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photo: Joanne DeMay

Mary Liepins snowshoes to Craig Lake on a Chemeketan trip

ANNUAL BANQUET / FRIDAY APRIL 15

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SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGE

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27

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ALL BACKPACKS NOW LISTED IN *FUTURE EVENTS!*

The *Chemeketans* are a group united in a common interest in outdoor activities. Application for membership may be made after completion of two qualifying trips with the club. For information, contact any member of the Executive Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Trip Participation

It is your responsibility to determine from the description of distance, altitude, terrain, trail and possible weather conditions, whether you, your children, and your guests can fully participate. The leader may refuse to take anyone not properly equipped or who is judged incapable of making the specific trip. All valuables should be left at home or carried with you — not left in a vehicle at the trailhead. Dogs/pets are not permitted.

Guests (non-members)

A guest under 18 years of age must provide a signed RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK to the trip leader if he/she is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Trip Essentials

Participants should wear appropriate footgear and clothing, carry lunch, water, raingear, warm sweater/jacket, and the following "essentials":

EXTRA food/clothing/water
flashlight & extra battery
lighter/matches in waterproof container
solar blanket and/or ground insulation in winter
insect repellent
first aid materials sunglasses
pocket knife toilet paper
candle sunscreen
whistle small shovel

Trip Ratings:

DAWDLERS: Pace slow, group makes frequent stops for viewing, photography, etc.

EASY: Max. 5 mi round trip, elevation gain less than 1000 ft.

MEDIUM: 6-10 mi round trip, 1000-2000 ft elevation gain.

HARD: Long, strenuous, and difficult.

Trip Meeting Points

RAS = Rite Aid South, south Commercial, behind bus stop

CCC = WEEKENDS ONLY – Green Parking Lot (lot off Cooley Dr off Lancaster Side)

RLC = Redeemer Lutheran Church at 4665 Lancaster Dr (corner of Hayesville Dr – but never on Sunday)

SKM = Big K Lot, 2470 Mission St., Mission St. side, just west of Jack-in-the-Box

RPR = Roth's Portland Road, 4746 Portland Road NE (park in northwest corner on Portland Road)

PAR = State Motor Pool Park and Ride lot on Airport Road

DEN = 360-1/2 State Street

FMN = Fred Meyer northwest side of lot (River Road side)

SAF = Safeway West Salem, use Capital Manor exit from 22. Park on Edgewater -- southwest corner

MBI = Minto Brown Island Park (1st parking lot on right as you enter island)

Mileage Reimbursement for Drivers

To reimburse drivers for vehicle operation costs, the suggested donation is 9¢ per mile per person to drivers.

Hiking Coordinator for March: Bill Wylie
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Membership and Bulletins

The best way for prospective members to request club information and guest bulletins is to complete the online "MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION REQUEST FORM", available on our website www.chemeketans.org under "Membership" or "Contact Us". You may mail requests to Chemeketans, Membership Secretary, PO Box 864, Salem OR 97308 or email chememb@chemeketans.org and use an unambiguous subject line and include a snail mail address and phone number. If you mail in names of prospective members on sign-up sheets, instead of directing people to the website, it is very helpful to include email addresses.

Renewing Members: First adult \$26 (\$12 household fee + \$14 dues); Additional Adult \$14 dues; Junior \$3 dues.

New Members: First adult \$31 (\$12 household fee + \$14 dues + \$5 application fee); Additional Adult \$19 (\$14 dues + \$5 application fee); Junior (under 18 years) \$8 (\$3 dues + \$5 application fee). A junior who is the only Chemeketan in a household would also pay the \$12 household fee. The membership year starts January 1st.

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The May issue will be edited by Bill Geibel.

To submit a Where & When or We Were There, use the online forms on the www.chemeketans.org website. If you do not have internet access, ask a friend or the hiking coordinator to do this for you. You may also call, email, or send your write-ups directly to the editors at their home addresses.

The Chemekeden is located at 360-1/2 State Street, Salem. Members may schedule the facility with the Chemekeden Committee Chair.

The Chemeketan Trip Leader Guide is available at http://www.chemeketans.org/Leader_Guide.pdf.

THUNDERBIRD LODGE: To reserve the Chemeketan cabin on Whitewater Rd., call or email Kim Hyatt: pkhyatt@msn.com, 503.362.2765

MARCH 2011 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Location	Leader
Tue	1	Beazell Memorial Forest Hike	Mary Narey
Wed	2	Potato Hill X-Ski	Ted Young
Thu	3	Center50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Sat	5	Multnomah-Wahkeena Falls Hike	Steve Braden
Sat	5	Santiam Canyon Snowshoe	Jean Gabriel
Sat	5	Nestucca Spit Hike	Tom Burke
Sat	5	Minto Brown Hike	Connie Yost
Sun	6	Spencers Butte Hike	John Huff
Sun	6	Santiam Area X-Ski	Ken Ash
Sun	6	Historic Portland Walk	Franca Hernandez
Sun	6	Peavy Arboretum McDonald Forest Hike	Rosamund Irwin
Mon	7	Koffee Klatch	Bill Anning
Wed	9	Trip Safety Class	Betsy Belshaw
Wed	9	Minto Bird Walk	Tim Johnson
Wed	9	McDonald Forest Hike	Frank Knox
Thu	10	Potato Hill X-Ski	Roz Shirack
Thu	10	Second Thursday Pizza Night	Dave Carter
Thu	10	Center50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Fri	11	Picture Night: Dolomites	Mary Liepins
Sat	12	Breitenbush Gorge Hike	Susan Watkins
Sat	12	Dimple Hill Hike	Matt Rieke
Sat	12	Monument Ridge Hike and Snowshoe	Larry Petersen
Sat	12	Minto Brown Hike	Connie Yost
Sat	12	Champoeg State Park to Butteville	Carrol Maurer
Sat	12	Trip Safety Class	Betsy Belshaw
Sun	13	Country Glen/Willark Parks Hike	Janet Templar
Sun	13	Naturalist Snowshoe	Lee Slattum & Bobbie Snead
Sun	13	Fairmount Walk	J. Elizabeth Seibert
Mon	14	Koffee Klatch	Bill Anning
Tue	15	Hamilton Mountain Hike	George Struble
Wed	16	Sweet Creek Falls Hike	Betsy Belshaw
Wed	16	Little North Fork Hike	Frank Knox
Wed	16	Cross-Country Ski	Dave Carter
Thu	17	Center50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Sat	19	Minto Brown Hike	Connie Yost
Sat	19	Hamilton Mountain Hike	Jean Gabriel
Sat	19	Little North Fork Hike	Dave Carter
Sun	20	Ray Benson Cross-Country Ski	James Sealy
Sun	20	McDonald Forest Hike	Jim Reichwein
Sun	20	Silver Falls Hike	Margaret Saxe
Mon	21	Koffee Klatch	Bill Anning
Mon	21	Spencer Butte Dawdler Hike	Paula Hyatt
Wed	23	Cross-Country Ski	Dave Carter
Thu	24	Champoeg Hike	J. Elizabeth Seibert
Thu	24	Center50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Fri-Sun	25-27	Spring Basin Wilderness Backpack	Joanne DeMay
Sat	26	Beginner Cross-Country Ski	Betsy Belshaw
Sat	26	Minto Brown Hike	Connie Yost
Sat	26	Dog & Wind Mountains Hike	Lee Slattum
Sat	26	Cascade Head Hike	Janet Rafalovich
Sun	27	Silver Falls State Park Hike	Blanka Truneckova
Sun	27	Tryon Creek State Park Hike	Mary Narey
Sun	27	Maxwell Butte Snowshoe	Ralph Nafziger
Mon	28	Koffee Klatch	Bill Anning
Wed	30	Twin Lakes Cross-Country Ski	Roz Shirack
Wed	30	Beazell Memorial Forest Hike	Mike Berger
Thu	31	Center50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thu	31	Tryon Creek State Park Hike	Mary Narey

