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President's Message - Marlin Plank

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Now that the excitement generated by the Reunion has abated, it seems as if the PNWFSA can relax and get back to our usual business. Under the leadership of President Bob Tokarczyk, the Association's business went forward while the Reunion committee chaired by Bob Williams was in serious planning mode for over three years. That committee did an excellent job resulting in a highly successful commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Forest Service. A great many of our members worked on achieving that success and all are to be commended. However, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. We still face some issues, although not critical, that are still important if we are to continue to be a viable organization.

An extremely important component of the Association is the Area Representative. Without you stalwarts around the Region our membership numbers would surely suffer. I urge you to contact those people in your respective areas who are about to retire and encourage them to join the Association. Also, keep in contact with those who have already retired. I hope to explore ways to better facilitate relationships between the Board and all of you throughout the Region.

Other issues to be addressed are certainly not new ones. Doug Porter, Vern Clapp and others have in the past been concerned about insurance for Board members and the Association, our need to have an audit, and our ongoing participation agreement with the Region and Station together with our continued reliance on the funds we receive from them. There is also some question as to whether our annual and lifetime dues are sufficient to maintain us.

Lest I ramble too long here, I want to thank Bob T. for all his sage advice. Also thanks to Wendall for his great newsletters and to Bob McQuown for managing a wonderful web site. I look for-
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ward to working with Les Joslin and Don Nearhood who will replace those two gentlemen.

By the way, Bev Pratt, our hardworking Secretary, simply has too much to do for her to take notes at the Board meetings. We need a recording Secretary, just someone to take notes at the meetings, so if any of you who are able and would like to attend the meetings could take on that task please let Bev or someone on the Board know.

Marlin Plank



Marlin & June Plank

PAST PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

Bob Tokarczyk

I have enjoyed my tour of duty as your president of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association for the period from September 2004 to the end of September 2005. We have gained membership to an all time high. Our forest representatives have assisted us in adding new members to our group and I want to thank our regular members for recruiting new members. Our budget and finances continue to maintain funding that keeps our association gaining ground.

Past President *(Cont'd page 2)*

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Past President (*Cont'd. from page 1*)

We have appreciated help in this area by individual members such as Phil Hirl, Vern Clapp, Elmer Moyer, Bev Pratt and many others.

The big activity this year has been the Reunion 2005. Chairman Bob Williams was able to gather a tremendous crew who did an excellent job of successfully planning and producing the best reunion by far. We have received many letters and E-mails congratulating the reunion team on their efforts. The reunion team did an outstanding job with funding and finance for this effort and in the process came out on the plus side with funds for the next reunion when that place becomes available. Also some extra funding is available for the association to use on future needs, projects, charities and other things.

Some extra recognition should be given to Cherie and Fred Cooper for their efforts to produce a series of programs to entertain the reunion people. They produced a script for four days that was near perfect.

The silent auction team of Elmer and Mary Moyer, with many helpers, helped the reunion with a fun event that was the best of the four reunions so far. They handled the auction smoothly and the results were tremendous.

The tours during the reunion were chaired by Dick Delessegues, with many helpers, and all reports from attendees were very positive.

Hotel facilities were handled by Dave Jay and Murray Johnson and a very tough job was expertly handled by these two, even though the hotel changed owners during our planning process. We had many more volunteers that participated in the reunion and I want to thank the whole crew of 170 volunteers for their extraordinary effort to operate a very successful reunion.

We had many other events during the past year that were enjoyed by our members. The banquet at Charbonneau that honored Mort Lauridsen's birthday with a special appearance of the Dean of the College of Natural Resources of the University of Washington. Emil and Dorine Sabol chaired this event. The annual picnic was well attended and enjoyed by all with Jim List as our chairman. Jim did a top job even though he was having back problems.

Both events were catered by Dave Dalton.

Some other changes during this past year should help the Association in the future. We voted to approve Bureau of Land Management people to join our association. We also have an approved system so vouchers to the Forest Service for funding to the association can be facilitated. This was accomplished by Vern Clapp with help from others.

We also have changed website managers from Bob McQuown to Don Nearhood. We applaud Bob McQuown for setting up the original website and keeping it running for years and we appreciate Don Nearhood for taking the website managers job.

In closing I would like to thank the present board for a very good year, and your input and advice on all issues assisted in good decisions and improving the association on all fronts.

I will be around as past president and looking forward to the rest of 2005 and 2006.

Your Past President, Bob Tokarczyk

Old Smokey Investments

Lifetime Trust Funds – Ever wonder what happens to the Lifetime dues payments when they are paid. Most is socked away into investment account(s), called the PNWFSA Lifetime Trust Fund (LTF). The dividend income from these investments is used for operating funds to help cover the lifetime membership expenses. These reserves currently stand at about \$50,000.

Investment Committee – Earlier this year the Old Smokey Executive Board reviewed these investments. A committee made up of Phil Hirl, John Marker and Vern Clapp was asked to look over the investment accounts and make recommendations for any changes in either the investments or policy.

New Accounts – The committee has recommended that funds be shifted from Columbia Funds into Vanguard Funds, in particular Vanguard GNMA and Vanguard Inflation-Protected Funds. Both these mutual funds are no-load bond funds that pay reasonably well, and are low risk and quite safe. The balance, about one-third of the LTF, is to be placed in a US Treasury Note, again a low risk investment that provides some diversification from the Vanguard bond funds.

This changeover will happen in the next few months. We are confident that this investment strategy will protect the Association's Lifetime Trust Funds savings while providing operating income. *Vern Clapp, Treasurer*

OldSmokey Had a Great Ride

The OldSmokeys website is alive and well in the hands of its new webmaster, Don Nearhood.

From the time that I first created the domain name, OldSmokeys.org in February 2001, I have had tremendous support and encouragement from a whole host of people. It's been a lot of fun—more fun than work, and it has kept me personally 'connected' to the Forest Service family and its many retirees. The domain name 'OldSmokeys' eventually was adopted as a more 'user-friendly' moniker for the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (replacing the former 30-Year Club). During my 4 ½ year tenure I probably had more online and personal contact with people (FS and other) from throughout the US and for that matter from all over the planet than at any time in my life. Initially, the site received relatively few 'hits', but now consistently registers 40-80,000 'hits' a month and can be easily found by most search engines.

Turning OldSmokeys over to someone else was a hard thing for me to do, and I will miss the work and the contacts, but the time has come for a change and I feel confident that Don will bring an entirely new perspective to the website. I wish him well...

Bob McQuown

**Annual Dues Payers
Your Attention Please!**

The coupon for your annual dues is on Page 19 of this newsletter. Your 2006 dues are to be paid by January 1. Please save your Secretary and Treasurer some work and pay now.

FOREST SERVICE REUNION SEPTEMBER 5-9, 2005 PORTLAND, OREGON

“It was a great ride”

On this page and page 4 and 5 are observations, testimony and words of appreciation from a number of folks who played major or support roles in the 100th Anniversary Reunion of the Forest Service in September. I hope this will give you some insight into the dedication and love that went into making this gathering a great success. *Your Editor*

Bringing Together the Past and Present

By Tom Nygren

What did the 2005 Reunion mean to us as past and present Forest Service people? The Reunion was an important event in the history of the Forest Service. It brought together past and present Forest Service employees, and a number of "friends of the Forest Service", to celebrate two significant events in American history the exploration of the Northwest by the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the establishment of the US Forest Service. The Lewis and Clark expedition opened new frontiers and expectations for the settling of the American West, and the Forest Service established new frontiers and expectations for the American conservation movement. How appropriate it is to celebrate these two events together! Twelve hundred people who have had important roles in helping the Forest Service blaze new trails gathered together to celebrate the past and present of the Forest Service, and reflect on the accomplishments of earlier trailblazers, Lewis and Clark. And perhaps best of all, these 1200 people renewed their old friendships, and established new ones! I am proud to be one of the people involved in helping to make this happen. Working with a fine group of people who selflessly worked to put on a quality Reunion was an outstanding experience! Visiting with old friends from college days and from previous assignments from the east coast to the west added the icing on the cake.

Tom Nygren

Thanks, Bob Williams, for your great leadership from all who have rode down this trail with you. We may have run into a yellow jackets nest here and there, but we never had a horse or mule go down. Happy trails to you and Mary Lou.



Chairman Bob

The Big Deal by John Marker

With the umpteen years I have worked for and around the Forest Service I can't think of a conference, convention or similar "Big Deal" gathering that was more satisfying than the 2005 Reunion. And I have never been involved in an event with a better group of people than those who formed the team that made the reunion happen. If you attended the reunion I believe you'll agree with me, the reunion team did one fine job of hosting over 1,200 people and making them feel welcome to the Northwest and proud of their association with the Forest Service.

It was five years ago at the October Oldsmokeys board meeting when the idea of hosting the next retiree reunion was brought up and the decision made to do it. I am not sure any of us knew exactly what we were getting into, but it looked like a challenge that Oldsmokeys members could handle, and we were right.

Shortly after the board approved the sponsorship of the reunion we were able to recruit Bob Williams to chair the event, and away we went, starting with a small core group to do the initial planning for the event, and then expanding the reunion team as we moved from planning to the hands-on work of changing plans to actions. Looking back, it doesn't seem like it has been five years of meetings and working together. One of the reasons time seemed to pass so quickly was the enjoyment of being with people with a great can-do attitude.

