**Shirley R. Burk**

Shirley Burk died July 17, 2003, at age 66. Shirley Hauskins was born May 3, 1937, in Buffalo Center, IA. She married Leon Burk in 1957, and moved to Portland in 1960. Shirley worked for many years in the RO-TM, where she retired as head of the clerical staff. She was a leader among the RO office staffers and had the reputation for getting things done on schedule and with "letter perfect" accuracy.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Becky and Terri; sons, Myron and Steven; 6 brothers; 2 sisters; and 4 grandchildren.

**Robert Frithiof Carlson**

Robert F. (Bob) Carlson of Redding, CA, died July 26, 2003, at age 94. He was a PNWFSA member. Bob was born May 26, 1909 in Wabeno, WI. He has lived in Redding for the past 15 years.

**Memories**-Carlson (Cont'd.)

**Memories Carlson (Cont'd.)**

He graduated in Forestry from Oregon State U. and started working as a CCC foreman in Washington in 1933. Later he worked on the Umpqua NF, but spent most of his career in Region 5. Bob retired from Fire and Aviation Mgmt. R-5 in 1971. Bob has been an active participant in R6 retiree events, attended the spring banquet this year, and had planned to attend the summer picnic.

Survivors include his son, J. Philip; daughters Leslie Hight and Melissa Carlson; 6 grand-children and 6 great-grandchildren.

**Larry W. Everson**

Larry Everson died July 17, 2003. He retired from the NW Fire Coordination Center in 1990. Larry started his career with the USFS at Ripplebrook on the Mt. Hood NF about 1956. Later Larry was FMO on the Sweet Home RD of the Willamette NF. He also worked on the Unity RD, W-W NF; Newport RD, Colville NF; and Barlow RD, Mt. Hood NF before going to the Coordinating Center.

Larry is survived by his wife, Ivy who lives in Goldendale, WA.

**Thomas Bradford Glazebrook**

Thomas B. Glazebrook died July 27, 2003, at age 86. Tom was born May 14, 1917, in Nashville, TN. He was a PNWFSA member. Tom received his degrees in Forestry from Purdue U. and the U. of Idaho. He started his career working summers for the FS and spent a year as State Forester for Nevada. He then enlisted in the Army's 799<sup>th</sup> Forestry Engineer Company serving in Alaska, Germany and the Philippines before his discharge in 1945.

He married Rita Jane Carlson in Gary, IN, in 1947. They were stationed on several forests and the R-5 RO prior to moving to Portland in 1959, where Tom had assignments in Timber and Watershed Management. He was promoted to Director of Watershed Management in the WO in 1969, until his retirement in 1977. Survivors include his wife; daughters, Mary Anne and Catherine; and 3 grandsons.

**Memories** Cont'd. next column)

**Memories (Cont'd.)****Ruth M. Hansen**

Ruth M. Hansen died July 4, 2003, at age 93. Ruth worked as a Landscape Architect for the Forest Service from about 1936 to 1941. She was on the landscape design teams for Timberline Lodge and for Paulina Lake. After leaving the FS, Ruth was very active in the Portland area. She was a driving force in establishing the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden and the Berry Botanical Garden, and was active in many Garden Clubs and Plant Societies. She met and married her husband, Clarence, while working for the FS. He, also, was a L.A. in the RO, but later transferred to the BPA. Clarence died in 1973.

Survivors include; son Richard; daughter Jeanette Slepian; and 2 grandchildren.

**James R. Hendrix**

James R. (Bob) Hendrix died July 24, 2003, at age 88. He was born May 7, 1915, in Crescent City, CA and grew up in Alsea, OR. James (or Bob as most knew him) worked on several R-6 Forests. In 1958 he was a staff officer in the Siskiyou SO. He moved to the G.P. in 1960 as DR on the Lewis River RD and later was the Packwood DR. Bob Tokarczyk and Roger Stamy, fellow Rangers on the G.P. at the time, describe Bob as a quiet, competent, decisive, and effective Ranger.

Survivors include 2 stepdaughters, Linda Hutchins and Joyce Lambert; 2 sisters, Esther Wilson and Gladys Haley; 3 brothers, Fred, Harold and Harley; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**Virginia Holmgren**

Virginia C. Holmgren died Aug. 10, 2003, at age 94. Virginia was the wife of Swede Holmgren, a mining engineer who worked in R6 beginning about 1956. Swede passed away in 1997. Virginian was active in the Forest Service Wives Club in the 1960's. After 40 years in their Rocky Butte home, Virginia moved to The Dalles to be closer to her grandchildren. She was an author and well-know birder. She started out writing children's books. She went to Peru in 1946, to teach children at a mining camp at the 14,500 foot level.