Future Events

Wed	Apr 6	2 nd Session Climb School at the Den	Bill Saur
Sat-Sun	Apr 9-10	Climb School Field Sessions	Bill Saur
Wed	May 4	Backpack Class at the Den	Rod Graves, Allan King, Joanne DeMay
Sat-Sun	May 14-15	Wilderness First Aid Class at Silver Falls	Mike Niemeyer
Fri-Sun	May 20-22	North Umpqua-Dread & Terror Backpack	Allan King
Sun-Sat	May 22-28	Canyon de Chelly (wait list only)	Hardin King
Sun-Sat	May 29-June 4	Canyon de Chelly (one space)	Hardin King
Fri-Sun	June 3-5	Beginner Backpack, Boulder Creek Wilderness	Allan King, Joanne DeMay
Sun-Thu	June 19-23	Olympic Coast North Backpack	Tim Taylor
Fri-Sun	June 24-26	Rebel Creek, 3 Sisters Wilderness, Backpack	David Anderson
Wed-Sun	July 6-10	Bull of the Woods Wilderness Backpack	Rod Graves
Thu-Wed	July 7-13	Strawberry Mts Traverse Backpack	Rick Cooper
Sun-Thu	Aug 7-11	White Clouds Peaks Loop Backpack	Larry Petersen
Fri-Sun	Aug 12-14	Hunt's Cove, Hunt's Lake Backpack	Bill Sullivan
Sat-Mon	Aug 13-22	Teton Crest Trail Backpack	Roz Shirack
Sun-Tue	Aug 14-23	Thousand Island Lake Sierras Backpack	Bob Custer, Susan Ruff
Wed-Sun	Aug 17-21	North Fork John Day Wilderness Backpack	Rod Graves
Mon-Sun	Aug 29-Sept 4	Final Section of the Oregon PCT Backpack	Ray Drapek
Mon-Fri	Aug 29-Sept 2	Table Lake/Carl Lake Loop Backpack	Rick Cooper
Fri-Sun	Sept 2-4	Waldo/Eddeeleo Lakes Backpack	Rod Graves
Sat-Thu	Sept 10-15	Steens Mt Loop Backpack	Larry Davis, Bob Custer
Fri-Sun	Sept 23-25	Indian Heaven Wilderness Backpack	Lelia Barlow
Tue-Wed	Sept 20-28	Yosemite/JMT Traverse Backpack	Joanne DeMay

Announcements

PLEASE NOTE TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS IN APRIL: THE ANNUAL BANQUET AND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

CHEMEKETAN ANNUAL BANQUET APRIL 15

The 2011 Chemeketan Annual Banquet is Friday, April 15, at 6:00 pm at Roth's West Salem Oregon Room, 1130 Wallace Rd. NW in Salem. The banquet is an opportunity for new and long-time members to socialize and share common interests of outdoor recreation.

Oregon author and Chemeketan Bill Sullivan will take us on a slideshow tour of his favorite trips -- hikes and adventures in all parts of the state, choosing top trips for each month of the year. Based on his new book, [Oregon Favorites: Trails and Tales](#), the show includes tips on new trails, as well as anecdotes about history, geology, wildlife, and people along the way.

A fifth-generation Oregonian, Sullivan has written seven books about Oregon's outdoors, as well as two books on Oregon history, two adventure memoirs, and three novels. His journal, "Listening for Coyote" was chosen by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission as one of the 100 most significant books in the state's history.

Watch the April Bulletin for details on dinner entrees, cost, and how to make reservations. Reservations will be due by April 8.

SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 27

The Chemeketan Executive Council hereby calls a Special Meeting of the membership for the purpose of voting on proposed by-law amendments. **The Special Meeting is Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 6:30 PM at the Chemekeden, 360 ½ State St. in Salem.** A Special Meeting is necessary because the proposed by-law amendments were not voted on at the Annual Meeting held January 10, 2011, due to lack of a quorum. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Proposed By-Law Amendments (Election of Council to three-year terms)

Items ~~lined through~~ are to be deleted. Items in **bold** are by-law additions approved at the 7/1/2010 Executive Council. Only the affected articles and sections are listed.

ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The affairs of this organization shall be controlled by a board of nine Directors who shall be known as the Executive Council. The Council shall have the power to conduct the general business of the organization subject to its Articles of Incorporation and its By-Laws, and to make general rules not inconsistent therewith; to appoint all committee chairs and to fill vacancies in their own number. ~~The Council shall be elected annually and shall hold office from the close of the Annual meeting until the close of the next Annual Meeting.~~

The nine Directors shall be elected by the membership for staggered three-year terms. Each year of a term

shall be from the close of one Annual Meeting until close of the next Annual Meeting.

Section 1A. For transition to the newly-adopted election procedure for the Executive Council for 2012, the election in October 2011 will elect Council members for the following terms:

3-year terms (2012-2015) Three members new to the Council.

2-year terms (2012-2014) Three members.

1-year terms (2012-2013) Three members.

In yearly elections thereafter, three Council members will be elected.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall hold a regular meeting each month at a time to be fixed by vote of the Council. Notice of such date and any change thereof shall be **promptly sent by electronic means to members and** ~~or~~ published in the monthly publication of the Club. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, and in his/her absence, by the Vice-President, by giving 24 hours notice, either written or oral, of the same to all members of the Council who are within the state at the time of such notice. Attendance at a meeting of the Executive Council **where the notice was given** shall be a waiver of the **24-hour** notice ~~of said meeting by members so attending.~~ A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. The members of the Executive Council shall be nominated and elected as follows: by the regular July meeting, the Council shall appoint from the Club at large a Nominating Committee of five whose duty it shall be to present a ticket of ~~not less than 12 nor more than 18 nominees at least one nominee for each open position.~~ The Nominating Committee shall file its report with the Vice-President not later than September 1. Individuals may also be nominated by petition. Such petition must state the name of the nominee and be signed by at least 10 adult or life members of whom one shall be the nominee. The petition shall be presented to the Vice-President not later than ~~August~~ **September** 1. The Vice-President shall cause to be published immediately in the monthly publication a list of the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee and a list of nominees presented by petition. ~~The total list of nominees shall not contain more than 18 names, listed in alphabetical order.~~ The Vice-President shall at least three weeks prior to the Annual Election, have printed and mailed to each adult and life member in good standing a ballot of such nominees. A member in good standing for the purposes of the Annual Election is one who is a member as of October 1 of the current year. This ballot shall have the names of all nominees ~~arranged in alphabetical order, with nine~~ blank spaces for the insertion of any additional names, and opposite each name a space for the marking of an "X". If any such candidate ~~be~~ **is** a member of the existing Council, the word "incumbent" shall be placed after his/her name.

Upon each ballot shall be the following words: "Ballot for officers of the Chemeketans. Annual Election, October 31. Directions for Voting: Vote for ~~nine~~ **three** or fewer candidates of your choice. Blank lines are provided for the purpose of inserting write-in candidates if the voter so chooses. Sign your name on the envelope; otherwise the ballot will not be counted. Mail your ballot. The Election will be so conducted by the Club as to keep such vote secret." With such ballot the Vice-President shall mail an envelope with the following address and words printed thereon: "Vice-President, Chemeketans (here insert Post Office address), Salem, Oregon."

Section 4. No changes proposed

Section 5. No changes proposed

Section 6. No changes proposed

Section 7. The counters shall, at the time of the annual election and before opening the envelopes, check off the names of those voting, and shall thereupon open and destroy the envelopes, and without examining the ballots, place the ballots in a box provided. The counters shall count the votes cast and when finished report to the President the names ~~in alphabetical order, of those nine of the candidates~~ with the highest number of votes and therefore elected to serve as members of the **Executive** Council, as well as the names of all alternates, listed in the order of the number of votes received. The President shall thereupon notify the members elected **and promptly send a message by electronic means notifying the membership of the results.** The counters shall further report in writing to the next meeting of the Executive Council the number of votes cast for each candidate. ~~The organizational meeting of the newly elected Council shall be held and the several officers shall be elected from its own members by a vote of the new Council.~~ Names of elected Council members shall be published in the December Bulletin. Council officers' positions and Committee chair positions shall be published in the December ~~Bulletin~~ or the January Bulletin.

Section 8. *No proposed changes.*

Section 9. No proposed changes.

Section 10. *If no alternate is able or willing to serve, the Council shall fill the vacancy from the membership at large for the remainder of the appropriate term.*

1/30/2011

SANTIAM PASS WINTER RECREATION RULES **Edited article by Jim Todd, Willamette Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club**

Chemeketans and the Willamette Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club (ONC) have been meeting with the Forest Service and snowshoe and snowmobile clubs to discuss Santiam Pass trail and shelter issues. Below is the outcome (so far) of those talks and a clarification of existing trail and shelter usage rules.