Another positive for me was the help I got in spreading the word about the reunion to retirees in other parts of the country, and to Forest Service people. For a number of reasons direct mail was never a viable option, but thanks to the help of retiree newsletter editors in other regions, the Forest Service's willingness to publicize the reunion internally, the assistance of Chuck Lundeen's retiree network, the National Museum of Forest Service History and the retiree's "grapevine" we reached the majority of retirees around the United States and some living in other countries.

And speaking of "getting the word out" the reunion committee had outstanding support from the Region 6 Public and Legislative Affairs staff in working with media, providing graphic services, and liaison with other units of the Forest Service and helping us take care of a hundred little details that by being handled well contributed to the reunion's success.

So as we wind down from this premier event and clean up the "back room" paperwork, the good feeling of being part of a successful "Big Deal" lingers, and for me will be a memory that will not disappear. *John Marker*

Your ballot for your next President-Elect is on Page 19 of this newsletter. Give him some support and send in a ballot. You can also vote by email.

More Reunion comments:

Well Oiled and a Few Bumps

By Fred & Cherie Cooper

The Reunion was a long time in planning but when all was said and done, it was well worth it! What a Team! It was well oiled and the machinery really hummed. Without the cooperation and teamwork, the Reunion would not have been as successful as it was.

There were a few bumps along the way but even those seemed to go unnoticed by the Reunion attendees. For example, there was a change in our keynote speaker at the last minute, which affected two spots on our program. Our search team was put back in action and excellent replacements were found. Dr. Steven Dow Beckham became our Wednesday night dinner speaker. He delivered an outstanding presentation on Lewis' and Clark's Corps of Discovery. In addition, three former Chiefs came through for us with an enlightening and entertaining panel on Thursday morning. It was teamwork right down to the end.

The Program Team was outstanding! Everyone on the team did a great job! Working on the Program Team gave us the opportunity to work with talented and reliable individuals. The team makeup was the kind that you would have wanted to choose for yourself during your career if only you would have had the opportunity. What a pleasure it was to work with them. The only big hitch we had was when Bev Pratt called on Friday night after the Reunion to let us know that she and the Moyers were on their way to Mexico with the Silent Auction money. After their final count, they must have wanted to party!

We owe a great deal of gratitude to Region 6, to the PNW Station, and to the Washington Office for their support and contributions. The Red Lion's hotel staff was very experienced and accommodating to the Reunion Committee in every way. It was a pleasure working with them.

The only shortcoming we experienced was being so involved with the Reunion implementation that we didn't have much time to visit or to attend all of the activities. Next time we will! We are relieved and proud that the Reunion was a success and that someone else will have the responsibility for the next one.

Fred & Cherie Cooper

Charles 'Dick' Joy - A 'Joyful' experience

It was a great experience and a real success story. The whole week was very well organized and events came off flawlessly. From registration on Sunday to farewell on Friday, it was one nice happy family of folks enjoying themselves. I've enjoyed 3 of the 4 reunions and this was the best (they seem to get better & better). There never seems like enough time to get in a real good visit with any one of the many encounters. With some, you could get caught up with family events; with others it was "good to see you, and let's get together later". The R-6 Retirees deserve a great dish of compliments for pulling it off in first class fashion. We felt it was ONE GREAT BASH - FIRST CLASS.

Dick Joy

In 1904, California had a population of 1.4 million people. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee each had more.

The Step Through the Door

By David Jay

You know sometimes when you take that step through the "door" and the path is not clear thru the mist, it seems easier and safer to step back rather than going forward.

For the Reunion 2005 Steering Committee, we all stepped through behind our leader, Bob. At first the fog hung in there, the path was steep, logs and rocks clogged the trail, yet we persisted and closed our ears to the naysayers. At the first summit we could see ahead. The trail leveled out and we continued to move forward.

More folks joined us; the teamwork was outstanding. People along the way cheered us on and finally we arrived at camp. Food, entertainment, tours, great rejoicing was ours.

For me to have experienced this journey that brought so much pleasure to so many has been a highlight of my retirement.

We all really gained more for taking the journey than those that came to the Reunion. It was just outstanding to be one of those who could make a difference. *David Jay*

...What FS People Can do

By Dick Deleissegues

Whew... it's over, and what an outstanding event. It was great to be a part of it. I think it will go down in FS history as the best reunion ever, and a credit to the agency--- an example of what FS people can do, and continue to do, even when "retired". It probably exceeded our expectations. Special thanks to the Gifford Pinchot NF and the Mt. St. Helens NVM, the Mt. Hood NF, and the Columbia Gorge NSA for their involvement and assistance in the conduct of tours. It was my pleasure to work with all of you. I feel I have made some wonderful new friends in the process. The outcomes make it obvious that our work paid off for us and all of those that attended. And thanks to all of you that helped me in my piece of the action, the tours. The best work I did was to get some outstanding people to lead the tours. Dave Trask did all of the work for the Lewis and Clark Tours. I think the key to our effort was (1) to get a good bus company (RAZ) tied up for the buses 2 years in advance, (2) get Dave Dalton to cater the lunches, and (3) get good dependable and fun-loving people to lead the tours. The rest is history. *Dick Deleissegues*

A note from Bob Spivey

The Reunion Committee and the many volunteers did great work, and there was a lot of work involved in planning and producing such a huge event. There were way too many old friends to have extended conversations, way too many events to pay close attention to all. I loved every minute of it! As long as the body is upright I plan to attend these events. I went on the Lewis and Clark Tour. It was my first chance to check out the Pacific Coast end of their trip. A great two days, and yes the box lunches and the Salmon dinner were great. Then I went on the Columbia River Gorge NSA tour. Had been involved (while in the WO) in working with R-6 in the first attempts to figure out what the legislation intended, and how to implement it. Glad to see how far they have come, and of course there are lots of challenges

The Values We Hold Dear...Still In Place

By Jim Bull

Three plus years of plans were in place; contracts were signed; the weather was perfect; a crew of 175 was lined up to help. Suddenly, Reunion 2005 was underway. Such a week full of opportunities, but it seems like a brief moment now, only a week later. Intense experiences seem to have that effect - at least they do with me.

The time visiting with old friends was never long enough to catch up on the years that have intervened since we worked together. Time working with new friends preparing for the event never seemed to allow for really getting to know them on a personal basis as we focused on the objective at hand. But those interactions with friends both old and new, as fleeting as they were, add to my collection of quality memories associated with "the outfit".

As well as providing an historical context, the variety of presentations gave me a better understanding of the issues faced by the FS today. (If really pressed, I think I could even speak extemporaneously on Dale's four focus points.) In the process of hearing and seeing those presentations and interacting with individuals, I was impressed by the dedication and professionalism displayed by active employees. It seemed just as strong and focused on quality accomplishments as those efforts we recall from our own past experiences as we cared for the land and served people. The specific tasks may have changed, but the basic can-do approach seems still firmly embedded in the FS today.

Finally, the Esprit de Corps of retirees and active employees alike tells me that the values we all hold dear are still in place. The spirit displayed at Reunion 2005 has bolstered the pride I feel another notch, and I'm grateful that a decision made at about age 12 led to an active role with the Forest Service for one-third of its centennial journey. *Jim Bull*

Oldsmokeys Reunion Hospitality Room

Room 216 at the Red Lion on the River was a bustle of activity most of the time it was open. This room was to do double duty as a meeting room for the Reunion Committee and a Hospitality Room. It was a place to lay back and chat with old friends. Oldsmokeys provided a wide choice of drinks and munchies including fresh from the garden tomatoes from Becky Delesseigues and Susie Wood, grapes from Rick Ross' vineyard, and Dick Ferraro furnished a goodly supply of his excellent wine (Dick is a pro at marketing...furnish a little wine and sell a lot). At one point Bob Williams had to find another place to meet with his committee because the room was too crowded and noisy. Bev Pratt, Doug Porter, and Wendall Jones put this hospitality room together in just a few days before the Reunion. It was a great addition to the Reunion and well worth the \$200 budget to furnish items that were not donated. Beer, wine, soda pop, bottled water and coffee were available during the day anytime that there was not a scheduled program for the reunion.

A bunch of Oldsmokeys volunteered to host the hospitality room on hour or two hour shifts. If I tried to name them all I would probably forget someone. The purpose of the hospitality room was to offer a payback to people attending the reunion---a thank you for coming. *Wendall Jones*

A Reunion for the Soul

By Wendall Jones

I will look back on the 2005 Reunion/100th Anniversary Celebration of the US Forest Service as one of the greatest events in my life. Not because of the great performances, the great-great tours, the superb banquets and breakfast, the outstanding speakers, the Ranger boat or the Dodge pickup, and the almost infallible management of the whole week. It was the opportunity to meet and greet the many dear friends and co-workers of our (Jessie and my---I think many wives think of it as their career also) fifty-three plus years of being a Forest Service couple.

