



OldSmokeys Newsletter

Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees—Summer 2006

President's Message — Marlin Plank

It's been a busy Spring. In December, the PNWFSA received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) notifying us of the expiration of our advance ruling. That was a five-year rule that stated we were a public non-profit organization. We then had to fill out documents that showed we still are in that status. After our initial paperwork showing this was lost, we finally got it all in but, as yet, have not heard from the IRS as to our permanent status. In addition, there are forms to submit to the State of Oregon regarding our tax exempt status. There never seems to be a time in our lives when we are free of the long arms of the governments and their forms. Those forms, by the way, were filled out by our auditor who is doing a financial review of our organization. A periodic review is important to ensure that the Board is conducting the OldSmokeys' business in the proper manner. I know you are all highly interested in this, but I'll get on to other matters.

Many of you are aware that we have distributed part of the 2005 Reunion profit to a number of sites important to furthering the cause of educating the public about the importance of our natural resources and the role the Forest Service plays and has played in that regard. The PNWFSA has sent \$10,000 to the National Museum of Forest Service History in Missoula, Montana; \$5,000 to The High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon; and \$2,000 to the Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center in Wenatchee, Washington. About \$13,000 remain to be distributed. A small portion of that remaining sum may be retained by the PNWFSA to fund local projects that come up in the future.

The Spring Banquet, again hosted by **Emil and Dorine Sabol**, was held on May 21 and all attendees had a great time. Thanks to the Sabols for hosting the event.

Plan now to attend the Summer Picnic scheduled for August 11 at the BLM Wildwood Recreation Area. **Jim List** reports that all arrangements are made and the event will again be catered by our friend Dave Dalton. This is a great time to visit all of our old friends. A reservation form is in this issue of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*.

We continue to get great support and good attendance at our monthly Board meetings and luncheons. I hope that many of you have similar monthly functions at the Forest level throughout the Region. If not, I encourage you to do so. It's an excellent way to keep in touch with your former co-workers and to bring current employees into the OldSmokeys fold.

Marlin Plank

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Forum

A New Editor, Part Two

I was pleased – and relieved – to receive several approving notes about my first effort as PNWFSA newsletter editor. Thanks to those who let me know that, in producing the spring issue, I'd done some things right.

And thanks, too, to those who brought a major error to my attention. **Irv Steers** correctly pointed out that I “blew it” when, in the caption for the photograph of Willamette National Forest district rangers that illustrated Dan Abraham's *The Way We Were* “Memoir, 1946” (pages 14 and 15), I improperly identified Ranger Tenny Moore as “Terry.” As Irv wrote, “his name was Spencer Tennessee Moore, thus the nickname Tenny.” Close on his heels, **Bev Pratt** correctly pointed out that I'd incorrectly spelled the last name of Ranger Fred J. Briem – her dad – as “Brien” in the same caption. I was embarrassed by and greatly regret these errors, and will strive not to make such errors in the future.

I also appreciate readers' interest in and comments on matters of style. **Hank Hays** wrote: “I have always capitalized National Forest(s) and OldSmokey should also.” I'm sure Hank would appreciate my continuing campaign to get the local daily newspaper I read to capitalize such proper nouns as Forest Service (which too often appears as “forest service” in that paper), National Forest System (which it changed to “national forest system” in a piece I wrote), and Deschutes National Forest (which has appeared as “Deschutes national forest”) and I'm sure he knows that I revere these entities as much as anyone. All my training and the style manuals I consult, however, indicate that collective nouns that are not specific names (such as the collective “national forests” often capitalized in Forest Service documents) are not capitalized in general usage. I offer this to explain, not to quibble.

And so I press on, in hope of producing the best newsletter I am able and that serves the needs of the PNWFSA members. I look to you to assist me in that endeavor and help keep me honest (as well as supplied with good copy) as these fine members have.

-- *Les Joslin*

Competitive Sourcing of Forest Service Functions a Mistake

Back in the early 1980s, when we in the Forest Service were instructed to begin concessioning out our best and most popular recreation sites, I sensed trouble. Then, in the late 1980s, when I served two years just before retirement on Dale Robertson's recreation task force (it had a different name I have since forgotten), I learned through short courses in marketing the terrible mistake we were making.

Successful organizations (read corporations) don't contract/outsourcise their most direct and friendliest contact with their customers – in our case, the recreation part of the “service” in Forest Service. Yet this has progressed to the point that the Forest Service has almost no direct on-the-ground contact with its recreation visitors. Even some front desk operations are performed by contractors. And a couple years ago, I had an encounter with a uniformed wilderness ranger who turned out to be a French national over here on a work visa for the summer. This was shortly after the Iraq invasion when our country's relations with France were at a low point. The group I was with was incensed, disgusted, and even mad at the Forest Service about this.

I have had a lot of contact with recreation visitors, and I see continuing erosion of public support for the Forest Service. This has progressed to the point that the idea of selling off the national forests isn't seen as a totally unreasonable idea by some folks. That really causes me some heartburn.

The current trend seems to be continued outsourcing of the Forest Service recreation resource management job. In my retiree circles this is commonly called “starving the beast.” This is resulting in the Forest Service role changing from one of services to recreation visitors to one of special use permit oversight. The eventual result could even further marginalize the Forest Service role in recreation and sale of National Forest System recreation sites – remember “Asset Management”?

-- *Dick Spray*

Competitive Sourcing is Tearing the Forest Service Apart

Following directions from the Bush administration, the Forest Service is studying 21,000 of its 31,000 full-time positions for possible consolidation or outsourcing. While the principle of looking at more efficient ways to do work has virtue, the devil, as they say, is in the details. Dick Pflif, Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees, recently commented to a Society of American Forester's writer his concerns about the study.

“I may disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.”

-- Attributed to Voltaire

Dick is concerned this top-down, broad-brush approach does not address the needs of a decentralized organization like the Forest Service. He believes the effort has the wrong structure; rather than coming from the top, it ought to start with a look at forest and district basic needs and capabilities. He fears the study, driven from above, will end up causing people on the ground the most grief.

I agree with Dick, and add the study gives little consideration to the importance of the Forest Service to rural communities. Local contracts, seasonal employment, and purchases of supplies are often critical to the well being of such communities. Forest Service people traditionally also fill community leadership roles. I don't believe this is a very intelligent approach to management of the nation's "Fort Knox" of natural resources. Tearing an agency apart in the search for some mythical "cost savings" seems a poor way to treat the land and the dedicated people who care for it, especially when the track record of outsourcing is so poor.

-- John Marker

News

News Feature: OldSmokeys Back in Service

A combination of natural disasters, funding shortfalls, personnel shortages, volunteer opportunities, and just plain love of Forest Service work has put OldSmokeys back on the job – as employees and volunteers -- on the National Forest System and in other places where their knowledge, skills, and abilities are needed. These examples of recent and current OldSmokeys "back in service" could and should inspire other OldSmokeys as individuals or groups to help out as able and when needed.