1. Current Forest Service rules state that all shelters at Santiam Pass are open to all winter recreationists, whatever their method of travel (including snowmobiles).
2. Cross-country travel by snowmobiles is permitted anywhere on Santiam Pass outside designated Wilderness Areas. The Deschutes National Forest prohibits snowmobiles from traveling on blue diamond trails, though snowmobiles may cross these trails. The Willamette National Forest does not prohibit snowmobiles on blue diamond trails. However, there is a long tradition of certain trails, such as the Hash Brown Loop on Potato Hill, being off limits to snowmobiles. There are "no snowmobiling" signs on some of these trails. Snowmobile clubs acknowledge and accept these informal restrictions.
3. The Willamette NF has begun rule-making to prohibit snowmobiles on blue diamond trails. This will take time, but should not meet with serious opposition, since snowmobile clubs say members are already complying.

4. Orange diamond (snowmobile) trails are common corridors open to skiers and snowshoers as well as to snowmobiles. This is acknowledged and accepted by snowmobile clubs. Safety posters advise snowmobilers to slow to 10 mph when meeting skiers or snowshoers; caution skiers to step off the trail when meeting snowmobiles; and urge skiers to use orange diamond trails only when necessary.

5. The Deschutes FS has placed a line of "no motorized vehicles" signs south of Brandenburg Shelter to warn snowmobiles away from the blue diamond trail along Brandenburg Butte. They are adding similar signs at junctions where orange diamond and blue diamond trails cross.

6. A new sign will be installed (next winter?) in all shelters listing the basic rules and courtesies for all users. This sign should "settle arguments" among users and lead to better communication about use of the shelters and trails.

Mazamas Used Equipment Sale

Every year the Mazamas host a Used Equipment Sale, where gently used climbing, backpacking, hiking and XC skiing gear is offered to the general public at great prices. The sale will take place Friday, March 25th 2011. Here is the link to our webpage describing it in more detail:

<http://www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C22/>

This year we're working with select area retailers who will be offering limited amounts of new gear (blemis, overstock or discontinued items) at excellent discounts over retail. We're also working with Fish Emergency Services to collect items such as warm clothes for donation to the needy.

South Salem Cycleworks rents Cross-Country Skis: 503-399-9848, 4071 Liberty Rd. S.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 6 p.m.

Council members present: Roz Shirack, Larry Petersen, Pat Simila, Neil Peterson, Matt Rieke, Jim Rastorfer, Pam Wojcik, Mike Berger, Franca Hernandez Guests: Mike Niemeyer, Amy Palacios

1. Climbing group proposal – Mike Niemeyer, Amy Palacios

The climbing group requests the Chemeketan Executive Council's approval to establish a separate checking account. The checking account would be used for revenues and expenses related to the Climbing program, such as expenses related to the annual climb school and also the newly proposed Chemeketan wilderness first aid class. They request a sum of \$3000 to open the account at Pioneer Trust Bank. The checks from the participants would be deposited into this account rather than being kept at someone's private home until after the climb school event as had been done in the past. All checks issued for expenses will require two signatures: one of the climb co-chairs, and one from the Executive Council who has check signing authority. The group will have someone designated with the function of treasurer who will balance the checkbook monthly. That person will make a financial report to the Executive Council at least once a year. Any revenues in excess of the \$3000 original deposit will be remitted to the Club's general fund when the climb school is completed. Expenses in excess of the \$3000 will require the Executive Council's approval.

Mike Niemeyer said that up until now they had to meet all the expenses out of their own pockets. The turn around time for reimbursement was anywhere from three weeks to three months. Amy said she wrote the proposal with the appropriate internal controls and tracking of funds. Roz pointed out that the climb group has proven self-supporting. They average about 40 participants each year for Climb School with a net revenue gain to the Club.

The Executive Council was in agreement and stipulated a one-year trial period with quarterly financial reports.

ACTION: Mike Berger moved to approve the climbing group's proposal; Larry seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

2. Chemeketan Wilderness First Aid – Mike Niemeyer

He proposed having a Chemeketan wilderness first aid course. It will be held at the Silver Falls State Park on May 14 & 15, 2011.

ACTION: Larry moved to approve a Chemeketan wilderness first aid course; Matt seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Election by-laws revision – everyone

At the annual meeting, January 10, 2011, there was not the prescribed 25 voting member quorum to consider and vote on the by-laws change. At this meeting, there was discussion on when a group that size could be gathered together. Although there was an idea to have a vote at the Chemeketan Annual Banquet, it was decided to call a special meeting to coincide with the April 27, 2011 Executive Council meeting.

ACTION: There was consensus on this idea.

4. Approve minutes from the December 2, 2010 meeting

Franca read out loud the policy change for placing ads in the Chemeketan Bulletin. Copy of the minutes can be found in the January 2011 bulletin.

ACTION: Pat moved to approve December 2, 2010 minutes; Larry seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Approve minutes from the January 10, 2011 Annual Chemeketan all-members meeting

ACTION: Matt moved to approve January 10, 2011 minutes; Jim seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved. Roz and Franca abstained from the vote because neither had been present at that meeting.

6. Recording Secretary back-up – Franca Hernandez

Jim Rastorfer volunteered to be Franca's back-up when she is unable to take minutes.

7. Treasurer's Report – Matt Rieke

Treasurer's report presented at the January 10, 2011 Annual Chemeketan all-members meeting was accepted as written. The full Treasurer's report is available upon request from any Executive Council member.

Check-signing authorization was approved for the new Treasurer, Matt Rieke, and for Membership chair, Pat Simila. Signature authorization for Steve Dougherty and Jon Ellis on the Wells Fargo certificate of deposit account has been revoked.

ACTION: Franca moved to approve the new check-signing authority for Matt Rieke and Pat Simila and revoke the signature authority for Steve Dougherty and Jon Ellis; Larry seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Membership Report – Pat Simila and Mike Berger

December 2, 2010 - January 25, 2011

As of January 25, 2011 there were 879 current members, including 10 life and 10 junior members.

For 2011 there are currently 605 **paid** new and renewed members, including 10 life and 3 junior members.

New Members Submitted 12/2/2010-1/25/2011: 5

Coxey, Grace (Adult)
Engstrom, Carlene (Adult)
Engstrom, Dale (Adult)
Sathrum, Malia (Adult)
Smith, Quentin (Adult)

Reinstatements Between 12/2/2010 and 1/25/2011: 374
Guests Submitted Between 12/2/2010 and 1/25/2011: 43
Payments Entered Between 12/2/2010 and 1/25/2011:
\$9,258.00

It was reiterated that according to new policy, those members who have not renewed their membership by the end of January will no longer be Chemeketan members. Pat proposed to review and update the membership application and the membership renewal form for clarification on the exact amount to pay per household. The Executive Council agreed by consensus with her.

ACTION: Pat moved that the membership requests be approved; Mike seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Hikes scheduled on trail maintenance days – Larry Petersen

It was discussed that trail maintenance schedule should be communicated to the Hiking Chair and the Prospectus Editor. It was pointed out in the general discussion that no hikes should be scheduled on those days designated for trail maintenance. On another issue, Larry says no one has shown interest in advanced courses in trail maintenance sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service. It was suggested that he contact the U.S. Forest Service to see if they will accept groups who use only shears and loppers.

ACTION: No action to approve. General consensus on Larry's follow up.

10. Wilderness First Responder training through Wilderness Medical Associates at PSU (March 2011) for Joanne DeMay – everyone

It was agreed to postpone this item for lack of time to thoughtfully discuss the appropriateness of the Club paying for specialized training for its members.

11. Wilderness First Aid certification course at the Linfield campus in McMinnville, Feb 12-13. The cost is \$175. – everyone

ACTION: It was agreed no action is needed and that this was just an FYI.

12. Sizzlin' Science with A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village – Roz Shirack

Roz told the Executive Council that the Gilbert House requested participation from the Chemeketan Club to host an outdoor event for the February 19, 20, 21 outdoors activities program for children. No one on the Executive Council was available to coordinate the Club's participation. It was decided that this time the Club would not participate. It was suggested that maybe a longer lead time in the future might help to make the Club's participation more doable.

13. New Business

Annual Banquet – Roz says there is no Entertainment Chair so she took it upon herself to organize the annual banquet. It will be on April 15, 2011, a Friday, at Roth's IGA in West Salem. The speaker will be Bill Sullivan. Roz paid the \$135.00 room reservation fee.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Chemekeden on State Street

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Franca Hernandez, Recording Secretary

WHERE AND WHEN

Tuesday, March 1, 8:00 a.m., BEAZELL MEMORIAL FOREST Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY NAREY 503-364-1294

This 546 acre parcel of land near Corvallis has a wonderful story wrapped around it. Come to hear the history behind what some consider to be the jewel of the Benson County Park System. Four loop trails make up the five-mile hike--a bird watching trail, a picnic trail complete with an education kiosk, a beautiful riparian area, and Plunkette Creek Loop decorated with trillium lilies and a four season line-up of plants and trees. If rains are recent, the trail may be very wet and the vegetation is close to the edges. Bring boots, lunch, rain pants and hiking sticks for the steep spots and plenty of water. Cameras are welcome! Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 90 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

Wednesday, March 2, POTATO HILL X-Ski

PRE-REG W/LDR: TED YOUNG 503-362-1525

If snow conditions are bad, we will ski the groomed trails at Hoodoo. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 170 miles, Ski dist 4 miles, Elev. 400 feet.