Checking the attendance list, I count about 230 individuals and couples (didn't count couples as two) that we knew or met and conversed with at the reunion. There were perhaps thirty other people that we knew but never managed to cross their paths in the mingling crowds. So if you are a local Portland area person and did not see us, or thought we were ignoring you, it was just a matter of priorities. We wanted to maximize our time with dear friends that we may not see again, at least for several years.

I heard that someone complained about a chicken dinner. Really folks, I thought the food was great but was not on my list of things to care about. I would have been pleased if it had been a peanut butter sandwich (John Butruille would agree). Would have left more time to visit.

But aside from a few complaints, I found that most of the at least 400 people we talked with had nothing but high praise for everything. All those terms that have a superlative ending were ringing in my ears, and I hope reached the ears of Bob Williams and his cast of hundreds.

I heard a few people express concern that no one will want to host the next reunion because they would not be able to come up to the expectations set by Bob Williams and crew. My response to those folks was, and still is, "Wait one moment, this was the 100th anniversary of the US Forest Service, its working folks and retirees, and friends of the great organization we all cherish. This was much more than a rotation of five year reunions."

With that admonishment, I hope that we can get someone to step forward and take the reins. The PNWFSA will have some worthwhile seed money to give a financial boost to the next hosts. We have also heard suggestions that we not wait for five years to gather again, but perhaps think in terms of a three-year rotation. Five years is a long time for us approaching our full retirement.

Last but not least I want to use this forum to thank Chief Dale Bosworth and Regional Forester Linda Goodman for providing financial help and expertise from the working Forest Service. Might be a good idea to pick up pen or keyboard and show these two administrators your appreciation also. I know they both will pass on such comments to their organizations. Thanks, Dale and Linda for being friends of the retirees. *Wendall Jones*

Spring Banquet will again be held at Charbonneau. Hosts Emil and Dorine Sabol are already working on arrangements. Set aside May 21, a bit later than usual to fit availability of the facility. Hope to see you in the Spring.

“We Had an Objective in Mind” Our Book Continues to be Fun!

Putting our book together was great fun! Now I'm finding that selling it is great fun also! In addition to selling books through mail orders and at the Reunion, some of us have been selling books to our friends and neighbors, at retiree get-togethers, and at a few Forest and Ranger District employee meetings. We need to do more selling to R-6 Forest employees – they deserve this collection of stories describing our heritage.

The opportunity for direct sales is endless. Dick Connelly set up a book reading at the High Desert Museum in Bend. Pam Devereaux Wilson sold books at a local SAF meeting and arranged for sales at the Siuslaw NF showing of the centennial movie “The Greatest Good.” Willamette NF Forest Supervisor Dallas Emch bought a box of 20 to use for non-monetary awards. Folks at the Eugene BLM came across a copy and called me to buy several books.

Our book is attractive to a wide range of ages and interests. I was at an all-employee work day hosted by two Willamette NF districts, and a number of young summer workers bought books. I carry a box of books in my car and whenever I have the opportunity to describe our book, I sell one or two.

The Detroit RD District Ranger put it well when he introduced my presentation to his employees. He said, “This book is a classic, describing the history of our Region through personal stories. It isn't available at commercial outlets and at some point in time will be out of print and a collectable!” In other words, buy it now while you have the chance.

We are looking for some more sales people. Check out the other article below if you are interested. *Rolf Anderson*

Oldsmokey Wants You to Help Sell Books

Sales of our book, “We Had an Objective in Mind”, have done well enough that we are already operating in ‘the black.’ But now “Our Objective” is to look for new opportunities for sales. Strong efforts by Rolf Anderson, Pam Wilson and Dick Connelly and Doug Porter have resulted in good sales on the Willamette, Siuslaw, Deschutes and Mt. Hood NFs. With the reaction we have had from young employees to those approaching retirement, we believe there is opportunity and need to put some effort into sales at all of the other Forests and Stations in the Region.

Phil Hirl has started a process of working through our Association Forest Representatives to take the lead in this effort. But if you would like to participate in selling books in your area, get in touch with Phil Hirl. He will give you details on becoming a sales person.

This is a good way for involving the whole Region in getting this excellent book of stories about you and your predecessors in Region 6 into the hands of folks throughout our beautiful northwest. *Phil Hirl/Wendall Jones*

See Book Order Form on Page 19 of this newsletter. Join over 600 people who already have the book. You will enjoy.

“We Had an Objective in Mind”

Book Review by John Marker

I am three quarters of the way through the book, and I have to tell you it is a great "read." Rolf and company did a superb job of providing a look at the real Forest Service, the people out doing things on the ground. The stories shared provide an insight into the reason so many of are proud of our careers in the Outfit.

My early years with the Forest Service were spent in Region 5, but most of the stories mirror the adventures of people in that region. I am slow reading because each tale, whether it be Jack Smith's description of his exploits in eastern Oregon, or Wendall and Jessie Jones fighting the floods of 64, get me to thinking of experiences in California back in the 50's, 60's and 70's. And like a glass of Dick Ferraro's wine, each memory is to be savored as long as possible.

Rolf with his helpers, Wendall Jones, Dave Scott, Pam Wilson and Phil Hirl with the words; and Dick Buscher and Dick Connelly with the pictures, have created a book that is fun to read for us old "rangers". It is an insightful book about the FS culture for those who wonder about the organization, and a tribute to the people who have served the country so well. This little group has proven that there are exceptions to the rule: Sometimes committees do good work.

For those of you who haven't read the book, get thee a copy and enjoy a delightful trip back into the days of old. *John Marker*

Oregonian writer comments on our book:

In a Sept. 2 email to Rolf Anderson, John Terry, History writer for the Oregonian, says:

Thanks ever so much for your note on "Objective," and I apologize for not getting back to you sooner. My e-mail has a tendency to back up on me. I'm deeply indebted to Phil Hirl, first for alerting me to the project, second for keeping me abreast of its progress, and finally for seeing a copy come into my hands. And to you and all who contributed to its contents and had a hand in putting it together, congratulations and heaps of credit for preserving the wonderful lore surrounding the Forest Service's long and vital influence in the region. I trust it is gaining a wide circulation and will sail through a second printing and beyond.

Best regards, John Terry, History writer for Oregonian

In an August 2 email to John Terry, former Chief Max Peterson writes:

I just read via internet your excellent article (*about the book, We Had an Objective in Mind*) regarding the Forest Service. Fortunately the technology has changed over time but the early values of public service, dedication to conservation, integrity and enthusiasm has generally remained strong through the years.

Thanks to journalists like you for keeping the public informed and aware of the legacy of the past that is also important today. I hope to visit with Forest Service people as well as others in the Portland area when we visit there for the Forest Service Reunion September 5-10, 2005. Best Regards, Max Peterson

The Motor Vessel Chugach Of Petersburg, Alaska

When the forerunner of the Tongass National Forest was created by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1902, a literal sea change took place in the Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division (actually the General Land Office of the Department of Interior until 1905). Up to that point the 'Rangers' (Forest Reserve Rangers) of what would become the Forest Service had to be expert horsemen to traverse their 'ranges' in the Lower 48. Horses wouldn't be much use in Southeast Alaska.

The "Ranger Boat" takes the place of the saddle and packhorse; hip boots and a rain slicker the place of chaps; and it is much more essential that a Ranger know how to adjust his spark plug than to be able to throw a diamond hitch. William Weigel, the second Tongass Forest Ranger wrote in the early years: "His steed may do just as much pitching and bucking, but this is prompted not by a spirit of animal perversity but by the spirit of climatic adversity." But even more so than climatic adversity, it was the great distances – mostly over 12,000 miles of coast and inland saltwater ways – that the Rangers had to contend with that led to the creation of the Ranger Boats, a hardy lot of more than a dozen craft that have served the Forest Service for nearly a century in the waters of Alaska." (Kiffer, Ketchikan Daily News, 2002)

The M/V Chugach, constructed in 1925 to serve the Chugach National Forest, is the last remaining wooden Ranger Boat in Federal service. She is a 62 foot, fir over oak,



carvel-planked "survey" vessel with a raked stem, round bilge, a full keel, and a round stern. It is arranged with a raised foredeck that carries a raised pilothouse. The side decks are dropped 21 inches at the back of the deckhouse where the main cabin carries toward the stern and the aft deck. One galley, one head, and eight berths are found inside.

Originally, the M/V Chugach was equipped with a 75hp, 12,000lb, 3 cylinder Atlas diesel engine operating at 350 rpm. The present engine is a GMC 6-71 diesel, creating about 300 hp that yields a speed of 8.5 knots at 1500 rpm while using about 5.5 gph of fuel. In 1994-5 the vessel underwent a major refit in Port Townsend, WA.

The M/V Chugach along with the newer steel hulled Tongass Ranger and Sitka Ranger (both 45 years old) provide marine support to the USFS work in roadless and sensitive areas of the 16 million acre Tongass National Forest. The Tongass N.F. is comprised of a string of islands in southeast Alaska approximately 300 miles long and 50 miles wide.

MV Chugach (Cont'd. on page 8)

Forest Service 1925 Dodge Brothers Business Car

Region 3's 1925 Dodge Brothers Business Car is the oldest vehicle in the Forest Service that has always been owned by the Forest Service. Many people played a part in its salvage and restoration over the past 80 years. We should remember them.