OldSmokeys Assist with Hurricane Katrina Recovery

Autumn of 2005 found PNWFSA members **George Chesley**, **Mike Edrington**, and **Dick Grace** among Forest Service retirees serving on an area command team deployed to three southern states in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. As members of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Area Command Team 3, the three spent all of September in Mississippi and Alabama and October and part of November in Louisiana helping supervise interagency incident management teams supporting the emergency relief efforts there.

At the same time, **Stan Kunzman**, working under contract with Incident Management Services and Training (IMST) of Edmonds, Washington, served as incident commander for an IMST incident command team consisting mostly of Forest Service retirees from regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection retirees. His team was responsible for managing two full-service incident base camps for law enforcement, fire services, and all other agency personnel responsible for rebuilding the public infrastructure – medical services, communications, water and sewage systems, etc. – of New Orleans. In addition, his team provided logistic support to the field hospital set up in the New Orleans convention center and the helicopter module at the airport.

These four OldSmokeys and other Forest Service veterans of many incident management teams provided not only invaluable service to emergency relief efforts but also what George described as "a living example to FEMA that the ICS *does work*."

As reported in the June 14 *R6 Update*, "The Forest Service brings significant value to our national all-hazard response capability." OldSmokeys are an important part of that capability.

-- Thanks to George Chesley, Mike Edrington, and Stan Kunzman

OldSmokeys Repair Wind River Bridge on Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

Early in April, 2006, four PNWFSA members spent two days doing deferred maintenance work on the Wind River Bridge of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail near the old headquarters of the Wind River Ranger District of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Dave Scott, working with John Nakae, a long-time employee of the GP, made plans, acquired materials, and waited for a break in the weather. Tom Linde, a recent GP retiree now heading up volunteer work in the Wind River area, provided valuable assistance.

While waiting for the sun, Dave recruited **Dave Mohla**, **Dave Trask**, and **Wendall Jones** to give a hand with this job of replacing cleats and broken guard rails on the bridge. Designed by **Dick Smith**, another PNWFSA member, this bridge was built about 30 years ago. A glue-lam stringer arch bridge over 200 feet long, it spans a beautiful stretch of the Wind River.

Fortunately for the work crew, it was only about a quarter-mile hike to the bridge site. The job was completed in two days without a drop of rain.

-- Wendall Jones

OldSmokeys Comprise Most of Umpqua National Forest “Motley Crew”

As reported in the April 12, 2006, edition of *The News Review*, a Thursday morning breakfast meeting at Munchies in Glide kicks off the Motley Crew’s weekly workday of clearing trails on the Umpqua National Forest and adjacent BLM-managed public lands.

According to Adam Pearson’s story in the Roseburg daily, “Only heavy snow can stop this 10-member group of retirees from performing trail maintenance.” Eight of the 10 Motley Crew members are PNWFSA members. They are, in alphabetical order: **Ned Davis, Ken Jensen, Ed Malmsten, John Rosenberger, Steve Sand, Jim Talburt, Frank Walter, and Lou Wolf**. A ninth member, Chuck Young, also has a Forest Service background, and a tenth, Jim Owen, is a retired electrician. “I make sure they get out,” the article quoted **Janie Dumont**, a retired Umpqua National Forest employee, PNWFSA member, and old friend of the Motley Crew who eats breakfast with the group every Thursday. “At one point or another,” the article noted, “nearly every member [of the group] worked with each other in the U.S. Forest Service.”

Early in April, Pearson wrote, “the Motley Crew hiked a switchback trail...some 50 miles east of Roseburg...into Boulder Creek Wilderness...toward a high meadow area known as Pine Bench that is criss-crossed with fallen trees that died after the 1996 Spring Fire.” En route, they logged out “a couple large-diameter ponderosa pines blocking the trail” with “the double-handled cross-cut saw” used in wilderness where mechanized tools and machinery are not allowed. They spent the rest of their work day on Pine Bench clearing trees off the trail.

Their work is important. “Jerry Harryman, current trail coordinator on the North Umpqua Ranger District, said the Motley Crew probably performs half the [trail maintenance] work in his district, plus trail maintenance in other districts,” Pearson wrote.

“We have a good time,” the reporter quoted John Rosenberger as saying.

-- Adapted from Adam Pearson, “Retirees taming trails,” in *The News Review*, April 12, 2006, with input from Vern Clapp.

Editor’s Note: Pearson reported that the Motley Crew began working in 1998 as a volunteer trail maintenance crew. It works every Thursday under Forest Service and BLM volunteer agreements and averages about 1,800 hours each year.

OldSmokeys Help Restore Historic Cabin Lake Ranger Station

OldSmokeys **Don Franks, LeRoy Steece, and Les Joslin** were among a dozen Passport in Time (PIT) volunteers led by Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District archaeologist Janine McFarland who from June 2-9 refurbished the ranger residence at the Deschutes National Forest’s historic Cabin Lake Ranger Station.

On the southeastern margin of the Deschutes and overlooking the vast Fort Rock Basin, Cabin Lake Ranger Station was headquarters of the old Fort Rock Ranger District from 1921 until the district ranger was moved to Bend in 1945. Except for two structures built in 1923, the existing compound was built between 1934 and 1938. The idea behind restoring this compound, used until a few years ago as a guard station, is to preserve a Forest Service heritage resource while developing a National Forest System recreation resource. Receipts from renting renovated compound residences and other structures to families and organizations should maintain both resources in this area popular with recreationists and researchers.

“A facility like this, if it’s just let go, it’s such a waste,” Don told *The Bulletin*, Bend’s daily newspaper.

OldSmokey Keeps Flag Flying over Historic Elk Lake Guard Station

Serving as a volunteer assistant to the Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District archaeologist, **Les Joslin** is coordinating and training Passport in Time (PIT) volunteers who staff Historic Elk Lake Guard Station to keep this popular interpreted heritage site and visitor information station along the Cascade Lakes National Scenic Byway on the Deschutes National Forest open daily all summer as it has been beginning in 2002.

These are just a few recent and current examples of OldSmokeys’ getting jobs done on the National Forest System and in other places of national need. Perhaps these examples will inspire other Region 6 national forest and ranger district level projects.

OldSmokeys Enjoy Spring Banquet

The weather cooperated, but our attendance was down. Nevertheless, the hard core who attended the May 21 Spring Banquet at the Charbonneau Country Club enjoyed a delicious prime rib and/or halibut Oscar dinner prepared by Dave Dalton along with the company of fellow OldSmokeys.

There were no formal speakers this year, so there was plenty of time at the banquet for visiting and renewing old friendships. The same routine is likely to prevail at next spring’s banquet, so come on out and touch base with your friends.