Thursday, March 3, CENTER50+ FOR LUNCH LEE SLATTUM

Into the third year, our Chemeketan and guest lunches continue at the new City of Salem Senior Center, the Center 50+, at 2615 Portland Road NE. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 1:00. The cost is \$4.00 if you are 50 or better; \$5.50 if you are younger. A reserved sign identifying us as Chemeketans will claim our table. Drop in for some good food, conversation, and a chance to do some networking. You might want to stay for bingo. Slow pace.

RATED: EASY.

Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m., MINTO BROWN Hike

CONNIE YOST 503-385-2135

Join the Minto Walkers! We walk 3-4 miles every Saturday at Minto Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. All fitness levels welcome. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Hike dist 4 miles.

Saturday, March 5, MULTNOMAH-WAHKEENA FALLS Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: STEVE BRADEN 503-363-5259

We will hike up the Multnomah Falls trail and continue around to the back side of Wahkeena Falls for the way down. The trail up to Multnomah Falls climbs steeply, gets easier going around the top to the back side of Wahkeena and then descends steeply. I have not scouted this recently but am familiar with the route. If the trail is blocked or snowy, we can go up and down as far as possible from each falls as the group is willing and able. Be prepared for wind, rain, mud and fantastic waterfalls! Fast pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 156 miles, Hike dist 5.5 miles, Elev. 1600 feet.

Saturday, March 5, 8:00 a.m., NESTUCCA SPIT Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: TOM BURKE 503-930-5704

The hike is mostly in sand with only cumulative elevation gain because a hike on the spit (with me) is exploratory by nature, actual distance could be a mile more or less than stated distance depending on weather and will of the group. Be prepared for wind, rain, or sun. Post-hike culinary activity is obligatory. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 110 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 100 ft.

Saturday, March 5, SANTIAM CANYON Snowshoe

PRE-REG W/LDR: JEAN GABRIEL

The location of this snowshoe trip will depend on the snow conditions. I have several possible locations identified. The distance and elevation listed are an estimate of what would be rated a difficult snowshoe, not suited for beginner snowshoers. Pre-register by phone, not by email. See roster for phone number. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 190 miles, Snowshoe dist 8 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

Sunday, March 6, 8:00 a.m., HISTORIC PORTLAND WALK

PRE-REG W/LDR: FRANCA HERNANDEZ

Please see roster for trip leader's telephone number. This walk is based on Bill Sullivan's book *Hiking Oregon's History* and focuses on Portland's Old Town. We'll start at Kornblatt's delicatessen for breakfast at 628 NW 23rd Ave - 503 242 0055. We'll walk to Courthouse Pioneer Square and begin in earnest the walk that will wind its way around Dekum Building, Bishop's House, New Market Theatre, along McCall Park and then head back into downtown to Lownsdale Square, past Portlandia, to Park Blocks and the Oregon Historical Society museum. The current exhibit is titled Black Pioneers in Early Oregon. When and where we have lunch will depend on the group. Although this is a Dawdler in a city, because of the cement pavement, I urge you to wear hiking boots or really good walking shoes. Dress for weather, bring snacks and water, and carry a backpack as a place to store your rain gear if the sun shines. Take note: leader is a photographer.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 50 miles, Hike dist 2.3 miles.

Sunday, March 6, PEAVY ARBORETUM, MCDONALD FOREST Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: ROSAMUND IRWIN 503-931-0738

We will hike in Peavy Arboretum from Forest Discovery trail to 36 loop trail. Lunch at Cronemiler Lake and then explore the Calloway Creek trail and intensive management area. Trails will be muddy but we will go rain or shine. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 60 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

Sunday, March 6, SANTIAM AREA X-Ski

PRE-REG W/LDR: KEN ASH 503-884-3160

Location will depend on weather and snow conditions.

Contact Ken by phone or at mrkenash@comcast.net. Come on out and we will have a good time. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 150 miles, Ski dist 6 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

Sunday, March 6, SPENCER BUTTE Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: JOHN HUFF

We will hike from the Martin St. trailhead to the summit of Spencer Butte. On a clear day the view can include the Cascade peaks as well as the southern Willamette valley. Come prepared for muddy trails and unpredictable weather. Check roster for leader's contact information. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 130 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 1500 feet.

Monday, March 7, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH @ THE BEANERY

BILL ANNING 503-393-4141

March madness at the Beanery. Join in. 220 Liberty St. NE.

Wednesday, March 9, MBI, 8:30 a.m., BIRD WALK

TIM JOHNSON 503-507-8552

Minto-Brown Island Park provides some great bird-watching year-round. The heavy cover attracts sparrows and other woodland birds, and the river and fields bring waterfowl and raptors. Join in with members of Salem's Audubon Society on this bird walk in the park. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at parking lot #3 (at the end of the paved road into the park). Dress for the weather and wear sturdy boots/shoes. Bring binoculars. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 0 feet.

Wednesday, March 9, 8:00 a.m., MCDONALD FOREST Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: FRANK KNOX 503-364-2895

Be ready for wet, muddy trails and rain. Bring plenty of water and food with snacks that are easy to get at. We plan on doing the big loop at a rather slow but steady pace. Dress for the weather and contact the leader for the meeting place. Slow pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 60 miles, Hike dist 4.8 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

Wednesday, March 9, DEN, 7:00 p.m., TRIP SAFETY CLASS

BETSY BELSHAW

This class is for new club members and members who need to review the accepted safety procedures for trips. All the material is based on experiences on Chemeketan trips and is intended to explain why we follow the procedures. We hope to answer your questions and we do welcome your suggestions.

Thursday, March 10, CENTER50+ FOR LUNCH LEE SLATTUM

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RATED: EASY.

Thursday, March 10, POTATO HILL X-Ski

PRE-REG W/LDR: ROZ SHIRACK 503-399-8615

I will once again try to do the Potato Hill to Little Nash Sno-Park through ski, if snow conditions allow. We will ski to the top of Potato Hill (900 ft. gain) with good mountain views

along the way. Then ski down via the Hash Brown Trail and another trail to Little Nash Sno-Park, an exciting 1000 ft. descent. If snow conditions are sparse, we will do a different trail in the Santiam Pass area. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 170 miles, Ski dist 7 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

Thursday, March 10, 6:00 p.m., SECOND THURSDAY PIZZA NIGHT

DAVE CARTER 503-393-3649

This month the second Thursday pizza night will be at Padington's Pizza located at 410 Pine St. NE. Spring is in the air. Come and join fellow Chemeketans and share good food and swap plans for the coming summer and maybe your adventures of the winter. See you there! Slow pace.

RATED: EASY.

Friday, March 11, DEN, 7:00 p.m., PICTURE NIGHT

MARY LIEPINS 503-363-6385

Italian Dolomites – Elizabeth Seibert and a friend hiked in Italy last July and will share their experiences with us. As she describes the presentation, "Tonight's program will focus on three areas of the Italian Dolomites: the Tre Cime di Lavaredo, the Val Gardena, and the Alpe di Siusi. There will be photos, of course, and I'll talk a bit about the history and culture of the area as well as how to put together your own economical hiking trip, as we did. I think there will be something for those with experience hiking in the Alps and those who dream of it."

Saturday, March 12, SKM, 8:00 a.m., BREITENBUSH

GORGE Hike

SUSAN WATKINS 503-378-1440

This is a nice, gentle hike through old growth forest following the South Breitenbush River. If we can find the short trail down to view the gorge, and it's not too muddy, we will be able to view the river as it churns through a rocky narrows. Lunch will be at the Roaring Creek footbridge. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 125 miles, Hike dist 6.4 miles, Elev. 700 feet.

Saturday, March 12, CHAMPOEG STATE PARK TO BUTTEVILLE Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: CARROL MAURER 503-856-8230

Come enjoy an almost spring day hike. In the visitor center we can learn the history of that area in our state. Bring lunch to eat in the backyard of the store. Rain gear, water, maybe an umbrella. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 50 miles, Hike dist 5 miles.