It was originally a part of the "fleet" of the old Crook National Forest in southern Arizona. In the early 1930's, Ranger James W. Girdner salvaged it from sale at Klondike and drove and skidded it down a very steep wagon road with 40 percent grades to be used in the bottom of Rattlesnake canyon in the Galiuro Mountains. There it would stay for the next 30 plus years as Ranger Girdner could not get it out and was too stubborn to try. He wanted a new truck. He saved the Dodge Brothers!

It was occasionally seen by a passing ranger, but was judged to be junk. Ranger Dick Johnson spotted it in 1941. World War II came and went and the heroes of Normandy that lived came home. One that returned and joined the Forest Service was "Chuck" Ames, a tough paratrooper and good horseman. Chuck, Jack McCombs, and Fred Galley rode horse back into Rattlesnake Canyon about 1958 and came across the old truck. A report of its sighting reached the Regional Office in Albuquerque. The RO decided that payment for all back use was due. The Forest Administrative Officer, Norm Wesden and Chuck, upon receiving the bill, decided that the best form of payment was to take the year's supply of S&H Green Stamps collected from fuel purchases and send them along with a letter to the RO. This they did, paying the bill and the truck was now in good standing.

In 1960, Chuck Ames along with Dan Williams, Jack McCombs and Arizona Daily Star Reporter Bob Thomas rode into Powers Garden to inspect the old DB truck. Thomas gave wide publicity to the unique vehicle after seeing it parked in the station orchard.

In 1965, again led by Chuck Ames and with Cecil Sims, the old DB was helicoptered out of Powers Garden and taken to Albuquerque. There, Cecil Thompson, Mike Chavez and Lester Soncrant put her back into working condition.



Tom Kuhn and Tom Hooker

Regional Forester William D. Hurst supported the project when he arrived in 1966 and signed repair tickets.

After restoration, the truck would be used for parades in New Mexico and Arizona while stationed at the Continental Divide Training Center in New Mexico. There, former Regional Foresters Arthur C. Ringland and William D. Hurst and Chief Edward P. Cliff, drove it. In 1981, Kaibab Forest Fleet Manager Tom Hooker saw it at Knob Hill RS and volunteered to take over its

1925 Dodge (Cont'd. on page 8)

MV Chugach (Cont'd. from page 7)

Historically, the M/V Chugach has had diverse missions including: Search and Rescue, assisting the Post Office, Census Bureau, Lighthouse Service, Army Corp of Engineers, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Alaska Road Commission from Kodiak Island to Ketchikan. Her traditional work has been and continues to be to transport and provide housing and a work platform for work crews of all disciplines in isolated saltwater locations on the Tongass N.F. For eighty years she has served the US Forest Service. (By Mike Cruise, September 1, 2005) *from John Marker*



Max Peterson and Beth Schlapfer



Ted Stubblefield and Tim Rogan



Paul Enberg (photog for many of our pictures)

1925 Dodge (Cont'd. from page 7)

management. Robert "Doc" Dockerty and Fred "Perico" Avila helped. Doc and Perico painted the truck twice and Tom built wooden spokes, a new top and a steering wheel. Kaibab Forest Engineer Carl Winslow and Forest Supervisor Andy Lindquist supported keeping the DB.

In 1991, with a new enclosed trailer, it traveled to Cody, Wyoming for the National Forest System Centennial. It was on display outside of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center and at the Wapati Ranger Station and was seen in two parades in Cody. Later that year, it went to the National Forest Service Retirees reunion in Glenwood Springs, Colorado where Chief Dale Robertson went for a ride and former Chiefs John R. McGuire and Max Peterson could be found standing next to it for pictures.



The 1925 Dodge Brothers has carried Smoky Bear more times than any other vehicle since its first restoration 40 years ago. Thanks to all the Forest Service people who over the years have helped to make this happen and are remembered during this Forest Service Centennial Year for this and their many other contributions. (By Tom Hooker, September 1, 2005)



Riders in the Dirt Band



The Four Get Ables or is it Five Get Ables

HURRICANES AND THE USFS

Incident teams and crews

Interagency incident teams, hand crews, logistics specialists, and other support personnel are responding to assist FEMA at nearly 30 sites in Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi.

About 3,500 (2,760 Forest Service) wildland fire personnel from federal agencies in 47 states had been mobilized to support the relief effort. As of early this week, there were 2 Area Command Teams, 6 Type I Incident Management Teams, 5 Type II Incident Management Teams, 5 Logistics Management Teams, 1 Planning Team, 33 Type II crews, 15 T2-IA crews, 22 camp crews, and 7 aircraft mobilized.)

Currently, the Forest Service has filled 48 task orders and additional resource orders are anticipated. Assignments include support of long-term mortuary operations, all-agency radio/phone/data communications, receiving and distributing thousands of truckloads of supplies, and providing evacuees with food, clothing and shelter. In addition, Forest Service aircraft is being used to airlift 325 New York City Fire Department folks to New Orleans. *From R6 Updates for Sept. 15*

Job Corps

Job Corps has also been deeply involved. As of September 15 there were 23 student crews totaling 229 students and 35 staff members. Camp Angell CCC sent a staffer as an expert in tree removal helping utility crews. Wolf Creek CCC sent 9 students and one staff to Hammond, LA. *From JCCC Newsletter*

Hurricane Donations at Reunion

Late in the reunion week a donation kitty was set up for USFS employees impacted by gulf coast storms. Over \$6000 has been collected and will be directed to Region 8 and National Finance Center impacted employees in New Orleans through NAFSR and NFF with the assistance of the Chief's office. *Wendall Jones*

New PNWFSA Brochure

Under the leadership of Bev Pratt, help with pictures and format from Dick Buscher, and utmost cooperation of E-print, our printer, we have a new full color Association brochure. It includes a number of beautiful scenes from around the Region, tells a bit about our Association and includes a pitch for membership. It is a full 8 1/2 x 11 printed on both sides that fold into a 3 3/4 x 8 1/2 brochure. We also printed some membership applications that fit into the folded product. If you would like a small supply of these brochures to give to friends who might be prospective members, or to distribute a few to your local USFS office, let Bev Pratt know and she can send you a few. *Wendall Jones*

R6 Updates

Due to lack of space, we are not carrying R6 Updates in this issue. R6 Updates is the source of information in some of the articles herein. R6 Updates are available through our Oldsmokeys website. Kathy Bowman does a great job on the R6 Updates and we regret not being able to carry her news in this issue. *Your editor.*

Silent Auction at Reunion

Now if that isn't a misnomer! It was seldom silent around the large display of items for sale at the silent auction. It got especially noisy on Thursday afternoon just before the auction closed at 3:00 pm. But it was all worthwhile to the tune of over \$11,000 brought in to support Reunion and PNWFSA expenses. We want to take the space to give you the names of the artists, technicians and collectors who donated items to this very special event:

Mike Ash	Leona Badger	Paula Benjamin
Bon Boelter	Carma Bosworth	Charlotte Brumbaugh
Bill Bruner	Dick Buscher	Wes Carlson
Maxine Connelly	Ray Connelly	Cherie Cooper
Fred Cooper	Glenn Cooper	Carol Cromley
Beverly Elder	Eldon Estep	Dick Ferraro
Larry Fellows	Jack Godden	Walter Hankins
Bob Harris	Hank Hays	Bill Herbolsheimer
Bob Hetzer	Murray Johnson	Jessie Jones
Vernelle Ketchum	Jim LeBau	Frank Lewis
Pat McCarthy	Bob McQuown	John Marker
Marilyn Mohla	F. Marion Morrill	Carl Moyer
Ellmer Moyer	Mary Moyer	Charlie Newlon
David & Beverly	Note	Pat Nygren
Beverly Olsen	Neil Opsal	Jean Pablo
Pat Palmer	Kevin Paulson	Steve Paulson
Doug Porter	Lita Post	Bev Pratt
Conrad Reinke	Tim Rogan	Carolyn Rondthaler-
Dorine Sabol	Betty Soule	Bob Spivey
Fred Stormer	Marjean Torheim	Dave Trask
Jane Walters	Mary Lou Williams	Bonna & John Wilson-
Jim Wilson	Lorin Woerpel	Jerry Wojack
Jan Wold	Dick Woodfin	

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From the Silent Auction Group

Changes Around Region 6

Kevin Martin is new Forest Supervisor on Umatilla NF
 Rob Iwamoto is new Forest Supervisor on Mt. Baker/Snoq. NF
 Larry Timchak, Forest Supervisor of the Ochoco NF has gone to R4 as Supervisor on the Caribou/Targhee NF
 Richard Rine is the new Forest Supervisor on the Fremont/Winema NF, from Medicine Bow/Routt NF in R1
 R6 has lost Roy Roosevelt to the Human Resources offices in Albuquerque, NM
 Marti Marshall replaces Judy Levin as Deputy Director for Recreation, Lands & Minerals
 Jerome (Jerry) Beatty has a new job as the Director of the Western Wildland Environmental Threat Assessment Center, co-located in the Ochoco NF SO in Prineville. Jerry is Deputy Director, State and Private Forestry, Forest Health Protection.
Info from R6 Updates and Connie Redmond

Members Corner

Letters from Members

John & Mary Poppino

I know you can put this to good use. We've gotten our \$50 Lifetime membership investment returned many times. Who knows, this may extend our LT membership to equal that of Gail Baker!