Right now, the next Spring Banquet is scheduled for May 6, so pencil that tentative date on your calendar and watch the newsletter for details. An auction is planned, so save all your goodies for the occasion.

Thanks for all who helped make the 2006 Spring Banquet a success: **John Nesbitt** for the maple trees, **Jean Loff** for helping with the table decorations, **Bev Pratt** for the name tags and helping with the check-ins, **Mary Moyer, Dick and Mary Ferraro, Bonna and John Wilson, Dave Dalton, and Emil and Dorine Sabol** for door prizes. Thanks, too, to **Vern Clapp** for getting the word out.

-- Emil and Dorine Sabol

John Marker Reports on National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) Issues and Meeting with Chief Dale Bosworth

Forest restoration, national forest land sales, and a meeting with Chief Dale Bosworth have been the big ticket items for NAFSR during the past months.

First aid for hurting forests

Pending forest restoration legislation co-sponsored by representatives Greg Walden (R-Oregon) and Brian Baird (D-Washington), the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act (HR4200) better known as FERRA, passed the House by a substantial majority – but after a bruising battle – and now moves on to the Senate where Senator Gordon Smith (R-Oregon) has introduced companion legislation.

The intent of this legislation is to speed up recovery of federal forest lands damaged by fire or other causes by streamlining procedural requirements without sacrificing environmental safeguards or public involvement in restoration planning and decision-making. Several environmental organizations, however, characterize the legislation as sacrificing the forests to industry, cutting the public out of the process, and not allowing most forest destruction to heal itself naturally.

We expect the battle to resume with even more intensity in the Senate. NAFSR members wrote letters, placed telephone calls, and made personal contacts supporting the House legislation, and will be equally involved in the Senate debate. For more information on the legislation, go to the <FSX.org> website or to either congressman's website.

Real estate for sale

The Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act expires this year. This act had its genesis in the early 1990s when then-Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Oregon) crafted legislation to help federal forest-dependent communities cope with loss of income from timber sales as the federal timber programs tanked. Since then, the legislation has been renewed once and is again up for reauthorization. The Bush administration included the renewal in its budget, but with the provision that some national forest and other public lands be sold to pay the costs. The sale target for the national forests was 300,000 acres.

The land sale proposal set off caterwauling of the first order in the West, and NAFSR members were part of the outcry. The four retired Chiefs joined the protests of many people and organizations interested in the public lands of the West with a joint letter of opposition. NAFSR prepared a lengthy letter objecting to the sale proposal which was sent to members of Congress and the Forest Service.

The sale provision has been shot down by Congress; however, there is still a problem: federal support for rural communities and schools impacted by federal lands. Many communities will face serious budget problems without the in lieu money.

A conversation with the Chief

On June 13, 18 members attending a NAFSR board meeting in Denver had the opportunity to meet with Chief Bosworth to discuss Forest Service issues. Dale was able to spend most of an afternoon in conversation about Forest Service issues and challenges.

A good summary of the session is the Forest Service is increasing its credibility with members of Congress, making strides in fixing financial problems that have plagued it for a good number of years, seeing some significant progress in planning issues, and improving on-the-ground management activities such as fire hazard reduction programs. Forests are meeting their timber management targets, and some are asking for additional targets in this area. Dale is very proud of the work done by Forest Service people during the 2005 hurricanes as well as the aggressive work under way to repair damage from the storms.

However, challenges are many and real, and include problems of shrinking budgets (shared by all federal agencies), the continuing contentious debate over management of national forests, resolving management system issues within the federal structure, increasing cost of fire protection, forest health issues, making sure commitments are met, development of future leaders, and public support of the National Forest System.

The move of many personnel to Albuquerque was studied closely and is a necessary move to reduce operational costs. It also will help in recruitment and retention of employees because of lower living costs. Albuquerque was selected for a number of reasons, but one significant criterion was the impact of time zones on work. Forest Service offices from the East Coast to Alaska will now be able to work with Albuquerque people during reasonable business hours.

A number of other subjects was discussed, but – with one major exception – I haven't had time to straighten out my notes to include them in this report. That major exception is the value of retirees. Dale made it clear that he greatly values the help of retirees whether in the field as volunteers or wrestling with policy issues. Not only do retirees help get important work done the Forest Service is hard pressed to accomplish, but their contact with current employees helps pass on wisdom and preserve important traditions.

-- John Marker.

OldSmokeys Allocate Reunion Receipts to Important Projects

In addition to setting aside \$10,000 to help fund the next Forest Service reunion, the PNWFSA Board of Directors on May 26 voted to donate an additional \$17,000 of surplus reunion funds to three deserving projects. Another \$14,000 may be disbursed in a second round of donations.

The largest sum of \$10,000 was awarded to the building fund of the National Museum of Forest Service History in Missoula, Montana. The sum of \$5,000 was contributed to development of a permanent outdoor Forest Service heritage exhibit, planned to include an old-time ranger station and fire tower, at the High Desert Museum near Bend, Oregon, and \$2,000 went to the Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center near Wenatchee, Washington, to support its wildland fire instruction programs.

“Both the High Desert Museum and Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center are ‘class act’ operations, professionally managed, focused on natural resources and cultural issues of the West, and associated with the Forest Service. Both have high visitor numbers and have active Forest Service retiree support,” said **John Marker**, who headed the committee that made the donation recommendations.

The goals of the PNWFSA set forth in 1959, especially those to “perpetuate and preserve the traditions and esprit de corps of the Forest Service” and “to assist in the compilation and dissemination of information dealing with the accomplishments of the Forest Service and its personnel in this region,” informed the first step of the project selection process. The other criteria included the quality of the projects, the reputation of the project sponsor, and the public use of the sponsor’s facilities. The geographic source of donated funds was also a consideration; a high percentage came from the Northwest.

“Aggressive management of the reunion that lowered costs, the large number of people attending that got us a major price break on meeting rooms, and considerable help from the Forest Service and last minute money donations from outside groups who like the Forest Service,” John emphasized, enabled the PNWFSA to lower some reunion costs as well as make these generous donations to “places where it will be remembered and retirees will be honored.”

National Forest Land Sales Proposal Dropped

“On May 10 the House Appropriations Committee killed the proposal to sell national forest lands to fund rural communities and schools,” reports the June issue of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) newsletter *The Lookout*. “However, congressional watchers warn the land sale proposal may surface again during this session of Congress.”

As reported in the media and in the Spring issue of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, the Bush administration proposed to sell up to 300,000 acres of “low value” National Forest System lands to fund renewal of the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act. This plan was actively and – at least for the time being – successfully opposed by many including members of Congress and conservation groups critical of the scheme, the four living former Forest Service chiefs, and Forest Service retirees both through NAFSR and individually.

For more news about the National Forest System and the Forest Service, see the current issue of *The Lookout* on the PNWFSA website at <www.oldsmokeys.org>.