Saturday, March 12, SKM, 8:00 a.m., DIMPLE HILL Hike

MATT RIEKE 541-928-2767

If you think the word "hill" means climbing that all depends on where you start. Dimple Hill is one of the higher peaks in the McDonald forest near Corvallis. If you start at the Lewisburg Saddle it is a mostly gentle climb up road 600. Not only is this an easier ascent than let's say Dan's Trail or the Oak Creek Trail, it should also be good footing regardless of the weather. From the top of Dimple Hill one can see most of Corvallis, the Coast Range and the Cascades. The peak is nearly 1500 feet high so in the right conditions we may see snow. Look though for wet weather and a walk through the forest. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 70 miles, Hike dist 4.8 miles, Elev. 545 feet.

**Saturday, March 12, 9:00 a.m., MINTO BROWN Hike
CONNIE YOST 503-385-2135**

Join the Minto Walkers! We walk 3-4 miles every Saturday at Minto Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. All fitness levels welcome. Moderate pace.
RATED: EASY, Hike dist 4 miles.

**Saturday, March 12, MONUMENT RIDGE HIKE AND
SNOWSHOE**

PRE-REG W/LDR: LARRY PETERSEN 503-588-1821

We will start this hike from Mad Creek Road approx. 8 miles SE of Gates. We will hike on closed logging and skid roads to the summit of Monument Ridge. A couple of steep skid road sections near the summit will require good snowshoe cleats. This ridge provides wonderful open views of the surrounding mountains, with lunch at the summit. Moderate pace.
RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 90 miles, Snowshoe dist 6 miles, Elev. 1850 feet.

**Saturday, March 12, DEN, 9:00 a.m., TRIP SAFETY CLASS
BETSY BELSHAW**

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**Sunday, March 13, 10:00 a.m., COUNTRY GLEN
/WILLARK PARKS Hike**

JANET TEMPLAR 503-393-5099

This walk will allow us to visit two of Keizer's parks and some of the neighborhoods in between. You never know about March weather so distances will depend on the wishes of the group. Some areas could be a little wet so plan on footwear to handle that. Otherwise just come and have a good time. Moderate pace.
RATED: DAWDLERS, Elev. 100 feet.

**Sunday, March 13, 9:30 a.m., FAIRMOUNT WALK
J. ELIZABETH SEIBERT 503-315-8785**

Rain or shine, we'll meet at the entrance to the Willamette stadium in Bush Park for a fun urban "hike" through hilly Fairmount and surrounding neighborhoods. We'll plan to finish by at least noon. If it's cold and wet, we might stop for coffee along the way. There's no need to pre-register, but please call or email if you have questions: jseibert@willamette.edu
Moderate pace.
RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 0 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 800 feet.

**Sunday, March 13, NATURALIST SNOWSHOE
PRE-REG W/LDR: LEE SLATTUM & BOBBIE SNEAD**

Many hikers have heard/seen pikas (*Ochotona Princeps*) in rocky habitats along summer trails. These charismatic members of the rabbit family are highly territorial and vocal as well as being incredibly cute. Unlike their rock-loving neighbors the marmots, pikas do not hibernate. Their strategy for winter survival is to gather and dry plants in the summer to subsist on during the winter. This snowshoe trip will be an investigation of the pika's secret winter world. We will look and listen for their presence as well as look for sign. Our destination will be Pika and Fir Lake. If there's not much snow, we'll hike in and then put on our snowshoes when the drifts

get deeper. Bring binoculars and a sense of adventure. No guarantees of pika sightings, but let's go investigate anyway! Please pre-register with Lee Slattum by finding his phone number in the membership roster. Moderate pace.
RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Snowshoe dist 8 miles, Elev. 800 feet.

**Monday, March 14, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH @ THE
BEANERY**

BILL ANNING 503-393-4141

March madness at the Beanery. Join in. 220 Liberty St. NE.

**Tuesday, March 15, HAMILTON MOUNTAIN Hike
PRE-REG W/LDR: GEORGE STRUBLE 503-364-3929**

This is a favorite spring hike. We get wildflowers, waterfalls, and stunning views of the Gorge. A good workout, but not extreme. Leader was last on this trail last year. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Hike dist 7.6 miles, Elev. 2000 feet.

**Wednesday, March 16, 8:00 a.m., LITTLE NORTH FORK
Hike**

PRE-REG W/LDR: FRANK KNOX 503-364-2895

The full loop is 9 miles but we may cut it off at about 4 to 5 miles if conditions are bad and a majority of the group so chooses. Dress for wet, muddy trails and rain. Wear good boots and bring lots of water & food with snacks that are easy to get at. Contact the leader for the meeting place. Slow pace.
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 75 miles, Hike dist 9 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

**Wednesday, March 16, SWEET CREEK FALLS Hike
PRE-REG W/LDR: BETSY BELSHAW**

This is a long drive for a great hike with a dozen waterfalls. The trail is divided into three sections, one of which hugs a canyon wall where we saw fawn lilies last time. Pre-register with leader using the roster contact number. Moderate pace.
RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 226 miles, Hike dist 5.2 miles, Elev. 650 feet.

**Wednesday, March 16, X-COUNTRY SKI
PRE-REG W/LDR: DAVE CARTER 503-393-3649**

This will be a ski trip in the Santiam Pass area. With good snow we will ski to Berley Lake and return via the same route. We could change this to a snowshoe trip if the conditions are icy with a crust. Please contact the leader for further details closer to the time of the trip. Moderate pace.
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Ski dist 6 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

**Thursday, March 17, CENTER50+ FOR LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM**

Into the third year, our Chemeketan and guest lunches continue at the new City of Salem Senior Center, the Center 50+, at 2615 Portland Road NE. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 1:00. The cost is \$4.00 if you are 50 or better; \$5.50 if you are younger. A reserved sign identifying us as Chemeketans will claim our table. Drop in for some good food, conversation, and a chance to do some networking. You might want to stay for bingo. Slow pace.
RATED: EASY.

Saturday, March 19, HAMILTON MOUNTAIN Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: JEAN GABRIEL

Let's welcome in spring by enjoying the waterfalls of Hamilton Mountain and the refreshing sounds of Hardy Creek rushing by on its way to Hardy Falls. The hike offers a fairly good workout along with views of the Columbia Gorge and nearby snow-capped peaks, if the sky is clear. Maybe we'll even see some early wildflowers. Pre-register by phone; see roster for phone number. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Hike dist 7.6 miles, Elev. 2000 feet.

Saturday, March 19, LITTLE NORTH FORK Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: DAVE CARTER 503-393-3649

This is a hike along the Little North Santiam River. We will start from the lower end and hike to Shady Cove for lunch. Our return will be along the same route. This should be a great early spring hike. The trail could still have some winter conditions so be sure to wear your hiking boots. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 75 miles, Hike dist 9 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m., MINTO BROWN Hike

CONNIE YOST 503-385-2135

Join the Minto Walkers! We walk 3-4 miles every Saturday at Minto Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. All fitness levels welcome. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Hike dist 4 miles.

Sunday, March 20, 7:30 a.m., RAY BENSON AREA X-Ski

PRE-REG W/LDR: JAMES SEALY 503-588-7339

I am planning on a day of exploration to get to know some of the roads that lead from the Ray Benson ski area to Big Lake and over to Sand Mountain. Leader has just scouted roads from a map. If the plan does not go well, we can fall back to the Ray Benson Ski area where we could do the Three Shelter Loop. Should be fun day no matter where our course ends up taking us. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 180 miles, Ski dist 10 miles, Elev. 300 feet.

Sunday, March 20, 9:00 a.m., MCDONALD FOREST Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: JIM REICHWEIN 541-753-9573

Starting in the Sulphur Springs area of McDonald Forest we will take the 720 Rd. leading to a ridge trail with views to the west. Then continuing our hike up to our lunch spot with valley views. Our return hike will be a mix of road and trail.

Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 65 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

Sunday, March 20, SKM, SILVER CREEK FALLS Hike

MARGARET SAXE 503-585-3209

The waterfalls should be spectacular at this time of the year. We will start at the North Falls and stop at the South Lodge for lunch and dry out in front of the fire if necessary. We will hike back via the rim trail. The trails might be muddy and therefore slippery: boots are a must. Be prepared for rain, snow and fun. Preregister with leader by phone only. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 54 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

Monday, March 21, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH @ THE BEANERY

BILL ANNING 503-393-4141

March madness at the Beanery. Join in. 220 Liberty St. NE.