Ethel Jennings

Enclosed is a check for dues and delinquency fee for present year (\$20), postage for past newsletter (\$1), and optimistically \$10 fee for next year's dues. I have a post-retirement procrastination problem and a few others-----! Does wonders for me to spend time in the woods. Sorry for the mix-up. I feel strongly about staying in touch with the USFS activities--- retirees and present Forest administration.

Mort Lauridsen *(Letter written to President Tokarczyk)*

To say the very least, I was greatly honored by the recognition given to my 95th birthday at the Spring Banquet, and I sincerely thank you and the retirees and their guests for making it a memorable occasion for me. And, I appreciated the kind words from Dean Bruce Bare and Bill Hagenstein on my behalf. It was a beautiful banquet and I was pleased to share the camaraderie among friends.

Attending the monthly meetings of the group has been a distinct pleasure that I look forward to each month in anticipation of the fellowship of visiting with dedicated and down-to-earth foresters and engineers. It is a great group and I seldom miss a meeting. Again I thank you, Bob, for the recognition of my birthday at the Spring Banquet.

Lois Jorgensen

Hi – to you. Please delete my name from the membership list. I know far more names in the obits, than as members and it saddens me. The Forest Service years were good ones for Glen and me. We had a great life and no regrets. *(Ed. Note: this letter got misplaced and should have been in the Summer newsletter— Sorry!)*

Wendall Jones

The first time I really met Rex Resler is when he and others were indoctrinating me into the Forestry Honor Society at Oregon State. I had seen him around the building before that but never personally met him. Later he was on the Willamette NF, where he was the greatest at advice and counsel---nothing glitzy, just good straightforward help with a smile. I watched him get bucked off his horse early one morning at Graham Corral on the Deschutes. He was airborne for what seemed minutes and barely missed colliding with a big yellow-belly Ponderosa pine. His words to the horse are not repeatable, but he got right back on the horse with no trouble. His size made him notable in a crowd, but his actions spoke more loudly. A great mentor for many of us.

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Jerry Patchen

It was with a great deal of sadness this week to learn of the deaths of Ed Anderson and Herb Rudolph, both of whom were among my heroes in the Forest Service. Ed was timber staff on the Malheur when I was at Prairie City. He was instrumental in bringing new ideas, approaches and vigor to the Malheur timber management programs as well as establishing firm but appropriate F.S. – company relationships. On top of that, he was an excellent counselor and mentor. He and his wife, Olive, were warm and gracious friends to Bobbe and me. He will be greatly missed by us.

Although I had met Herb Rudolph earlier, we weren't well acquainted until he became timber staff on the Malheur, after Ed Anderson. He was easy to work with – as long as one didn't try to con him. He had a memory like an elephant! Later he became Supervisor of the Winema where I was timber staff. Herb was a very good boss and I very much enjoyed working for him and learned a lot from him.

In the recently published We Had an Objective in Mind, Chapter four is entitled Opportunity, Experience and Good Times. To me, Ed and Herb were among the stalwarts of that era – people of vision, purpose, dedication, public service and integrity. In short, they were the Forest Service. (I'm not minimizing the legacy left by the people of the earlier times; it's just that I didn't know very many of them personally.) Ed and Herb will be greatly missed. Mike Kerrick on p. 554 of the above book says' "An organization is only as good as its people!" If the men and women of the Forest Service of the future are people of integrity, they will do fine with whatever challenges befall.

Phil Hirl

Of all the big brass people in my career I think Herb Rudolph was my favorite friend. He had a knack for knowing people. First time I met Herb was '63 when I was on summer detail to Snoqualmie NF for bridge project. He was Fire Staff. Next time I met Herb was '65 when I was transferred to Malheur NF as Asst. Forest Engineer. He was TM staff there and remembered me from my short tour on Snoq NF. Never forgot that. How could he possibly remember me, a detailer? He was still sort of brass but that did not stop us from enjoying local HS sports events together. Even traveled out of town a few times together. Then he went to Winema as Supervisor. I left R6 for 5 years and returned to RO in '75. Herb had a sort of reputation as tough guy, but not to me. Whenever I went to Umatilla he always said more than hello. One time after he had retired and I had not, I was driving down I-84 into Pendleton and he flagged me down to say hi.

Jim Torrence

I am really sad to learn of Herb Rudolph's death. I had the privilege of Rangering for Herb on the Winema NF. I could not have had a finer person to work for. Herb was a mentor, counselor and friend. At a critical time he helped me in my personal and professional life. I will forever be in his debt. He was a truly great man. I will miss him.

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Elton Thomas

I remember Herb Rudolph with a story he told me when I was District Ranger at Winthrop in the Methow valley of the Okanogan NF. I had the pleasure of taking him on a Pasayten wilderness trip with Bill McLaughlin. He told me about working on the Okanogan as a junior forester...I believe he was working in Twisp; although, it could have been on the Okanogan side. Anyway, he was overseeing the construction of a campground at Loup Loup summit. That campground is named "jr camp." Herb told me that the name derived from a clever person (I don't recall who) who named the camp in honor of a 'Jr' Forester by the name of Herb Rudolph.

Wayne Gaskins (retired timber industry association staffer)

Thanks to Gene Chelstad forwarding me the info re Herb Rudolph, I learned of Herb's passing. It was a great pleasure knowing and working with Herb over the years. I appreciated learning of Herb and thank all of you for the information. Herb was a great person, fair and forthright in everything and with everyone. I could add a great deal more but will merely add that he will be missed by the many he touched throughout his career.

Bob McQuown

Ruth & I received an email from Bea Walker's daughter, Tricia, informing us that Bea had passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Central Point, OR on August 22, 2005. She was 76 years old and had been ill with heart disease for some time. Bea and her husband, Gordon who died several years ago, were members of the PNWFSA. Gordon spent his entire career on the Rogue River NF and had a special place in his heart for children (including our own)! Bea and Gordon were our next door neighbors and close friends when I was DR at Union Creek. We feel fortunate to have known both of them and especially fortunate to have made a trip to the Medford area a couple of weeks ago at which time we stopped to visit with Bea.

Kathy Geyer

I sent a note in June telling you all that I had been diagnosed with breast cancer and was halfway through chemotherapy. It's now Sept 10, 4 weeks after my last treatment and I am doing very well. I feel I have been very fortunate over the past three months. First I have had many friends' calls, stop by, send cards and emails. Thank you all for your wishes...you have no idea how much I have appreciated them. Second, I have had excellent medical care and have been able to minimize or mitigate the worst of the side effects so that I have been able to function reasonably well most of the time. The rest of the time my body told me what I could do!! REST.

In a couple days John and I are off to Greece for 2+ weeks and I am ready to enjoy our trip. I feel like I have earned it! For those of you out there who are "under the weather," keep happy thoughts foremost in your daily activities and a goal in mind for the end of your down time. It helps keep you thinking about getting stronger every day so you can enjoy that future. For those of you at the Reunion this past week, it was wonderful seeing and talking with you. Thank you all again for your wishes and thoughts while I have been working on beating cancer.

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Letters (cont'd)

Pam Wilson

In the Sunday Corvallis Gazette-Times, a front-page article was about the Oregon Disaster Assistance Medical team and two members from Philomath who will be going back next Thursday. In the article they chronicled the mis-adventures and problems they had. This is the last few paragraphs:

The surprise heroes at the airport turned out to be the U. S. Forest Service. Hundreds of Forest Service workers from around the nation arrived to offer their support toward the end of the first week. They're accustomed to providing temporary "housing" and meals to large groups of firefighters fighting wildfires.

"They know how to erect a city in a heartbeat," she said. "They had places to sleep that were clean and safe. And showers, oh my god, showers!"

Forest Service officials provided Kearnl with better radios so the medical teams and military security could be on the same frequencies. Possibly most appreciated was the break from MREs they had been provided. "The Forest Service brought real food you could identify and chew," Peirson said.

This was the tail end of a lengthy article about Peggy Peirson and Dan Kearnl of Philomath who were in New Orleans by 8/29 and will be going back next week.

Yeah for the Forest Service - we still can do it! Thought others might be interested. It is by a local reporter Jennifer Nitson. We could use some good press.

Nick McDonough

I want to bring everyone up-to date of where I am at this stage in my life as I will be off the internet for at least a month. In seventeen days on Oct. 8th, Cherie Seubert and I will be married in Cottonwood, ID, the birth place and childhood home for Carol Sue. For the past several weeks I have been packing the house here in Stayton and moving the belongings in storage at Cottonwood. The Stayton home has sold and will close at the end of this week, at which time I will be moving to Cottonwood. Thanks to my son-in-laws John and Jeff who have given up their weekends to help me move the furnishings to the Cottonwood storage along with daughters Liz and Theresa for their help in packing. Cherie and I plan to build a guest house on her acreage for our combined family, relatives and friends. You are all welcome to visit us. We will be spending our honeymoon in beautiful Tuscany.