Editors Note: The Lookout, published by NAFSR, is edited by *OldSmokeys John Marker* <jf37m@aol.com> and *Darrel Kenops* <dkenops@comcast.net>.

Changes *Compiled by Secretary Bev Pratt and Treasurer/Database Manager Vern Clapp*

These changes to the *Membership Directory 2006* have occurred since publication of the Spring 2006 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*.

Allen, Jerry G. & Ruby – Change email:

Baker, Glenn – Change address: Eugene, OR 97402

Barrett, James & Helen – New members: Bend, OR 97702

Braeuel, Bonita – Change email:

Egger, Leora – Deceased, April 16, 2006: Bruce survives

Franks, Don E. & Beverly – Change address: Fort Rock, OR 97735

Phone: Email:

Haugen, Gordon & Beverley – Reinstated members: MT 59715

Phone: Email:

Heller, Joseph C. & Charlene – Change phone: Add email:

Higgins, Mary Jo & Bob Kowing – Change email:

Hopkins, William – Change phone: Change email:

Janik, Phil – Deceased, April 28, 2006: Pat survives



Financial Report

Herewith is the annual PNWFSA financial report prepared and submitted by Treasurer Vern Clapp.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOREST SERVICE ASSOCIATION, INC. 2005 FINANCIAL REPORT End of Year Balance Sheet - As of 12/31/05 Annual Profit and Loss Statement - 1/1/05 to 12/31/05

INCOME

Membership Dues Payments -	Annual and Lifetime	\$
Event Payments -	Banquet, Picnic	\$
Gifts and Donations Received -	PNWFSA	\$
Interest Income -	Columbia, Vanguard, Wells Fargo	\$
Lifetime Trust Fund Income/Gains -	Columbia/Vanguard Dividends, Gains	\$
FS Reimbursement -	Participating Agreement	\$
Publication Sales -	Book - We Had An Objective in Mind	\$
Refunds -	Insurance, Bank	\$
Reunion 2005 Auction -	Silent Auction	\$
Reunion 2005 Income -	Loan Repayment, Profits, Misc.	\$
	Total Income	\$

EXPENSES

Administrative Expenses -	Office Supplies, Postage and Others	\$
Event Expenditures -	Banquet, Picnic	\$
Fees & Bank Charges-	Bank Charges and Incorporation Fees	\$
Gift and Donations Made -	Elks Fund	\$
Insurance -	Liability	\$
Newsletter/Directory Costs -	Printing and Postage	\$
Other Expenses -	Meetings, Labels, Sat. Internet	\$
Publication Expenses	Book - We Had An Objective in Mind	\$
Reunion 2005 Expenses -	Hospitality Room, Awards	\$
Web Site Expenses -	Domain Renewal	\$
	Total Expenses	\$

PROFIT (LOSS) - Income less Expenses \$

End of Year Balance Sheet - As of 12/31/05

ASSETS

Bank and Cash Accounts -	Wells Fargo - Checking and Savings	\$
Lifetime Trust Fund Accounts -	Vanguard Funds	\$
	Total Assets	\$

LIABILITIES

None	Total Liabilities	\$
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CURRENT NET WORTH - Assets less Liabilities \$

Prepared by Vern Clapp, PNWFSA Treasurer
June 1, 2006

Comments by the Treasurer:

The 2005 Financial Report reflects the remarkable success the Old Smokeys had hosting the national Forest Service Centennial reunion, the reunion auction, and the book project. As you can see, the profit from each of these was substantial. However, this affluence is temporary. The PNWFSA Board has agreed to donate all these funds to worthy causes, and already this year, some \$17,000 has been disbursed. Another \$10,000 will shortly go as seed and loan money to the hosts of the FS Reunion 2009 in Missoula. See the article on page 6 for details.



Opportunities

Reserve Now for OldSmokeys Summer Picnic in the Woods on Friday, August 11

There's still time to make reservations for this summer's OldSmokeys picnic scheduled for Friday, August 11, at the **BLM Wildwood Recreation Area's beautiful Pioneer Shelter**. Reservations will be accepted through July 25.

Socializing will begin at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. As usual, you'll enjoy a good lunch catered by Dave Dalton and the great companionship of fellow OldSmokeys. See old friends you haven't seen since the last luncheon, the May 21 spring banquet, last summer's picnic, or the "big one" in '67. Or meet somebody new. Start your Christmas shopping early by buying copies of the OldSmokey's own Forest Service Centennial anthology *We Had An Objective In Mind* from **Rolf Anderson** or one of his book peddlers to give to all those relatives and friends on your list who still don't know what you did during all those Forest Service years.

Don't miss it! Send in the coupon below (or a copy of the coupon if you don't want to cut up this beautiful newsletter) **by July 25** to reserve your picnic place or places. The whole shebang costs **only \$21.00** per person.

Wildwood Recreation Area is about 40 miles east of Portland on U.S. Highway 26 between Brightwood and Zigzag. Watch for the BLM sign on the south side of the highway, and follow the signs to the Pioneer Shelter. The \$3.00 per vehicle parking fee helps BLM maintain the Wildwood Recreation Area as the special place it is. You can pay this fee with the Interagency Oregon-Washington Pass, a Golden Age Passport (for which virtually all OldSmokeys qualify!), a Golden Access Pass (for disabled persons), or a Golden Eagle Pass (for everybody else); the Northwest Forest Pass is no longer accepted at this site. If you use one of these, either display your pass in your windshield or write your pass number on the payment envelope and place it on your dashboard. Or just go ahead and pay the fee. Truth be told, BLM sure could use your three bucks! Carpooling will save on parking fees, increasingly expensive gasoline, and limited parking space..

Anyone who needs a ride should contact **Elmer Moyer** at 503-254-7302 or **Phil Hirl** at 503-590-3881, and transportation will be located for you. If you have questions, call **Elmer** or **Mary Moyer** at 503-254-7302 or email them at <EEMoyer@webtv.net>.

We'll see you at the OldSmokeys Summer Picnic in the woods on Friday, August 11!

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association
SUMMER PICNIC – AUGUST 11, 2006
BLM Wildwood Recreation Area

RESERVATION FORM

Social Time 11:30 a.m. -- Lunch 12:30 p.m.

*Mail this reservation form and a check for \$21.00 per person (payable to PNWFSA) to:
PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228-5583*

Please reserve _____ picnic lunches at \$21.00 each for (names exactly as they will appear on name tags):

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed. Please print your name here: _____

Please send your reservation form in no later than July 25, 2006

National Forest Foundation and Friends of Clackamas Lake Host July 22 “Friends of the Forest Day” at Historic Clackamas Lake Ranger Station

Volunteers are invited to join the National Forest Foundation, the Friends of Clackamas Lake, SOLV, and the U.S. Forest Service for a Saturday, July 22, volunteer day repairing the historic Clackamas Lake Ranger Station at Timothy Lake near Government Camp on the Mount Hood National Forest.