**Memories**—Holmgren (Cont'd. p. 14)

**Memories Holmgren (Cont'd.)**

She was the only single woman between 16 and 60. She met Swede there. She survived a revolution holed up inside while the bullets flew by the front door. She wrote dozens of books. Her book on Chinese pheasants, "The War Lord," was made into a 1973 Disney TV movie. She wrote a birdlore column for the Oregonian from 1960 to 1982. (*Thanks to Rita Glazebrook for bringing this lady to our attention*)

**Billie Eileen Illias**

Billie Eileen Illias died August 1, 2003, at age 73. Billie Bowers was born January 1, 1930, in St. Louis, MO. She moved to Portland in 1952. In 1975 she moved to Boring, OR. From the mid 1980's until the early 1990's Eileen worked for the USFS at the Estacada Ranger Station.

Survivors include her daughters, Cathie Wees and Vickie Davey; sons, Michael and Steven; 1 sister; 1 brother; 8 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Glendon Kale "Jeff" Jefferies**

Glendon K Jefferies died May 28, 2003, in Medford, OR, at age 83. "Jeff" was born in Paisley, OR January 24, 1920, and grew up there. He attended Oregon State U. and graduated with a degree in Forest Management. From 1941 to 1947 he served in the U. S. Marine Corps. He started working for the USFS in 1947 and became the Ashland DR on the Rouge River NF in 1961. "Jeff" was active in many service organizations in the Medford, OR, area during his tenure and after his retirement in 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Norma of Medford.

**John E. Krzeszak**

John Krzeszak died Sept. 7, 2003, at age 67. He was the 10<sup>th</sup> heart transplant patient at OHSU and one of Oregon's longest transplant survivors at 17 years. John was born Oct. 15, 1935, in Burgettston, PA. He lived in Detroit, MI, and Los Angeles before moving to The Dalles, OR, where he worked for the USFS on the Dufur RD, Mt. Hood NF in recreation. He retired in 1998. John was an artist and an active volunteer in community programs in The Dalles.

**Memories Krzeszak (Cont'd. next column)**

**Memories Krzeszak (Cont'd.)**

In 1958 he married Nancy Brennan, a nursing student in Detroit, MI. Survivors include his wife; sons, John F. of Parkdale and Michael J. of Portland; 2 brothers; 3 sisters; and 2 grandchildren.

**Joe O. Lammi**

Joe O. Lammi died August 26, 2003, in Longview, WA, at age 90. He was a PNWFSA member. He was born January 24, 1913, in Daly City, CA. Joe graduated from Oregon State U. in 1934, and the U. of California in 1940 with Master and Doctorate Degrees in Forest Economics. He served in the Army during WWII in Italy and the Mediterranean.

Joe's career with the Forest Service took him to the Deschutes NF, where he was District Ranger when Gail Baker started working in the early 1940's. He also worked in Ogden, UT. Later Joe worked for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN in Geneva, Switzerland, and was a professor of Forest Economics at N.C. State U. in Raleigh. In 1979 he retired to Longview, WA. He married Eleanor Heinz in 1940.

Survivors include his wife; 2 sons, William of Longview, WA, and Walter of Cairo, Egypt; sister, Toini Jaquemin of Ashland, OR; and one grandson.

**Ian McAndie**

Ian "Andy" McAndie died August 21, 2003, in Redmond, OR, at age 75. "Andy" was born November 23, 1927, in Portland. He served in the Coast Guard in WWII. He then worked 30 years for the Forest Service, first as a Snow Ranger then various Fire positions on the Mt. Hood NF, then as Ass't Mgr. of the Redmond Air Center. At his retirement Andy was active in community affairs in Redmond, including serving as a volunteer battalion chief for the Redmond Fire Department. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Geraldine. Survivors include his wife Leona "Pat" McAndie, whom he married March 31, 1979; 2 sons, Donald of LaGrande and Bill Barker of Redmond; 4 daughters, Karen Johnston, Judy Malott, Barbara Arnett, and Mari Burris, all of Redmond; 1 sister; 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**Memories (Cont'd. next column)**

**Memories (Cont'd.)****Richard "Dick" Misner**

Richard "Dick" Misner died August 11, 2003, in Victoria, B.C., while beginning an Alaska cruise with his wife Marilyn. Dick was almost a permanent fixture at the USFS Wind River Nursery near Carson, WA, having worked there as a field supervisor and equipment manager for 37 years before his retirement in 1990 as well as spending most of his boyhood at the nursery which employed his father for some years. He lived his entire life in Skamania County, WA, mostly at Hemlock and Stabler near the nursery. He and Marilyn moved to town (Carson) in 1994, where Dick produced one of the Columbia Gorge's most spectacular flower and vegetable gardens. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, also a retired FS employee from the Gifford Pinchot NF; daughters; 2 sons; 14 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

**Charlotte L. Nautel**

Charlotte Nautel died July 3, 2003, at age 77. She was a PNWFSA member and wife of Bill. Charlotte L. Thibault was born in Clayton, NY on June 23, 1926. She moved to Portland in 1944, and worked for the Federal Government for 20 years, retiring from the BPA. She married William G. Nautel in 1948. Survivors include her husband; daughters, Vicki Nautel and Cheri Gallison; son, William A.; sister, Betty Wetterhahn; 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**Joseph L. Rodrigues, Sr.**

Joe Rodrigues died August 30, 2003, at age 70. He moved to Sandy in 1977, and was FMO for the Zigzag RD, Mt. Hood NF, for several years. Earlier he had worked in R5. He has lived in Boardman, OR since 1992. No other information available.