Dan Spatz (son of Mickey and Ellen Spatz)

Charlotte Worstell, an old friend of my parents and FS retiree along with her husband Larry, sent me a copy of the newsletter referring to my dad, Mickey Spatz, as a scaler trainer at Westfir back in the 1950s. My mom Ellen wrote a newspaper column regarding those days. Thought you might want to see it. I'm compiling all her columns for a book. My mother used the name Hank instead of Mick in writing this story, "name changed to protect the not-so-innocent." (Ed. Note: Dan is associated with a newspaper in Dallas, OR, and brother of member Linda Spatz McLean, wife of Claude McLean.. Will try to run Ellen's story in a future edition.)

National Forest Foundation and PNWFSA Helping the Forests

The PNWFSA Board has begun discussions with NFF on working together on National Forest volunteer projects. This cooperative effort was triggered by an initiative from a Friends of Forests group on the Coconino NF in Arizona working with former Chief Dale Robertson to get needed field work done for the Forest.

Dale, working through the NAFSR organization has developed an agreement with NFF for taking on matching fund projects on the Coconino. NFF is spreading the Friends of Forests idea throughout the western national forests. PNWFSA has the opportunity to join in a similar fashion with FOF in getting needed work done on the Ranger Districts. NFF initiated a project at Eagle Creek Campground in the Columbia Gorge on Oct. 8. They are working on several other projects on the Mt. Hood, Willamette and Deschutes NF in the near future, and will spread out to other forests later.

You can seek more information at www.becomeafriend.org. We think there is the need to offer our abilities and knowledge in getting needed work done in the field throughout the Region. This will require members at local levels to work with local Rangers and staff to identify projects and round up volunteers. Then as we complete the ties with NFF and NAFSR, we can facilitate the financial and paperwork end of the agreements.

The key according to Dale Robertson is working at the local level getting unfunded but needed work done in the field—pick and shovel, nail and hammer type of work. We think our members have particular skills and interests in restoring and maintaining historic structures and sites, and the need is definitely out there. Expect to hear more on this subject in the future. And we would gratefully accept volunteers to help get this initiative going. Contact any Board member or your local Forest Representative if interested. *Wendall Jones*

Thanks to Reunion Committee from NAFSR

Dear Bob (Williams), The National Association of Forest Service Retirees extends its thanks and congratulations for a truly successful Forest Services Reunion. The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association can be proud of the job you did. You provided an outstanding opportunity for meeting old friends, reminiscing, and celebrating the centennial of the Forest Service. The planning was so well done and the event went so smoothly that it is easy to overlook the effort that you and you colleagues put in to ensuring a successful event. We know that you all devoted much time and energy to the effort.

The participation of the current Forest Service leadership and active Forest Service employees was important and appropriate. It is always good to see current employees showing off their work as they did on the field trips.

The Old Smokeys still know what it takes to plan and carryout a big project. They demonstrated once again why we were a “can do” outfit. Please extend our appreciation to everyone who participated in making this a wonderful event.

Sincerely, Doug Leisz, Chairman NAFSR

Summer Picnic

There was a threat of rain forecasted, but all of the hot air floating around the picnic shelter seemed to hold the rain off until the last people had headed home. It was really a nice day, enhanced by all of the great folks there and we were all taken good care of by our caterer, Dave Dalton. There was a whirl of activity around Dave Scott's “pre-reunion store” set up on a couple of picnic tables in the shelter. And Dave reports a good day for the Store. We also were set up to hand out the book, We Had an Objective in Mind, to those that had pre-ordered a book, and we sold a bunch more to new customers. Jim List did a great job getting everything arranged with the help of Bev Pratt and her crew. Reliable Wayne Kleidosty helped ward off the rain clouds with sparkling fires in both big fireplaces. The picnic was held about a month earlier than usual to reduce conflicts with the reunion business. In 2006, the picnic will revert to August 11. Since the picnic, Jim List has had major back surgery that kept him from participating in the Reunion. We all wish Jim a speedy recovery so he might take another year of picnic duty.

Wendall Jones

New Members

Alvin Anderson	Warren & Lynn Bacon
Carl & Mary Bernsten	Thomas (Ric) & Gloria Conover
Dave & Karen Craig	Roland Emetaz
Paul & Jeanie Engstrom	Tom Fravel (gift - Robt. Hilliard)
Allen Gibbs	Bob Hilliard (gift - Dick Grace)
David & Helen Jacobs	Doug & Melodee MacWilliams
Frank Miller	William K. & Norma Lee Nicholas
Susan Auerbach Triplett	Truman & Karen Puchbauer
Robert & Judith Reed (gift - Carl Anderson)	
Dale Stadtmueller (gift - from Dave Trask)	

Late Breaking Sad News

I had originally placed an article here about **Don Rotell's** struggle with cancer. On Oct. 16, I learned that Don had passed away on Oct. 12.

In the same batch of email that I received after being gone for three days, there was other sad news. **Bob Randall**, a career research economist with PNW Station and the WO, passed away Oct. 1 after a battle with lymphoma.

Art Schimke sent word that **Bob Metlen** is in tough shape with Parkinson's Disease. He is in a nursing home in Vale, OR, the Pioneer Place. He still gets his mail at PO Box 553, Ontario, OR. Bob retired as DR at Unity on the W-W.

Jack Grubb informed us that **Winnifred Fink**, wife of Cliff Fink, passed away on Sept. 29. Send remembrances to 3823 Glendale Dr. SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

Elvera Gano, widow of Ward Gano, died Oct. 8 at age 93.

Margaret Harlan, widow of Dick Harlan, died Oct. 6 in Lakeview.

Obituaries of all of the above should appear in the Winter newsletter. I felt strongly that I should mention all of the above before this newsletter went out. *Wendall Jones*

Reunion 2005 Photos



Ray & Maxine Connelly



Claudia & Ken Evans and Carl & Linda Wofford



John Grosvenor (in center) with Peggy & Don Arundell



Mary & Lynn Sprague and Sherry & Ron Raley



Steve Paulson, Mike Ash and Dick Pfilf



Sterling Wilcox, Bob Harris, Dick Deleissegues, Andy Leven



Jim Torrence, Joe Higgins and Bob Rehfeld



Warrem Bacon and Alan Lamb

2005 Reunion and Picnic Photos



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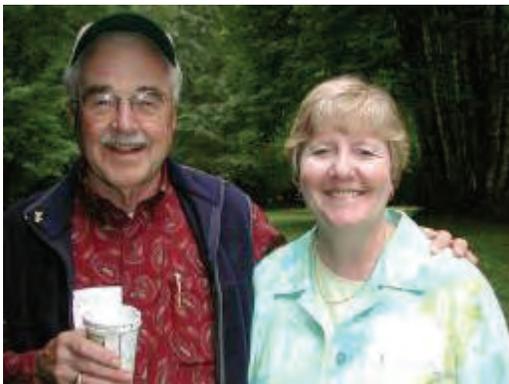
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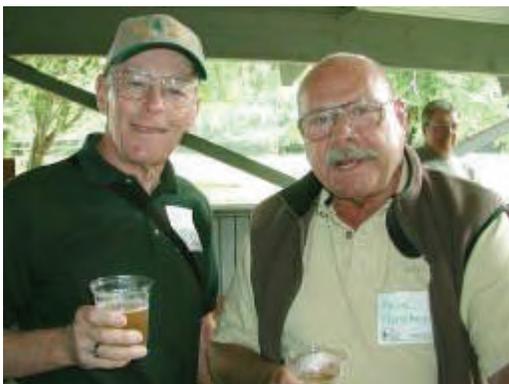
Lynn & Myles Howlett



David Jay & Regional Forester Linda Goodman (picnic)



Chuck & Florence Peterson (picnic)



Bob Hetzer and Dick Buscher (picnic)



Joy Hirl and Vern Clapp (picnic)

MEMORIES

By Dave & Jane Kolb

Edward W. Anderson

Ed Anderson died 4/05/2005 at age 91. He was a Lifetime PNWFSA member. Ed was born 8/4/1914 in Seattle. He graduated from HS in 1931, but with the depression and tight money it took 9 years and periods of working to attain his Forestry degree in June 1940. He married Olive J. Voight 4/16/1943 and finally got a job with the FS in 1944. Ed worked on R-6 forests in both Oregon and Washington, then moved on to Denver and Missoula. After retirement Ed and Olive moved back to Oregon on the McKenzie River, and later to Portland. Olive died in 1998. Survivors include his son, Mike; daughter, Virginia Connell; one grandchild and three great grandchildren.

Myron A. Blank

Myron Blank, Natural Resource Planner for the Mt. Hood NF died 6/6/2005 at age 58, in Sandy, OR. He was born 8/11/1946 in Minneapolis, MN. Myron received his Forestry degree from U. Of Minnesota and an MS in landscape architecture from Utah St. U. He worked 29 years for the FS, all on the Mt. Hood NF. Myron served in many planning positions including Mt. Hood coordinator for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He had a great interest in Civil War History and re-enactment of Civil War Battles. Survivors include; his life companion, Anne Heisler (also a Mt. Hood Forester); brother, Tim; and his parents.