Friends of the Forest Day will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. Volunteers are welcome to camp for free on Friday or Saturday night at the Clackamas Lake Ranger Station campground on a first-registered, first-served basis.

Volunteers are asked to sign up on-line at <www.solv.org> (look for the **Clackamas Lake: Friends of the Forest Day, July 22** link on the homepage), or call Monica Kearsley at SOLV at 503-844-9571. To camp for free Friday or Saturday, July 21 or 22, call Kathleen Walker at 503-622-3191, ext. 641.

Work at the historic ranger station will include repairing historic split-rail fences, re-rocking trails, re-glazing windows in historic structures, building rustic benches for the campfire area, and other jobs. There will be activities for all ages and ability levels.

Lunch for volunteers will be provided, and during lunch volunteers will learn the remarkable history of the ranger station at the crest of the Cascade Range.

Additional information about what to wear, what to bring, where to meet, etc., will be provided to all registered volunteers.

Friends of the Forest Day will be a great opportunity for families to experience their National Forest System lands, having fun while learning something new and contributing something worthwhile. “This is a great opportunity to get up close to what makes Oregon such a wonderful place for enjoying the outdoors. It will give us a look into the past at this historic site,” said Mary Vasse of the National Forest Foundation.

Timothy Lake, nearby, is a favorite Mount Hood National

Forest summer hot-spot, and this Saturday morning volunteer event is a great way to start a relaxing weekend in the woods.

If you aren’t registered already, you’ll have to move fast to get in on this great opportunity!

Editor’s Note: Because of the increased diversity of its service to Oregon, SOLV has formally stopped using the name Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism; however, the state-wide Oregon non-profit organization founded in 1969 by Governor Tom McCall is still referred to as SOLV. The National Forest Foundation (NFF) is dedicated to engaging citizens in the stewardship and enjoyment of the National Forest System. With a regional office in Portland, the NFF serves communities and forests throughout Oregon. Friends of Clackamas Lake is dedicated to protecting the heritage of historic Clackamas Lake Ranger Station. Thanks to Wendall Jones for forwarding information of this event to the PNWFSA Newsletter.

Forest Service Harvest Ball Set for Friday, November 3

The annual **Harvest Ball** dinner and dance at **Timberline Lodge** for the Forest Service and its friends is scheduled for Friday, November 3. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and dancing at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Regional Office from Dale Guenther at 503-808-2188 and Julie Johnson at 503-808-2998, at the Mt. Hood National Forest from Christy Covington at 503-622-3191 and Jennie O’Connor at 503-668-1645, at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest from Vicky Wessling at 360-891-5222, and at the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area from Kim Titus at 541-308-1704. Tickets for dinner are \$25.00 per person, and for dancing are \$9.00 per person.

Call 503-231-5400 for room reservations at Timberline Lodge. Chalet rooms are \$90, Twin rooms are \$140, Timberline rooms are \$110, and Fireplace rooms are \$245. Call 503-272-3205 for room reservations at Mt. Hood Inn in Government Camp where rooms with two queen beds are \$99.

Letters

Joe Stockbridge remembers Charlotte Arne

Just a note to let you know that a very special friend of ours, Charlotte Arne, died peacefully March 20th at her home in Portland, Oregon, after a lengthy illness (*Memories*, page 10).

Judy and I first became acquainted with Charlotte and her husband John when I worked on the Prairie City District of the Malheur National Forest back in the 1960s. John and Charlotte lived in Prairie City where John was the FMO and Charlotte was the Business Assistant on the Bear Valley District in John Day. During this period, John and Charlotte were part of all our lives on and off the job. They were from the old school, loved children, and set the example for friendly living in small-town Eastern Oregon.

Following our Prairie City days we kept in close touch with them. When they retired and lived in Hood River we would stop by on our way to Portland from Baker City to share current events and relive old times. We considered them to be part of our family and acting grandparents to our children.

A few years after John’s death, Charlotte moved to Portland to be closer to her daughter Marian. We usually saw her once a year and last visited during the reunion in September. She always inquired about many of her past Forest Service acquaintances and was interested in the latest Forest Service happenings, usually commenting on the changes. In 2004 she attended a birthday party for one of our grandchildren in Portland during which she reminded us of many family stories from earlier times.

She was an inspiration to all who knew her and especially to our family. We miss her, but will always have fond memories.

Doug Porter remembers *Dennis Thrall*

I'm not sure you are ever prepared for news of one's death.

I worked with Dennis (*Memories*, page 12) on the Siuslaw, Hebo District, in the early 1970s. He was an engineering tech who did a lot of our road location, and...he was an expert at it. He was very good at aerial photo interpretation and identifying where he was and needed to be. We located many miles of road...high quality location [on] very unstable ground [where] a very good road locator was worth his weight in gold. Dennis was one. He also shared his knowledge and skills in the design of those roads to meet the overall objective. Dennis was a good friend and employee.

We also got in some pretty good salmon fishing out of Depot Bay. I had a 22-foot dory and we spent a lot of time chasing fish and we did catch our share. I also enjoyed a few cold ones with Dennis along with other good times and will always remember him....

At 58 his death was a shock to me, but at the same time I'm thankful I was able to spend some quality years with Dennis.

Doug Porter remembers *Frank Miller*

Frank (*Memories*, page 11) was a good friend. He was in poor health these last few years, and I am very happy that Wendall and I went to his place last month for a nice day-long visit.

Ed Whitmore remembers *Steve Paulson*

What a shock to hear about Steve (*Memories*, *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, Spring 2006, page 11). Steve was in the office next to mine back in D.C., and was a huge help to me in making the

Memories *Compiled by Archivist Dave Kolb and Jane Kolb*

Charles “Chuck” Anderson

Charles Anderson died April 30, 2006, at age 57 in Montana. Chuck was born August 6, 1948, in The Dalles, Oregon, and was a forestry graduate of Central Oregon Community College in Bend. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Chuck started working in range management on the Malheur National Forest at John Day, and in 1980 moved to Joseph on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. He retired in 1993 and bought a ranch near Baker city. Chuck married Kathleen Foster on May 4, 2001.

Survivors include his wife, daughters Mandie Reed and Padie Cape, mother, two step-sons, and five grandchildren.

Charlotte Arne

Charlotte Arne died March 20, 2006, at age 89 in Prineville, Oregon. She was born September 25, 1916, in Fossil, Oregon, and lived in John Day and Prairie City. Charlotte worked as a Forest Service clerk for 20 years. Her husband, John, was a longtime fire management officer on the Prairie City Ranger District, Malheur National Forest. Both were efficient, effective, and well-liked. They retired in the late 1970s and moved to Hood River. After John died in 1990, Charlotte moved to Portland.

transition to the Washington Office. He was a good thinker, hard worker, quick with, and just plain fun to be around. He worked hard and played hard, and was a credit to the Forest Service in every way. The Forest Service family is going to miss him dearly.