Monday, March 21, SPENCER BUTTE DAWDLER Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765

Spencer Butte, a high point near Eugene with lots of great views, sounds like a great March hike. There are several possibilities, depending on the wishes of the group, and the possibility of having a second good leader. There's the straight-up version, the up-with-switchbacks, and the South Hills Ridgeline Trail combined with one of the shorter trails. Sign up and we'll see what we can work out. PACE WILL BE SLOW. Hiking distance will be 1-4.3 miles. Elevation: 700-1000 feet. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 150 miles.

Wednesday, March 23, X-COUNTRY SKI

PRE-REG W/LDR: DAVE CARTER 503-393-3649

This will be a X-country ski trip in the Santiam Pass area. With good skiing conditions we will ski from the Ray Benson winter sports area to Big Lake and then southerly to the south end of Big Lake. Depending on the wishes of the group we could stop here or continue south to the Patjens Lakes Basin. The return would be via the same route. With good weather the views of Mt. Washington are great. Hopefully, we will need suntan lotion and sunglasses. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Ski dist 7 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

Thursday, March 24, CENTER50+ FOR LUNCH

LEE SLATTUM

Into the third year, our Chemeketan and guest lunches continue at the new City of Salem Senior Center, the Center 50+, at 2615 Portland Road NE. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 1:00. The cost is \$4.00 if you are 50 or better; \$5.50 if you are younger. A reserved sign identifying us as Chemeketans will claim our table. Drop in for some good food, conversation, and a chance to do some networking.

Thursday, March 24, FMN, 9:30 a.m., CHAMPOEG Hike

J. ELIZABETH SEIBERT 503-315-8785

We will walk the asphalt trail from Butteville Store to Champoeg State Park and back. Wear sturdy, non-slip shoes or boots, and bring rain gear and a lunch. We will eat outside at the park. Pre-register by calling or emailing: jseibert@willamette.edu. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 55 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

Friday-Sunday, March 25-March 27, SPRING BASIN

WILDERNESS Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775

This is a beautiful small wilderness area on the John Day River across from the Rajneeshpuram site. We will hike a couple of miles with a couple of hundred feet of elevation gain into a campsite near a spring. Saturday will be for exploration. The terrain is open. There are a few old ranch roads, no trails. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM.

Saturday, March 26, BEGINNER TRIP X-Ski

PRE-REG W/LDR: BETSY BELSHAW

Trip location will depend on snow conditions. Contact the leader a few days ahead for details. Check roster for phone number. Slow pace.

RATED: EASY.

Saturday, March 26, 8:00 a.m., CASCADE HEAD HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: JANET RAFALOVICH 503-371-1039

Cascade Head is one of the best hikes on the coast. We'll start at the Nature Conservancy trailhead and hike to the top of the grassy promontory for lunch and great views of the Salmon River estuary and ocean below. Trail conditions can be muddy. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 120 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 1100 feet.

Saturday, March 26, DOG & WIND MOUNTAINS Hike

LEE SLATTUM

It is now spring and time to start hitting on the Columbia River Gorge in preparation for the club's annual outing in Idaho's Sawtooths. We'll do flower-famous Dog first. Nearby neighbor Wind comes second. This roundish mountain has a protected Native American archeological site on its summit because of its quest pits. As part of this whaler of a day, we'll make an obligatory refueling stop in the Salmon Row Pub of Cascade Locks. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 212 miles, Hike dist 9.8 miles, Elev. 4000 feet.

Saturday, March 26, 9:00 a.m., MINTO BROWN Hike

CONNIE YOST 503-385-2135

Join the Minto Walkers! We walk 3-4 miles every Saturday at Minto Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. All fitness levels welcome. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Hike dist 4 miles.

Sunday, March 27, SKM, 8:00 a.m., SILVER FALLS STATE PARK Hike

BLANKA TRUNECKOVA 503-409-1606

We will start our hike at North Falls, follow the river and observe 10 spectacular powerful waterfalls. Lunch at the lodge by fireplace and return back by Canyon Rim trail to our cars. Some parts of the trail will be muddy. Lets hope for joy and good weather. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 30 miles, Hike dist 7.5 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

Sunday, March 27, MAXWELL BUTTE Snowshoe

PRE-REG W/LDR: RALPH NAFZIGER 541-926-4245

We will snowshoe somewhere in the Maxwell Butte area, depending upon snow conditions. Contact leader for details. Leader's email: nafziger@peak.org

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Snowshoe dist 6 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

Sunday, March 27, 8:00 a.m., TRYON CREEK STATE PARK Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY NAREY 503-364-1294

Located in Portland near Lake Oswego, Tryon Creek is the only state park within a major metropolitan area. It is a favorite for hikers, families and others who wish to commune with nature quietly in the midst of a city. We will hike from the

Nature Center along well-maintained forested trails lined with trillium blossoms to the end of the trail and make a loop back to the nature center. Wear boots because trails may be muddy close to the creek if rain has been recent. Bring snacks and water for the trail and money for lunch in Lake Oswego.

Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 90 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

Monday, March 28, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH @ THE BEANERY

BILL ANNING 503-393-4141

March madness at the Beanery. Join in. 220 Liberty St. NE.

Wednesday, March 30, TWIN LAKES X-Ski

PRE-REG W/LDR: ROZ SHIRACK 503-399-8615

We will ski the scenic, forested loop trail to Upper and Lower Twin Lakes. The route begins on the Pacific Crest Trail out of Barlow Pass Sno-Park on Mt. Hood. This is a fun trail with lots of dips and turns, especially on the thrilling mile-long descent back to the sno-park. This trail requires good snow conditions. If snow is icy or sparse, we will do a different trail. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 190 miles, Ski dist 10 miles, Elev. 1100 feet.

Wednesday, March 30, 9:00 a.m., BEAZELL MEMORIAL FOREST Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: MIKE BERGER 503-400-7645

This 586-acre parcel of land on Kings Highway near Corvallis is the newest and largest park in Benton County. Depending on trail conditions and interests of the group, we will explore all, or part of, four loop trails. Each loop can be a satisfying experience in itself. The outer portions of each loop are connected and can be followed allowing for a longer and more energetic hike. With spring, we should have excellent wildflower viewing while in the meadows. Included are scenic overviews, as well as cultural and historic points of interest. If rains are recent, the trail may be wet and muddy. Dress for the weather and bring your lunch. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 75 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

Thursday, March 31, CENTER50+ FOR LUNCH LEE SLATTUM

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RATED: EASY.

Thursday, March 31, 8:00 a.m., TRYON CREEK STATE PARK Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY NAREY 503-364-1294

Tryon Creek State Park is located near Lake Oswego and close to Lewis and Clark College. Trillium blossoms should be in bloom all along the trails by this time. The big festival is the first weekend of April. The length of the hike depends upon the wishes of the group. A warm Nature Center filled with

displays awaits afterward. Wear boots and bring hiking sticks, especially if rain is recent since trails can be muddy and some are a bit steep for short distances. Bring snacks for the trail and money for lunch in Lake Oswego. Cameras are welcome

also. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 90 miles.

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10, CHEMEKETAN CLIMB

SCHOOL Field Sessions

BILL SAUR 206-525-6025

These two days are devoted to rock climbing practice at Horsethief Butte on Saturday and snow skills at Mt. Hood on Sunday. Horsethief Butte is on the Washington side of the Columbia River opposite The Dalles, Oregon. We'll be camping Saturday night at the state park and eating a buffet dinner at Spooky's Pizza in The Dalles. The costs for both the camping and the buffet are included in your registration fee (\$145 for members). Climb school students must be at least 16 years old by April 10, 2011. Students who are 16 or 17 years old must be accompanied by a guardian who is a paid climb school participant. The guardian is expected to stay with and be responsible for the younger participant throughout the weekend field sessions. The number of climb school participants is limited to 40. Please register on line at http://www.chemeketans.org/climb_school.asp where further information is available, or contact Bill Saur at bsaur@comcast.net or, by phone, at 206-525-6025. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD.

Wednesday, May 4, DEN, 7:00 p.m., BACKPACK CLASS

JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775, ALLAN KING 503-399-9990, ROD GRAVES 541-401-0368

Everyone is welcome to join us for the annual backpack class. We'll discuss conditioning, preparation, food, packing, gear choices. You can see the types of gear different people choose to use. The class will last about two hours, but there will be time to ask questions and get excited about the backpacks scheduled for this season. No need to pre-register. If you have questions, call or email: jodemay@comcast.net, kingalla@gmail.com, lookbobberdown@gmail.com.

Saturday-Sunday, May 14-15, WILDERNESS FIRST AID CLASS, SILVER FALLS STATE PARK

PRE-REG W/LDR: MIKE NIEMEYER,

mikessummits@gmail.com.