Helga B. Christensen

Helga Christensen, a current employee on the G.P. NF, died 6/20/2005 at age 65, in Vancouver, WA. She was born 1/16/1940 in Heidenheim Mittelfranken, Germany and married Robert K. Christensen in Nuernburg, Germany. Helga worked for the FS from 1977 to her death. She started as a mail clerk, but by schooling and hard work became an accomplished cartographer. Survivors include; her husband; son, Vernon; daughter, Heidi Hongel; and 4 grandchildren.

Dewey Flowers

Dewey Flowers of Star, ID died 6/25/2005 at age 66. He was born in Baker City 9/29/1938. He attended Eastern Or. U. in LaGrande. Dewey married Mardene Estes in Dec. 1959 and worked 32 years for the FS, retiring in 1994. He married Janice Conklin in 1997 and relocated to Star, ID. Survivors include; son, Don; daughters, Jani McLaughlin, and Michelle Wells; 14 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

W. Paul Grooms

W. Paul Grooms died 9/4/2005 at age 86. Paul was a CCC member on the old Columbia NF (now GP). He was a foreman of the Sunset suppression crew at Yacolt, WA and served on many R-6 fires. For many years Paul headed the GP's road maintenance and was a certifier for the R-6 blaster's examination. He is survived by his wife.

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Memories (Cont'd.)

Edward A. Holland

Edward Holland died 3/25/2005 at age 71. He was born 2/18/1934 in Ontario, OR. He attended school in Harper and New Bridge, OR. Ed started working seasonally for the FS in 1952. Later he received an appointment and worked in Fire, Timber, and Engineering on the W.W. NF. He was a skilled fire fighter and held a Division Boss card on the suppression team. Survivors include; his wife, Carmelita; sons, Gary and Brian; one grandson and 2 great grand-children.

Roy 'Ernie' Johnson

Roy Johnson died 8/13/2005. He started work for the FS on the Shelton RD Olympic NF in 1972. "Ernie" retired in 1996 as FMO on the Hood Canal RD and was a resident of Shelton, WA. At the time of his death, he was on temporary fire assignment in Idaho, where he was serving as airspace coordinator for the Clearwater/Nez Perce NF. He was found dead of natural causes while off duty in a local motel. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; and 3 grown children.

Janney Kalin

Janney Kalin died 9/9/2005 at age 58. She was born in LaGrande, OR 5/27/1947. Janney worked on the G.P. NF and later moved to Timber Management in the RO. Survivors include; her son, Roger Jenninghaus; and sisters, Cindy Kalin-Dorning, and Barbara Grossman.

Margaret Adria Levesque

Margaret A. Levesque died 9/19/2005 at age 80. Margaret A. Small was born 9/14/1925 in Gardiner, ME. She moved to Portland in 1958. She worked for the FS in data management for over 25 years. In the early days Margaret was a programmer using COBAL. John Robertson says she later assisted him to establish the TRI system for Timber Management Records and to establish one of the first data dictionaries in the USDA. Survivors include; daughter, Diane West; sons, Dana and David; brother, Phillip Small; and 5 grandchildren.

Elsie Bosworth McIlhenny

Elsie B. McIlhenny died 8/26/2005 at age 79. She was a PNWFSA member. She was born 4/12/1926 in Chicago, IL. Elsie graduated from HS in Garden City, Long Island, and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial College in NYC where she worked as a legal secretary. She met and married Jack in 1945 when he served in the U.S. Coast Guard. They lived in Blacksburg, VA while Jack attended VPI and moved to Oregon in 1953 where Jack started his FS career on the Mt. Hood NF. After serving on 3 Mt. Hood Districts, Elsie and Jack moved to Okanogan, WA in 1966 and lived there until retirement in 1980. They lived in several places in WA before settling in DuPont. Survivors include; her husband; 6 children; 13 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

If you enjoyed the pictures in this newsletter, go to oldsmokeys website and see many more, all in color. *Your Editor*

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Vern M. Melcher

Vern Melcher, a PNWFSA member, died 5/15/2005 at age 72. Vern was a LT member. He was born in Detroit, MI in 1932. Vern received his Forestry degree from Michigan State U. in 1956, married Marilyn, and headed west to the Fremont NF to honeymoon on the Paisley RD. Shortly afterwards, Vern left for 2 years in the Army. He returned to the Fremont as TMA on the Lakeview and Bly RDs. In 1962 Vern transferred to the North Bend RD on the Snoqualmie NF and later to the SO in Timber Management. He retired after 30 years, but continued to be active in several volunteer groups.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; 6 children, Anne, Rob, Mary, Teresa, Joe and Tom; and 8 grandchildren.

Cecily Catherine Nyberg

Cecily Nyberg, wife of Harold (deceased) died 6/10/2005 in Cody, WY. She was a Lifetime member. Cecily was born in Spangle, WA 5/4/1909.

Survivors include; daughters, Mary McArthur, and Janice Kwiatkowski; grandson, John Kwiatkowski; granddaughters, Julie Hough, Jill Luikert, and Kristin McArthur; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Albert G. Oard

Albert Oard died 6/17/2005 in Baker City at age 84. He was a PNWFSA member. Al was born 2/2/1921 on a ranch near Lawen, OR. He attended school in Crane and Drewsy. He attended OSU until May 1942 when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as a B24 bomber pilot in Europe. After WWII he returned to OSU, graduating in 1946 with a degree in forest and range management. He married Erma Lee Cawlfeld at Burns, OR in December 1945. Al served on several forests in Eastern Oregon and in the RO in Range Management. He was Forest Supervisor on the Malheur and W.W. NFs retiring in the early 1980's.

Survivors include; his wife; sons, Mike and Jim; daughter, Jane; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Brian O'Reilly

Brian O'Reilly died 6/4/2005 at age 56. He recently retired from the Deschutes NF. Brian was born 10/23/1948 in Berlin, Germany where his parents were stationed during the Berlin Airlift. He graduated from the American HS in Ludwigsburg, Germany in 1966 and received a degree in Forestry Technology from Central Oregon Community College in 1978. Brian served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He started with the FS doing seasonal work on the Mt. Hood NF in 1973. Later he was assigned a permanent appointment on the Deschutes NF in Timber Management. He retired this year.

Survivors include his wife, Mollie; son, Chad; and mother, Barbara O'Reilly.

John Rae Philbrick

John R. Philbrick of Roseburg, OR died 5/2/2005 at age 95. John was a Lifetime member and very supportive to our program. He was born 1/17/1910 in Laverne, MN and in his youth

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moved to Wyoming and later to Portland. He attended OSU and received his forestry degree in 1934. On 8/9/1942 John married Maxine Fauley in Lawton, OK. She died 5/12/2000. John served in the US Army in Europe during WWII and had a long career with the FS where he was Forest Supervisor on the Siskiyou and the Umpqua NFs. He was active in many service organizations both before and after retirement in Grants Pass and Roseburg. Survivors include his daughters; Sharon Kenny and Donna Philbrick; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Pearl (Umphrey) Rasmussen

Dorothy P. Rasmussen died 5/23/2005 at age 90. She was a Lifetime member. She was the wife of Boyd L. Rasmussen, an R-6 ARF who served in the WO, R-1, and R-4 before becoming Director of the BLM. Dorothy was born in Cottage Grove, OR 2/15/1915. She graduated for OSU in Home Economics and taught in several places during their FS career. She and Boyd moved to Arizona after he retired in 1984 but Dorothy moved to Richland, WA after his death in 1998.

Survivors include; son, John B; daughter, Mary Pat Long; 4 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Rexford A. Resler.

Rex Resler died 6/3/2005 at age 82. He was a Lifetime member. Rex was born 1/13/1923 in Illinois and was raised and educated in Odon, IN. He served 5 years in the Air Corps before entering college. He earned bachelor and master degrees in Forestry at OSU. On 4/30/1948 he married Leona Brewer in Redding, CA. Rex had a long and varied career with the FS in R-6 serving on both east and westside NFs and as RF before moving on to the WO. He retired early as Associate Chief to become CEO of The American Forestry Association in DC. He retired from that job in 1984 and returned to Terrebonne, OR.

Survivors include; his wife; son, Scott; and brother, Eugene.

Glenn William Reynolds

Glenn W. Reynolds died 6/16/2005 at the Shasta Medical Center at age 84. He was born 9/30/1920 in Greenbrier, AZ. Glenn was a retired Naval Commander and pilot in WWII. He started his FS career in 1970 as an Air Management Officer in California. In 1977 he moved to R-6 as Oregon Air Zone Manager at the Redmond Air Center. He retired 10/1/1980 and moved back to Redding, CA.

Survivors include his wife, Diantha; son, David; daughters, Dorothy Holmes, Glenna Reynolds, and Pauline Rock; sister, Mary F. Holloway; and 13 grandchildren.