**Walter Sakai**

Walter Sakai died Aug. 18, 2003, at age 83. Mr. Sakai was born Dec. 16, 1919, in Wapato, WA. During World War II, he was interned in Minidakota Relocation Center in Idaho and then served in the Army. He graduated from the U. of Washington, and moved to Beaverton in 1962.

**Memories—Sakai (Cont'd. p. 15)**

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### Memories—Sakai (*Cont'd.*)

He was an area manager for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, and dealt closely with the Forest Service in R6. In 1949 he married Shizuko Hayashi.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Stephen P; daughter, Carol Hodgson; brothers, William and Henry; sisters, Kimi Kai and Frances Niimi; and three grandchildren.

### Katherine Sigovich

Katherine "Katie" Sigovich died Sept. 10, 2003, at El Dorado Hills, CA. Katie was born May 10, 1913, in Portland, where she lived most of her life. In the past year or so she has been living near her dear nephews in El Dorado Hills. A service was held in Portland, OR, on Sept. 16, at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Katie was a landmark in the Regional Office for 36 years working up to a land deed specialist in her later years. Katie was also a long-time dedicated member and Secretary-Treasurer of the Thirty Year Club. We will all miss her.

Survivors include her nephews, Jack, David and Donald, whom she treated as her children; and cousin, Florence Cotthoff. (*Hope to have more stories and memories of Katie in the next newsletter*)

**Memories** (*Cont'd. next column*)

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#### Wallace "Wally" Tower

Wally Tower, age 88, died June 28, 2003, at his home in Salem. Wally was a member of PNWFSA. After graduating from Salem HS in 1932, he earned his pilots license in 1935. Prior to WW II he worked as a flight instructor. Later he trained pilots for military service and served as a test pilot for Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, CA. In 1952 Wally started working seasonally for the Forest Service, becoming Chief Pilot at the North Cascades Smoke jumper Base at Winthrop, WA in 1954. He moved to Portland in 1959 as Regional Air Officer, a position he held until his retirement in 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline; sons, Randy and Denny; daughter, Terri; 3 granddaughters; 2 grandsons; and 1 great-grandson.

#### Tom Greathouse Missing

Member Tom Greathouse has lived for a number of years in New Brunswick, Canada. The newsletter and notices that have been sent to him in regard to dues have not been deliverable lately. Tom spent a short early stint with the USFS, then went with private industry. Does anyone know about Tom? If you have contact with him, or knowledge of where he is, please let the Association know.

*Wendall Jones*

### The Service in Forest Service is Still There!

This is a thank you letter from Ron Price to District Ranger John Ouimet in regard to a rescue mission near Mt. Thielsen on the Umpqua NF:

Dear Ranger Ouimet:

On 13 July, men from your fire control crews responded to a medical emergency at the base of Mt. Thielsen. The injured hiker, Merrill Newman, was one of my hiking partners. All members of our hiking group were relieved to see the personnel from your district, come on the scene. Steve Burns, with calm and control, directed the initial actions and evaluated Newman. Other members of the crew (Hector Miramontes, Ryan Wickland and Douglas County Rescue Team Volunteers), were quick, diligent and considerate as they organized the site for helicopter evacuation. While packing out Newman's gear and assisting me to our parked vehicle, all members of this team showed a strong work ethic, a sense of teamwork, and outstanding standards of field-craft and common sense. As former smokejumper and Marine reconnaissance officer, I have had ample opportunity to see people respond to difficult situations, under arduous conditions. Your Team's performance reflects the core values and highest standards of Forest Service training.

*Ron Price*





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## Fall 2003

### 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**

### Food for Thought

Our Reunion 2005 is less than two years away. Clear your calendars for Sept. 2005, and start your own fund drive so that you can attend. And if you want to get involved in the preparation, or take on a job during the Reunion, let the Committee know. First volunteers should get the best jobs! And we welcome the working Forest Service to participate fully.

**Address changed? Please let the Association be one of the first you notify. A few weeks delay can result in you not getting your newsletter.**

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### Coming Events

**Forest Service Reunion**  
**Sept. 4—9, 2005**  
**Banquet— May 2, 2004**  
**Picnic— August 13, 2004**