This 18-hour Wilderness First Aid training will be conducted on May 14 and 15th at Silver Falls State Park. The course will be 8 am to 7 pm on Saturday and 8 am to 5 pm Sunday. It is limited to 20 students. The goal of this training is to provide a high quality and financially accessible wilderness first aid training to outdoor leaders. The course will emphasize first aid in remote locations where help may be many hours or days away. Students will have an opportunity to respond to realistic wilderness emergency scenarios. Prerequisites:

- 18 years of age or older
- ability to lift 60 lbs
- current CPR certification

COURSE COSTS - Cost is \$40. Students will need to purchase the textbook on their own: Mountaineering First Aid: A Guide to Accident Response and First Aid Care, Jan D. Carline, Mountaineers (about \$10). You are on your own for meals - there is a food concession nearby on Saturday in the South Falls lodge. A State Park parking pass is also required (\$5/day).

ADVISORS, TRAINERS AND COACHES are all members of

the Chemeketans:

1. Mike Niemeyer, Wilderness EMT
2. Dr Dan Sewell, MD
3. Mike Rudy, RN ICU
4. Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser WFR (WEMT-near completion)
5. Dr Dan Domrose, Podiatrist
6. Steve Dougherty, CPR and Red Cross First Aid Instructor
7. Scott Phillips, WFR
8. Jackie Niemeyer, RN

Additional information is available at

<http://www.mikessummits.blogspot.com/>

Sunday-Saturday, May 22-28 and Sunday-Saturday, May 29-June 4, CANYON DE CHELLY (NE ARIZONA)

PRE-REG W/LDR: HARDIN KING 503-845-9340

Base-camp in beautiful Canyon de Chelly. Day hike 6-10 miles per day, elevation gain/loss of 1200', see cliff dwellings of the Anasazi, rock art of Anasazi/Ute/Hopi/ Navajo, become acquainted with three generations of a Navajo family and share a sweat and potluck with them, be surrounded by the quiet beauty of patina-covered red-rock canyon walls, turquoise blue sky, green desert riparian areas, and sleep with canyon walls providing views of crystal clear desert night skies. First week is full. One space available in second week.

2011 BACKPACK SCHEDULE

Friday-Sunday, May 20-22, NORTH UMPQUA Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: ALLAN KING 503-399-9990

This backpack will include several segments of the North Umpqua Trail, including the Dread and Terror section. Additional sections, whether west or east of this segment will depend on weather conditions and snow levels at the time. Expect ridge trail along the Umpqua with lots of ups and downs. The trail is never too far from the highway, but it's easy to forget that in the forest setting along the rushing river. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 350 miles, Hike dist 23 miles, Elev. 2000 feet.

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5, BOULDER CREEK WILDERNESS Backpack

ALLAN KING 503-399-9990 & JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775

This trip is designed for people new to backpacking or for someone who has not slept out under the stars for a few years and might want to see how it feels to carry a pack again. Our destination is a campsite in the Boulder Creek Wilderness on the North Umpqua 47 miles east of Roseburg. The distance to the campsite is only about 3 miles, but with about 800 feet of elevation gain. We will camp Friday night, explore more of the area on Saturday and return to camp. Sunday we pack up and head for home. Pre-register with Allan at kingalla@gmail.com or Joanne at jodemay@comcast.net.

Sunday-Thursday, June 19-23, OLYMPIC COAST – NORTH Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: TIM TAYLOR 541-752-0092

I've only seen a bit of this coastline, and remember gigantic tree root sculpture gardens growing up out of a fog. The views are supposed to be spectacular. We'll hike the Olympic Park seacoast from Rialto Beach north to Cape Alava. If we get to Cape Alava early enough on day four, we'll day hike somewhat further north for more views. Then, out at Ozette. There will be a lot of rocks and cobbles to hike over as well as some tidal issues, so some of the going is likely to be extra slow (participants need to be alert to their capabilities). There is a shuttle available so we can do this with one car if we need to (\$150 shared by the number of participants). Campsite reservations will be required for the last 2 nights, so we'll need to finalize plans by 21 May. Slow pace.
RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 700 miles, Hike dist 24 miles.

Friday-Sunday, June 24-26, REBEL CREEK, 3 SISTERS WILDERNESS BACKPACK

PRE-REG W/LDR DAVID ANDERSON daamp1@msn.com

A 12.3-mile loop with opportunities for side trips. The first 4 miles are in lush old growth along a stream; the last part has views and meadows. The trail is not very heavily used.

Wednesday-Sunday, July 6-10, BULL OF THE WOODS WILDERNESS Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: ROD GRAVES 541-401-0368

Let's explore the closest wilderness to Salem...then end with a soak in Bagby Hot Springs. Spot one rig on Rd 6341 above Bagby (need two rigs). Start hike at Bull of the Woods TH on 6341. Lunch at Bull OTW L.O. tower, then on to Welcome Lakes (5 miles total). Second day 8 miles to Twin Lakes. Third day 4 miles to Silver King Lake. Fourth day 8 miles to Bagby, soak and camp. Fifth day cross country 1.5 miles up 1200 feet to spotted rig, then home. Moderate pace.

Thursday-Wednesday, July 7-13, STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN TRAVERSE Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719

This excellent backpack takes us across the Strawberry Mountains near John Day, Oregon. Following Doug Lorain's suggested itinerary, we will spend five days on the trail climbing Strawberry Peak en route and taking a dramatic day hike to High Lake. Expect exceptional scenery, wildflowers and butterflies. This backpack is rated hard. Total distance is 52 miles with 11,700 feet of elevation gain – of which 17 miles and 4000 feet are optional side trips. Moderate pace. Although we will be on the trail only four days, two additional days are required to make the drive and to set up the shuttle. Please contact leader at cooperm50@gmail.com to sign up or for further information. Moderate pace.
RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 700 miles, Hike dist 52 miles, Elev. 11700 feet.

Sunday-Thursday, August 7-11, WHITE CLOUD PEAKS LOOP Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: LARRY PETERSEN 503-588-1821

This backpack starts from road 209 at the Fourth of July Creek trailhead approx. 25 miles SE of Stanley, Idaho. We will complete this loop backpack as described in the book, *Backpacking Idaho* by Douglas Lorain, trip #18. This hike

requires a short but difficult cross-country scramble over a steep, rocky pass. Oxygen becomes noticeably scarce with 5 pass crossings at 10,000 feet elevation. Inexperienced hikers should consider an easier trip. Moderate pace. This is a 5-day trip from Stanley or a 7-day trip from Salem.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 1270 miles, Hike dist 30 miles, Elev. 6000 feet.

Friday-Sunday, August 12-14, HUNTS LAKE Backpack PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL SULLIVAN 541-683-6837

Difficult -- 15 miles round trip with 3000 feet elevation gain, plus an optional bushwhack on the flanks of Mt. Jefferson. Explore the popular and beautiful heart of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness with Bill Sullivan and Janell Sorensen, who are in the process of updating a hiking guidebook for the Central Oregon Cascades. We'll rendezvous at the Pamela Lake Trailhead at 10:30 am, hike 7 miles (gaining 2100 feet) to Hunts Lake, and camp there two nights. On Saturday you can either stay in camp with Janell or join Bill on a rough, trailless 6-mile loop halfway up Mt. Jefferson and back via The Table. On Sunday we'll hike back out 8 miles via the Pacific Crest Trail to our cars. We should all be back at the cars by 2 pm on Sunday, so people who have to work on Monday can get home on time.

This is a joint trip with the Eugene Obsidians and the Salem Chemeketans

Sunday-Saturday, August 14-20, TETON CREST TRAIL Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: Roz Shirack

Our 6-night, 7-day hike south to north begins at 10,450 ft., but we will take the tram up to the trailhead. Each day's hike will be about 6 miles, plus optional side trips. Most of the trail is between 9,000 ft. and 10,000 ft., with two mountain passes over 10,500 ft. Daily elevation gain will range from 1,000 ft. to 3,000 ft. Highlights of this backpack will be the stunning views of the famous Teton Range, mountain lakes, wildflowers, and wildlife. This trip is full with a wait list.

RATED: HARD.

Sunday-Tuesday, August 14-23, SIERRAS: THOUSAND ISLAND LAKE Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: BOB CUSTER 541-745-3994 AND SUSAN RUFF

This backpack will be in the Thousand Island Lake area, east and south of Yosemite. Susan chose the area because it's one of the most beautiful places she's backpacked on the west coast. The exact dates and route will be determined when the permit is obtained. Elevations will range from 8,000 ft-10,000 ft. Backpack distance will be about 25 miles. We will basecamp for a few days at Thousand Island Lake. Optional activities include some trail maintenance or conservation work, a climb of Banner Peak, numerous side trips. Dates include travel plus 6 backpack days. Pre-register with Bob Custer. Leaders: Susan Ruff and Bob Custer.