Herbert B. Rudolph

Herb Rudolph died 8/6/2005 at age 87. He was a PNWFSA member. Herb was born in Minneapolis, MN 2/18/1918. He graduated from HS in 1937 and moved to Lake Chelan, WA to work with the CCC. During WWII Herb served as a construction engineer with the US Marine Corps. In 1951 he received his forestry degree from WSC (now WSU) and started work with the FS. Herb served on R-6 forests in Washington and Oregon, including as FS on the Winema NF and Umatilla NF. He retired in

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1981 but continued to live in Pendleton, OR where he was involved in many community activities. Survivors include; his wife, Jeanie; son, Herbert, Jr; daughters, Christina, Cathy, and Chrystal; 7 step-children; 25 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Ellen Otterson Hart Spatz

Ellen O. H. Spatz died 4/6/2005 in The Dalles, OR at age 90. She was born 7/10/1914 in Portland and was an outdoors woman and writer. She married William Hart in Oakridge, OR and later married Melvin A. 'Mickey' Spatz, who was check scaler for the Willamette NF. Ellen was a lookout for the State of OR and the FS and a clerk for the Oakridge RD. She climbed Mt. Hood many times as well as Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens. She wrote a regular column for 2 newspapers in The Dalles. Survivors include; son, Daniel; and 2 step-daughters, Linda McLean of Roseburg, and Dana Michelsen of Port Townsend, WA.

James L. Unterwegner

James L. Unterwegner died 9/12/2005 at his home in Hazel Dell, WA, after a long battle with cancer. He was 74. Jim was born 7/31/1931 in Centralia, WA. After earning a Bachelor of Education degree he taught in both WA and OR. He earned a masters degree in school administration and served as a school principal in Reedsport, OR. Jim then became involved with the Federal Job Corps as a teacher and administrator, and later with the FS at the Cispus Environmental Learning Center. In 1975 he moved to Vancouver, WA as Public Information Officer for the G.P. NF. He retired in 1991, but continued to be active as a FS volunteer and in community organizations. Jim was predeceased by his eldest son, Jeff, a Vancouver teacher and coach. Survivors include; his wife, Lonnie; son, Tim; daughter-in-law, Rachel Fielder; 4 grandchildren; and 2 sisters.

Beatrice Walker

Beatrice Walker died 8/22/2005 in Central Point, OR at age 76. She was a Lifetime member. News of her death was sent to Bob and Ruth McQuown by her daughter, Tricia. Bea's husband, Gordon spent his entire career on the R.R. NF. He died several years ago. The Walkers were neighbors and close friends when Bob was DR at Union Creek.

Tylton James (Jim) Walker, Jr.

Tylton J. Walker died 8/2/2005 in Canyon City, OR at age 71. He was a Lifetime member. He was born 8/16/1934 in Hattiesburg, MS. Tylton attended OIT and earned a Diesel Mechanic degree in 1955. He served in the Army and started his FS career after being discharged in 1957. He worked 32 years on the Malheur NF retiring in 1989. Tylton then worked for the Grant Co. Road Department and retired again in 2002 as Road Superintendent. Survivors include; His wife Mary; son, Tylton James Walker, III; daughters, Cindee Gannon and Cristy Gray; 5 grandchildren; and sister Rebecca Kendall.

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Franklin Richard Ward

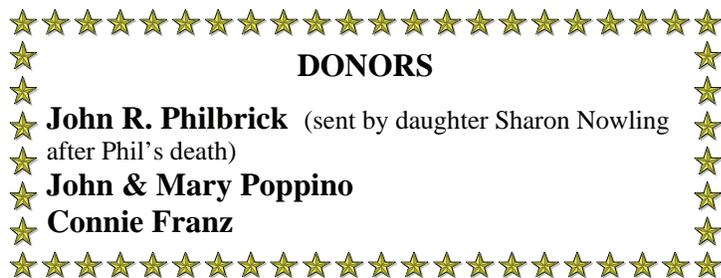
Franklin R. Ward died 7/4/2004 at age 71. He was born 4/13/1934 in Vallejo, CA. Franklin received degrees from Humbolt St. College and Utah St. U. He married Jane Spaid in 1964 and they moved to Portland in 1966. He was a research forester for the PNW Station for 28 years. Survivors include; his wife; sons, Paul, Carl, and Stanley; daughters, Kristen Utter and Gretchen Zanon; brother, Stephen; and 7 grandchildren.

Glenn August Weideman

Glenn A. Weideman died 7/05/2005 in Moses Lake, WA at age 71. He was born 5/14/1934 in Mount Clemens, MI. Glenn worked nearly 40 years for the FS and lived in Baker City. He worked in road design and construction on both the W. W. NF and Malheur NF. He was a veteran and competed with the US Army's national rifle and pistol team. Survivors include; sons, Dale and Wayne; 2 grandsons; a brother and a sister.

Carol Jean Winkler

Carol Winkler of Eugene died 7/4/2004 at age 54. She was the Archaeologist for the Middle Fork RD, Willamette NF. She was born 8/20/1950 in Chicago, Il. Carol received a BS degree from the U. of Colorado in 1971 and a MS degree in Anthropology from the UO in 1984. She married Tom Ulmschneider in 2003. Carol lived and worked in Africa for 3 years prior to working for the FS. She was an active outdoor person and belonged to several professional and historic organizations. She is survived by her husband, Tom; and sister, Nancy Winkler.



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- ★ **John R. Philbrick** (sent by daughter Sharon Nowling after Phil's death)
- ★ **John & Mary Poppino**
- ★ **Connie Franz**

Losses

- Ed Anderson – died 4-05-05; LT member, no surviving spouse
- Elsie McIlhenny – died 8-26-05; spouse Jack survives
- Vern Melcher – died 5-15-05; LT member, wife Marilyn survives
- Cecily Nyberg – died 6-10-05; LT member, no surviving spouse
- Al Oard – died 6-17-05; wife Erma Lee survives
- J. R. Philbrick – died 5-2-05; LT member, no surviving spouse
- Dorothy Rasmussen – died 5-23-05; LT member, no surviving spouse
- Rex Resler – died 6-3-05; LT member, wife Leona survives
- Herb Rudolph – died 8-6-05; wife Jeanie survives
- Beatrice Walker – died 8-22-05; LT member, no surviving spouse
- Tylton (Jim) Walker, Jr. – died 8-2-05; LT member, wife Mary survives

Member Data Base Changes

Anderson, Alvin G. – New member:
Bacon, Warren & Lynn – New members:
Baker, Doug & Jerry – Change address:
Bernsten, Carl M. & Mary – New members:
Burke, Richard E. – Change address:
Carpenter, William & Julie – Change address:
Cegelka, Vincent S. – Change address:
Conover, Thomas (Ric) & Gloria – New members:
Craig, Dave & Karen – New members:
Emetaz, Roland V. –New member:
Engstrom, Paul & Jeani – New members:
Fravel, Tom – New member:
Gibbs, Allen – New member:
Grainger, Paul – Change address:
Gray, Jim & Jan – Change address:
Hilliard, Bob – New member:
Horn, Kirk & Beth – Change address:
Jacobs, David & Helen – New members:
Jacobs, Robert & Peg – New members:
Kreger, Al & Myrna –
MacWilliams, J. D. ‘Doug’ & Melodee – New members:
Miller, Frank – New member:
Nicholas, William K. & Norma Lee – New members:
Overbay, Jim & Ardeth –
Puchbauer, Truman & Karen – New members:
Reed, Robert & Judith Ann – New members:
Reynolds, James – New member:
Robson, Thomas E. Change address:
Schallau, Con & Leanah - Change address:
Stadtmueller, Dale – New member:
Triplett, Susan Auerbach – New member:
Wingle, Jane – Change address:
Wood, Jack H. – Change address:
Wyatt, Ray – Change address:

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Editors Corner

Seeing all the volunteer participation for the Reunion, I wonder if there are not a lot of you out there that could make some more of your time available to be more active in the day-to-day Association business. We have need for special talents: auditors, tax experts, help with banquets, picnics, tours and other activities. We want to get into more volunteer projects for the Rangers and need to review how we manage and preserve our historical records and photos. Several of us Board members over the past five years are saying, “I need a break.” Phil Hirl, Dave Scott, Bob McQuown, Elmer Moyer, have stayed involved for at least

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Note about the above data: Due to lack of space, we have not shown e-mail changes, unless accompanied by other changes in postal address or phone. We have given all address information for new members. Because the number of e-mail changes are significant now, we are considering handling the changes via an E-mail directory produced and delivered electronically by Vern Clapp. Stay tuned for further developments. *Wendall*

five years. Bob Tokarczyk is a retread. Vern Clapp is a long tenure major player. Don’t you think it is time for a bunch of you to step forward and say, “I want to be more involved.”? *Your*

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This is your Bill for Collection for 2006 Annual Dues. The dues are presently \$10 per year, and you can pay for one or more years at this time. If you do not pay before March 1, the dues rise to \$15 per year for 2006. The penalty is to cover costs of the Association in dealing with late dues payers. If not paid by March 15, your name will be removed from the mailing list for the Spring newsletter. After April 1, if dues remain unpaid, member will be placed in 'Inactive' status. Reinstatement will require a \$20 fee for the remainder of the calendar year, but no back newsletters or directories will be sent without a \$2.50 fee per issue.

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The Board of PNWFSA has nominated **John Poppino** for your new President Elect. John will become President in the Fall of 2006 if you cast enough ballots in favor. So lets give John an ego trip and send in lots of votes. You can send your vote along with your dues for 2006, if you are an annual Dues payer. You can also vote via e-mail.

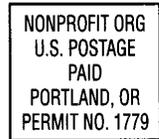
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Picnic– August 11, 2006
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