Pat Bryant writes about *Dick Bryant*

My husband Dick Bryant passed away October 27, 2005 (*Memories*, *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, Winter 2006, page 12) after a year in a nursing home with PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy). He had been with the Forest Service for close to thirty years. This year we would have celebrated 60 years of marriage.

I was not aware of the article he wrote in 1961 that was published in the *Logger's Handbook* per Bud Unruh (*Letters*, *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, Winter 2006, page 9). He also mentioned “your recent comments on Dick Bryant.” I would very much appreciate copies of any or all to share with our grand kids.

Editor's Note: PNWFSA Secretary Bev Pratt, who wrote that Dick and Pat Bryant “were friends of Bert and mine many years ago,” replied to Pat's letter and sent “our book...plus newsletters to her.” Pat's address is P.O. Box 516, Saint Paul, OR 97137.

Editor's Note: While this issue's letters just happen to be remembrances of friends and family, letters on any topic you want to share with other OldSmokeys – on life where you live, on trips you take, on birthdays, on retirements, on this newsletter, etc. – are appropriate and welcome.

Survivors include sons John and Kenneth, daughter Marian Massey, five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Joseph Beltram

Joseph Beltram died April 22, 2006, at age 98 in Prineville, Oregon. He was born February 15, 1908, in Richville, Oklahoma. Joe married Pearline Thomasson in Krebs, Oklahoma, in 1938, moved to Idanha, Oregon, in 1946 and to Prineville in 1949. He worked for several sawmills before going to work for the Forest Service. Joe was a log deck scaler, and later was a warehouseman for the Ochoco National Forest.

Survivors include his wife; sons James, Alfred, Thomas, and Kevin; nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

L. George Chadwick

L. George Chadwick died May 1, 2006, at age 90 in Union, Oregon. He was born January 16, 1916, in Cove, Oregon, and married Leora Titus there on July 3, 1938. He worked on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest for 35 years on the Baker and Union ranger districts, and retired from the air center in La Grande.

Survivors include his wife, daughter Lyndalin Kinsella, foster son Chuck Titus, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Leora Lulah Egger

Leora L. Egger died April 16, 2006, at age 70 in Prineville, Oregon. She was a PNWFSA member. Leora Houston was born July 18, 1935, in Prineville. Her grandparents were a pioneer Crook County family. Leora grew up at several ranger stations and was a fire lookout during summers and after graduating from high school. She married Bruce on October 8, 1955, and they lived at Rager Ranger Station on the Ochoco National Forest. They moved to Bly, Oregon, in 1960, and to Pomeroy, Washington, in 1968, where Bruce was ranger on both districts. Leora graduated from Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, in 1975, and taught school in Pomeroy and in Prineville where they moved after Bruce retired in 1979.

Survivors include her husband; son Kelvin; daughters Kathy Fink, Leslie Egger Gould, and Laurie Egger Snyder; and nine grandchildren.

James C. Feigal

James C. Feigal died March 25, 2006, at age 79. He was born April 11, 1926, near Pine Island, Minnesota, and grew up on a dairy farm. After service in the Navy, Jim attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a degree in forestry. He started his Forest Service career on the Kaibab National Forest in Arizona, then moved to Oregon where he served on the Ochoco, Malheur, and Winema national forests. Jim married Daisy, the widowed daughter of Malheur National Forest employee “Sonny” Brown, on September 2, 1960. He transferred to the Wenatchee National Forest in 1963 and retired in 1981. Jim and Daisy tended their orchard in East Wenatchee, Washington, from 1963 to 1990, then moved to Cashmere, Washington.

Survivors include his wife, daughters Debra Anderson and Amy Smith, sons Daniel and Del, 12 grandchildren, and a sister.

Dawn Edward Harris

Dawn E. Harris died March 3, 2006, at age 70. He was born March 5, 1935, in Canada where he grew up. Later the family moved to Roseburg, Oregon. He married Bonnie in 1954. She died in 1987. He married Gayle in 1988. Dawn worked 27 years on the Umpqua National Forest. After retirement, he owned and operated the Harris Garlic Farm. He was a hard worker and a great teacher and loved the outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, sons Brad and Lane, daughters Carmen Hillmick and Sharon Wright, Gayle’s daughters Tammy Wilkinson and Crystal Vierra, and 13 grandchildren.

Phil Janik

Phil Janik died April 28, 2006, at age 61 in Vancouver, Washington. He was a PNWFSA member. Phil was a retired Deputy and Associate Chief of the Forest Service and Regional Forester in Region 10. A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Phil earned a B.S. in forestry at The University of Montana and an M.S. in wildlife science from Oregon State University. He served as a naval officer for 15 years; his seven active duty years included four years at sea and three years as an OSU NROTC instructor.

He began his Forest Service career as a biologist on the Siuslaw National Forest and continued in increasingly responsible staff positions in the Intermountain Region, Alaska, and the Washington Office. From 1994 to 1998 he was the Regional Forester in Alaska. He joined the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) External Review Panel as a national representative from the Forest Service, continued to serve on the panel following his retirement, and was elected panel chairman in 2005. Phil played a large role in the success of the 2005 Forest Service Centennial Reunion in Portland by soliciting donations for the silent auction from conservation organizations and by serving as the key liaison with the Chief’s staff. He died suddenly of pneumonia. He is survived by his wife Pat, two sons, and one daughter.

Lola A. Lufkin

Lola A. Lufkin died October 31, 2005. She was a PNWFSA member and widow of Francis Lufkin, a pioneer of the smoke-jumper program. After graduating from high school in Colville, Washington, Lola moved to Winthrop where she met and married Francis in 1937.

Editor’s Note: Chuck Lundeen found this news in Smoke-jumper Magazine.

Wynne M. Maule

Wynne M. Maule died June 5, 2006, at age 80 at his home in Minden, Nevada. He was a PNWFSA member. Wynne was born July 17, 1925, in Gardnerville, Nevada. His father was supervisor of the old Mono National Forest. Wynne served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and in 1950 graduated from Oregon State College (now Oregon State University) with a degree in forestry and joined the Forest Service. Wynne served on several western national forests before becoming supervisor of the Olympic National Forest. He retired in 1980 as Assistant Director of Lands in the Washington Office and returned to Minden where he was well known as an author and historian.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Arlene “Patsy” Maule, daughters Karen Lee and Nancy Draper, son Andy, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Frank Miller

Frank Miller died on May 27, 2006, probably in his middle 60s. He was a PNWFSA member. Frank worked in engineering and road management on the Siuslaw National Forest in the early 1970s, then in Region 1 in Idaho, and then on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest where he retired.

Editor’s Note: No other information was available at press time.