Wednesday-Sunday, August 17-21, NORTH FORK JOHN DAY WILDERNESS Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: ROD GRAVES 541-401-0368

First day drop one car (need 2 cars) at Big Creek Meadow TH and continue on to start the hike at North Fork John Day campground. Then 2.6 miles to old mining cabin for first night. 2nd day hike about 7 miles downstream past old mine sites. 3rd day about 7 miles to Glade Creek. 4th day about 8 miles

to Big Creek. Last day up Big Creek 6 miles to Big Creek Meadows and home. I'm bringing a fishing pole and gold pan. Moderate pace.

**Monday-Sunday, August 29-September 4, PCT Backpack
PRE-REG W/LDR: RAY DRAPEK 541-754-7364**

This year's PCT hike will drop out of the Cascades, skirt the edge of the Rogue Valley, and then climb back up into the Siskiyou. Much of the Rogue Valley portion of the hike will be on private lands and near popular car-camping destinations. We will hike past Howard Prairie Lake and Hyatt Reservoir. In the Siskiyou we will hike close to the peak of Mt. Ashland and will continue on down to the California border. Daily distances will range from 10 to 13 miles with a short 4-mile hike to get out on the last day. We will climb as much as 3,000 feet in a single day. Several days will be on bone-dry stretches of the trail and no water may be seen all day, though water should be available at all of the designated campsites. 75 miles.

**Monday-Friday, August 29-September 2, TABLE LAKE
Backpack**

PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719

This backpack is on the east side of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness. It will require a short car shuttle. We will spend five days and four nights on the trail. We begin by hiking the Jefferson Lake trail (TR 4101 – trail head at the end of FS Road 1292) to Table Lake (10.3 miles and 1270 feet). We will spend three nights at Table Lake, exploring the area with two days of hiking. Possibilities include Hole-in-the-Wall Park, The Table, Bear Butte and Cathedral Rocks (10 miles and 2400 feet over two days). On the fourth day, we will hike to Carl Lake (6.6 miles and 900 feet) climbing Forked Butte in route. After spending the night at Carl Lake, we will hike out on Cabot Lake trail (TR 4003) to the trail head at the end of FS Road 1230 (5.0 miles). This is a medium difficulty backpack. Backpacking distance is 21.9 miles (2000 feet). Distance of optional day hikes is 12.0 miles (4900 feet). Moderate pace. Contact leader at cooperm50@gmail.com to sign up or for further information. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 400 miles, Hike dist 34 miles, Elev. 4900 feet.

**Friday-Sunday, September 2-4, WALDO WILDERNESS
Backpack**

PRE-REG W/LDR: ROD GRAVES 541-401-0368

First day will take us along the north shore of Waldo Lake up

to Eddeleo Lakes about 5 miles. Second day another 5 miles past Long Lake and Quinn Lake to Moolack Lake. Eight miles the last day, Sunday, to trailhead. An exploratory loop hike with little elevation change and extra time for huckleberries and fishing. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 282 miles, Hike dist 18 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

Saturday-Thursday, September 10-15, STEENS

MOUNTAIN GORGES Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: LARRY DAVIS 503-810-2099 or

larrydavis@peak.org

Summit the majestic Steens Mountain in the Southeastern Oregon desert, exploring a loop following Blitzen River and Indian Creek. Expect rugged desert terrain, expansive vistas, and a unique ecosystem. A full day of travel each way, 4 days of hiking. Steep scrambles, off trail hiking and stream crossings. Group size limited to 8 participants. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 700 miles, Hike dist 26 miles, Elev. 4200 feet.

Friday-Sunday, September 23-25, INDIAN HEAVEN

WILDERNESS Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: LELIA BARLOW

In this area of southern Washington near Mt Adams, we will hike past mountain lakes, going through subalpine forest and meadows. We'll camp at lakes where swimming is an option, and huckleberries should be plentiful. Relaxed pace.

Backpacking distance is 6.8 miles and 900 feet of elevation gain total. Optional day hiking of 4+ miles. Group size limited to 8 participants. Well-equipped beginners in good hiking condition are welcome!

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 240 miles, Hike dist 6.8 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

Sunday-Monday, September 20-28 JOHN MUIR

TRAIL/YOSEMITE TRAVERSE Backpack

PRE-REG W/LDR: JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775

My plan is to pick up the John Muir Trail from the Agnew Meadow trailhead, hike north, over Donohue Pass, up Lyell Canyon then west on the Evelyn Lake trail to Vogelsang. From Vogelsang down to Merced Lake and then Yosemite Valley. We'll take the shuttle back to a car left at Tuolumne, then pick up the 2nd car. 5 nights, 6 days, about 40 miles. Trip is currently full, but plans change.

WE WERE THERE

Croisan Scenic Trail Dawdler Hike, January 16

I had said we would go "rain or shine", and that we did. Five of us took off in a very light drizzle, starting at Spring St. Soon, no rain at all but no sun either. We went south on the main trail up to Sunnyslope subdivision. Then back via the cut-off trails to the Browning and Cunningham exit trails. Passing

back across the paved area (one could hardly call it a street since its only access is by trails at both ends), we then entered another side trail which eventually takes one to Dogwood Drive in the Laurel Springs subdivision. Somewhere along the way there it started to rain hard. We were all

dressed for it! A short walk up Dogwood, then off on the trail to Spring St. By now, again, the rain had stopped. Going rain or shine was acceptable to leader Paula Hyatt and followers Janet Adkins, Barbara James, June Zink and Vonda Zirbes. Lunch was eaten in the Hyatt living room--yes, after removing muddy boots.

Square Lake Ski, January 22

With the lack of a lot of new snow and the warm weather we were apprehensive of conditions for cross country skiing. However, we decided to try the trip anyway. Upon arrival at the Santiam Pass we were greeted by a clear sky and good skiing conditions as a heavy dusting of snow earlier in the week provided plenty of base for good skiing. We made Square Lake in time for a leisurely lunch along the frozen over lake shore. With such a beautiful day we decided to do some exploring before returning, and so, we pushed on to the east with a very pleasant downhill ski in the B&B burn to Long Lake arriving at about the middle of this long and narrow lake. We returned along the same route we had taken on the way in except a few extra runs were made on the great snow. We stopped at the Marion Forks Lodge for some refreshments on the way back. We can report that both the clam chowder and seafood stew are very good. The lodge is under new management and pledges to be open every day until 8PM. It's worth a stop to check out. Those making the trip were Tim Taylor, Janet Adkins, Blanka Truneckova, Bobbie Dolp, Roz Shirack, Karen Craven, Dave Foulger, Joanna Picchi, and leader Dave Carter. A special award goes to Joanna Picchi who made the whole trip on snowshoes and who was always in the vanguard of the group.

Keizer Rapids Park, January 25

On a sunny January day, Paula Hyatt and Janet Templar did some exploring in Keizer Rapids park. We found some newly developed trails in the very west end of the park. Some of them lead to a new disc golf course and others are intended to connect to previously developed trails and areas. The end result is that you can increase your walking distance by quite a lot. It is a good place to stretch your legs on a winter day.

Backpack Potluck, January 28

More than 25 people enjoyed good food & good company at the annual backpack potluck. Many of the 2011 backpack leaders were there to preview their trips. Dave Carter showed beautiful photos of his 2008 Chamonix to Zermatt hut-to-hut hiking adventure.

Superbowl Sunday Walk, January 30

On a beautiful morning that was not Superbowl Sunday, we walked down the Croisan Scenic trail then via a circuitous route back to my house for lunch. Nine enjoyed the day: Clair Hendricks, Dorald Stoltz, Janet Templar, Dianne Stivali, Enid Pruitt, Mary Jo Lundsten, Rick Cooper, Allan King, Joanne DeMay.

Potato Hill Snowshoe, February 6

A 40% chance of rain after 10 a.m., with wind gusts up to 35 mph. Wrong forecast! We had an almost perfect day with no appreciable wind as we crunched up the Jack Pine Road with our snowshoes on the ancient snow. Vistas of the major peaks mostly eluded us, as the low clouds rolled in and out. There was sufficient snow to complete the Hash Brown Loop with our snowshoes on. Glad to be outdoors were members Bonnie Arias, Betsy Belshaw, Mary Coleman, Bobbie Dolp, Marcia Hoak, Mary Liepins, Roz Shirack, and leader Ralph Nafziger.