Millard McKinley Mitchell

Millard M. Mitchell died on May 15, 2006. He was born June 6, 1926, in Mansfield, Louisiana, and grew up in the Liberty, Texas, area. “Mitch” graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and attended Tuskegee Institute and Fresno State College. He worked with underprivileged youth for the California Youth Authority before starting his Forest Service career as a Job Corps Program leader, and retired as Director, Job Corps

Programs in the Washington Office.

Survivors include his wife Barbara, daughter Joan Horton, two sisters, and many young men he mentored during his career.

Editor's Note: Please watch for "Remembering Millard Mitchell" in the Fall 2008 newsletter.

Dorothy Rue McNeil

Dorothy McNeil died on April 16, 2006, at age 86 in her Seattle home. She was the wife of PNWFSA member Robert McNeil for 65 years. Known for her lifelong dedication to public service, she was an active volunteer at the Puget Sound Blood Bank, the Oregon Health Sciences Hospital, and since 1991 the Radiation/Oncology Department of Virginia Mason Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, son Tim and his wife Debbie.

John Charles Neeling

John C. Neeling died May 14, 2006, at age 53. He was a current Forest Service employee who recently had moved to the Klamath Falls area as community development specialist for the Fremont-Winema National Forests. John was born on February 26, 1953, in Sacramento, California, but grew up in Iowa. He earned a degree in resource conservation from The University of Montana, served in the Peace Corps, and served in the Forest Service on the Umatilla, Carson, Lolo, Toiyabe, Ashley, Kaibab, and Tonto national forests.

Survivors include his wife Trish Lindaman, sister Melody Newton, and nephew Matt Cerutti.

Clarence Norman Rykken

C. Norman Rykken died March 10, 2006, at age 67. He was born November 23, 1938, in Ashland, Oregon, and graduated from high school there in 1956. He worked several years for the Forest Service, then served in the Army from 1962 to 1964. After returning to the Forest Service, he married Layle Bostwick in 1966 and moved to Union Creek, Oregon. They later moved to Brookings, Oregon, where Norman worked on the Siskiyou National Forest until he retired in 1995. In 1997, they moved to Baker City.

Survivors include his wife, daughter Kim, son-in-law Randy, two grandchildren, and two sisters.

Maurice Clair Sholl

Maurice C. Sholl died March 9, 2006, at age 79 in The Dalles, Oregon. He was a PNWFSA member. Maury was born August 21, 1926, in Hicksville, Ohio. He served in the Army Air Corps and was discharged in 1945. In 1950, he graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in forestry, married Betty Jackson, and went to work with the State of Ohio. In 1957, he took a Forest Service range and wildlife job on the Tieton Ranger District, Wenatchee National Forest. He later worked in Portland and on the Barlow Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, in Dufur, Oregon. Maury retired in 1987.

Survivors include his wife; son Daniel; daughters Margaret Sammons, Jeanne Michaels, and Gwendolyn Sholl; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Robert "Bob" J. Stabb

Robert J. Stabb died March 20, 2006, at age 57 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was born March 28, 1948, in California and earned a degree in forestry at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1971. Bob spent 25 years on the Rogue River National Forest on the Butte Falls Ranger District in silviculture and on the Applegate Ranger District as NEPA writer. Bob never married. He was a hard worker and had many friends on the Forest.

Survivors include his father Edward D. Stabb; brother Edward D., Jr., and sister Cynthia M. Sharp.

Robert Frank Tarrant

Robert F. Tarrant died April 6, 2006, at age 88. He was a PNWFSA member. Bob was born March 11, 1918, in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Oregon State College (now Oregon State University) in 1941 with a degree in soil science and agricultural economics, and served as a naval officer during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He married Jean Inez Horton on September 20, 1941; she died in August 2001. Bob married Marolyn Welch on November 30, 2002. He served briefly with the Soil Conservation Service, but in 1946 became a Forest Service research soil scientist with the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station (now Pacific Northwest Research Station) in Portland. He pursued a wide variety of forest soils and related research projects until he became Assistant Director of the Station in 1971 and Director in 1975. He retired from the Forest Service in 1979 to teach at Oregon State University, where he served as head of the Department of Forest Science, College of Forestry, until he retired again in 1987. A long-time resident of Corvallis, he was active in many professional and civic organizations.

Survivors include his wife, sons Christopher and Brian, daughters Susan Tarrant and Stephanie Martin, two stepchildren, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Dennis Joseph Thrall

Dennis J. Thrall died February 19, 2006, at age 58 in Butte Falls, Oregon. He was born May 24, 1947, in Salem, attended Oregon State University, and went to work for the Forest Service on the Siuslaw National Forest in the 1970s. He later worked on the Umpqua National Forest, on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and in Alaska. Dennis retired in June 2003, but continued working with a private engineering contractor. His wife Paulette preceded him in death.

Survivors include his fiancé, Jackie Hampton, whom he planned to marry in April, brother Del Combs, sister Nadine Hampton, daughters Denise Lee and Tami Sanders, son Brian, stepdaughter Julie Towne, and 11 grandchildren.

Thomas D. Tusso

Thomas D. Tusso died April 20, 2006, at age 66 in San Leandro, California. He was a PNWFSA member. Tom was born January 2, 1940, in Colusa, California. He married Lorraine Guitschula in Santa Rosa, California, on June 8, 1963, and they moved to Galice, Oregon, where Tom surveyed and mapped roads on the Siskiyou National Forest. They moved to Grants Pass in 1966.

Tom retired in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, sons Dominic and Christopher, daughter Lisa Tusso, stepfather, two brothers, and three grandchildren.

**As is a tale, so is life: not how long it is
but how good it is, is what matters.**

– Seneca

Glenn Elbert Tyler

Glenn Elbert Tyler died May 10, 2006, at age 99 in Enumclaw, Washington. Glenn was born January 31, 1907, in Sumas, Washington, and left a lot of tracks across the Northwest that included work in the Forest Service as a surveyor on the Mt. Baker National Forest from 1928 to 1940. After engineering and surveying work to establish the city of Bellevue, Washington, and SeaTac Airport, he moved to Lake County, Oregon, in 1948 where he served as Lake County surveyor and later as Lake County and Klamath County watermaster. He was active in the Lake County Historical Society and exhibited his artwork throughout the state.

Remembering LaVone Cable

LaVone Cable, whose 35 years of government service included almost 33 years in the Forest Service from 1941 to 1974 during which she served as secretary for three regional foresters – Herb Stone, Charlie Connaughton, and Ted Schlapfer, was remembered briefly in the *Memories* section of the Spring 2006 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*. LaVone died March 18, 2006, at age 86, in Portland where she was born May 5, 1919, and resided her entire life.

Well known and loved by many in the RO, her assignments, after the steno pool, were in Engineering, the Experiment Station, Range and Wildlife, the Deputy Regional Forester, and the Regional Forester offices. Dave Kolb often called her when he needed information about an “old timer” and she usually had it. Pat Jones visited LaVone almost daily in her last years, and submitted the following thoughts written by LaVone in September 2000. They are words to remember ...and to remember her by.

Ode to the World

By LaVone Cable

I love this old world – there is so much to experience.
There are flowers and watermelons and distant choo-choo trains.
And wonderful smells, like the rain after a long dry spell. And like my favorite flavor of Slim-Fast, which has the best taste and smell of all, though it hasn't helped me to lose a single ounce.
Popcorn – don't you hope heaven has an unending supply? That, and garlic mashed potatoes with lots of you-know-what.
Then there is the anticipation of sometimes going to bed early, even though I'm not especially tired; but I need time to think about a lot of things. Then it's morning, and nothing is settled in my mind.
And so my life passes pleasantly, day in and year out.
Now I am 81 in the year 2000, never having expected so great an age. My ears have diminished the voices of my friends (who become fewer every year), but they graciously put up with my frailties, for they are in the same boat as I.
Sometimes, like a bit of flotsam on uncertain waters, I can't help wondering how and when I will meet the Harvest.
Yes, I love this old world, and one day soon (on an appointed day unbeknownst to me) I shall no longer see the flowers in their time,
Nor taste the crisply broken watermelon, so juicy (oh dear),
Nor hear the trains passing in the night.
But someone will – and will love them as I did.

Changes continued...

Lufkin, Lola – Deceased, October 31, 2005

Lyons, Arthur G. & Suzy – Change address: Galena, AK 99741

MacWilliams, J. Doug & Melodee – Change email:

Marchbanks, Joe – Add to directory: Pendleton, OR 97801

Phone: not listed Email:

Martin, William T. “Bill” & Virginia – New members: Bend, OR 97701

Phone: Email:

Maule, Wynne M. – Deceased, June 5, 2006: Arlene survives

McNeil, Dorothy – Deceased, April 16, 2006: Robert survives

Miller, Frank – Deceased, May 27, 2006

Nutt, Earl & Margaret – New members: Corvallis, OR 97333-9589

Phone:

Page, Fred & Ann – New members: Portland, OR 97229

Phone: Email:

Parker, Walter T. & Elaine – Change email:

Peters, Ollie – Change address: Bend, OR 97701

Ralph, Marlene – New member: Bend, OR 97701

Phone: Email:

Rolfness, Robert S. – New member: Moses Lake, WA 98837

Phone: Email:

Sabol, Emil & Dorine – Change email:

Schallau, Con H. & Leanah – Change address: Spokane, WA 99204

Phone: Email:

Shaffer, Richard G. & Nancy – Change address: Lacey, WA 98516

Add phone:

Sholl, Maurice C. – Deceased, March 9, 2006: Betty survives

Smallwood, N. Alleene – New member: Bend, OR 97701-9514

Phone: Email:

Smith, Bernie – New member: Beaverton, OR 97008

Phone: Email:

Sterud, Yvonne – New member: Vancouver, WA 98683

Phone: Email:

Sykes, Glenn & LaVerna – New members: Corvallis, OR 97330-1424

Phone:

Tarrant, Robert F. – Deceased, April 6, 2006: Marolyn survives

Turner, James R. & Linda – Change address: Midland, TX 79707-3183

Change phone: Change email:

Tuso, Thomas D. – Deceased, April 20, 2006: Lorraine survives

Virgin, Katherine L. & Othell – Change address: Ocean Park, WA 98640

Warthen, Richard & Shirley – Change email:

Watson, Bruce W. & Connie – New members: Eugene, OR 97440

Phone: Email:

White, Kenneth E & Patricia -- Change email:

Wick, Herb & Sharon – Correct email:

Wilson, John & Bonna – Change address: Damascus, OR 97089

Wolf, G. Louis & Odena – Change email:

Books

PNW Research Station Publishes Boyd Wickman’s Book on Entomologists Burke and Miller

Boyd Wickman’s *Harry E. Burke and John M. Miller, Pioneers in Western Forest Entomology* was published in November 2005 by the Pacific Northwest Research Station as General Technical Report 638.

Boyd, a PNW Research Station research entomologist emeritus and an OldSmokey, compiled this history from the memoirs, diaries, and other personal documents of Burke and Miller, the two forest entomologists in charge of the first forest insect laboratories on the West Coast. Boyd follows the two pioneer entomologists from 1902 to 1952 as they pursued careers with the USDA’s Bureau of Entomology, Division of Forest Insect Investigations. Cooperative bark beetle control projects with the Forest Service, National

Park Service, and private timber owners guided many of their early activities. Later, when the laboratories were located on university campuses, cooperative research was undertaken with Forest Service research stations and their focus shifted to more basic research and emphasized studies on the silvicultural management of bark beetle populations.

Boyd's extensive use of personal anecdotes and historical photographs supplements sound research and organization to achieve his objective of "making [Burke's and Miller's] colorful lives and times a good read."

For information, see the PNW Research Station website at <www.fs.fed.us/pnw>. To request a copy, contact Publications Distribution, Pacific Northwest Research Station, by telephone at 503-808-2138, e-mail at <pnw_pnwpubs@fs.fed.us>, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 3890, Portland, Oregon 97208-3890.

***We Had An Objective In Mind* Continues to Sell, Remains Available**

Rolf Anderson reports that the OldSmokeys' own Forest Service Centennial anthology, *We Had An Objective In Mind: The U.S. Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest 1905-2005*, continues to gain recognition and sales. Several northwestern historical / genealogical societies reviewed the book in their spring newsletters. Mail order and personal presentation sales continue at a steady rate. More retail store placements have been made. Local sales people are doing a great job! As of May 30, about 1,400 copies had been sold for a net profit to the PNWFSA of about \$7,300.

There's more good news. *We Had An Objective In Mind* remains available. Edited by Rolf, this 570-page volume contains hundreds of short stories and vignettes about the first 100 years of the Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest Region. Use the coupon (or a copy of the coupon) below to order copies today \$16 per copy plus \$3 per copy for shipping and handling.

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Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ made out to PNWFSA.

Out of the Past

On October 29, 1929, District Ranger Charles Thurston, Umpqua National Forest, patrolled the boundary between the Deschutes and Umpqua national forests along Skyline Road at Windigo Pass aboard Peter. *That was rangersing!*

U.S. Forest Service photograph by Carl B. Neal, Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest, courtesy Deschutes National Forest historic photograph collection.

*Got interesting pictures of and short stories about yourself or your friends during the old days of the Forest Service? Send 'em in and share 'em with other OldSmokeys in this **Out of the Past** feature.*

-- Editor





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Coming Events

Picnic – August 11, 2006
Harvest Ball – November 3, 2006

Next time you’re in Bend, visit The High Desert Museum to see the exhibit “Century of Service: The U.S. Forest Service in the High Desert” currently showing in the *Spirit of the West* gallery.

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