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On the top of Mont Blanc



Jate Rademaker and Scott Phillips



Aislinn Adams

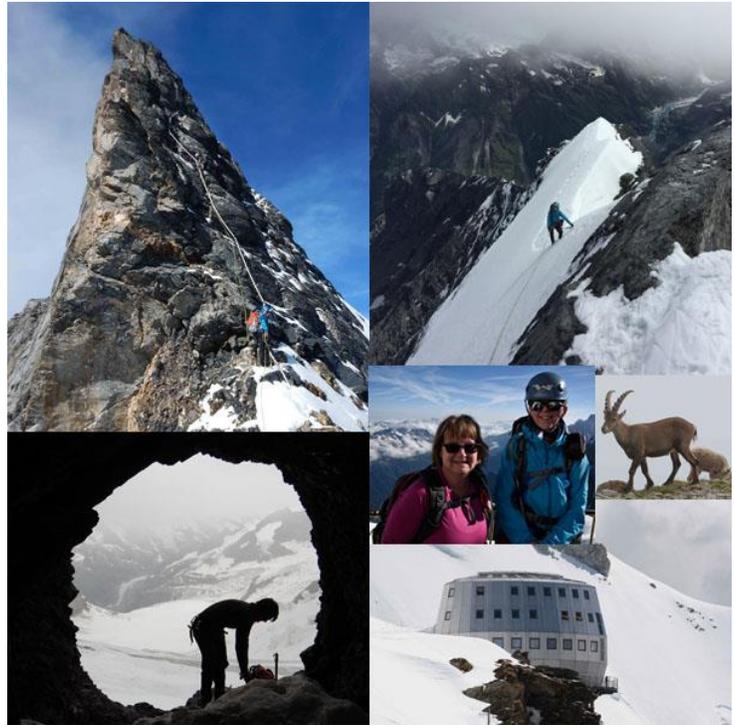
On top of The Eiger



All three on the summit!!!! Congratulations!!!

New Information in Announcements

- Proposed Bylaw Changes
- Annual Meeting, Thursday, January 5th at 6 pm Mongolian Room at Broadway Commons



Photos by Tammy Phillips and Aislinn Adams

Elected to Council: Ann Hanus, Bruce Patterson and Mike DeLaune
Alternates: Eileen Harder and Craig Blanton

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.

Trip Essentials

Participants should wear appropriate foot gear and clothing (no jeans), carry lunch, water, rain gear, warm sweater/jacket, and the following "essentials."

EXTRA food/clothing/water

Flashlight and 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

Mileage Reimbursement for Drivers

To reimburse drivers for vehicle operation costs, the suggested donation is \$0.09 per mile per person to the driver.

Trip Meeting Points

IKE = Ike Box, 299 Cottage St NE, SW corner of Cottage and Chemeketa Streets

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

CCC = WEEKENDS ONLY-Green parking (lot off Cooley Drive on Lancaster side)

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

SKM = Big K lot, 2470 Mission St (This meeting point no longer available as car will be towed). Use PAR instead).

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

FMN = Fred Meyer North, west side of lot (River Road side)

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

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

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.

Hike Coordinators

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cooperrm50@gmail.com

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Dawdlers: Carol Soderberg 503-507-0867

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Hiking Trip Ratings

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

EASY: Maximum 5 miles round trip, elevation gain less than 1000 feet

MEDIUM: 6-10 miles round trip, 1000-200 feet elevation gain.

HARD: Long, strenuous, and difficult.

Backpacking and Climbing

Information for current backpacks/climbs is included in this bulletin. For full schedules and detail...

Backpacking: See March bulletin for all backpacks.

Climbing: The [Climbers page](#) for information on the Climbing Program and links to detailed information on all climb activities. The use of an asterisk* on climb-related activities indicates that the activity is available to first-year climbers.

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 <http://www.chemeketans.org> under "Membership" or "Contact Us." You may mail a request 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.

New and Renewing Member Dues

Adults \$20 and juniors (under age 18) \$3. Annual subscription to print bulletin \$20. The membership year starts January 1st.

New Bulletin Editors

This issue was edited by Trish Johnston.

Contact information for two future issues:

Trish Johnston patcjohnston@gmail.com

January - Carol Soderberg carol.soderberg@gmail.com

February - Joel Zak zj3002@yahoo.com



to our previous bulletin editors--Bill Geibel, Joanne DeMay, and Mike Berger and our cover editor Allan King for their many years of hard work and dedication. The torch has been passed to our new editors above.

Due Dates

Please submit your bulletin articles no later than the first day of the preceding month. **Any PHOTOS you can include along with your articles are appreciated.**

To Submit an Activity or "We Were There" Report

Use the online forms on the www.chemeketans.org website. Look under "Who We Are". 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

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

Thunderbird Lodge

To reserve the Chemeketan cabin on Whitewater Road, call or email Kim Hyatt: pkhyatt@msn.com or call 503-362-2765. Information on the cabin can be found at <http://www.chemeketans.org/cabin.asp>



You Can Find Information on our Website On...

- [Chemeketan Bulletins](#) from June 2010 to present
- [Chemeketan Council Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Backpack Schedule](#)
- [Climbing Program and Schedule](#)

Discount Vendors

The stores listed below will honor your Chemeketan membership sticker with a discount.

- **Salem Summit Co.**, 240 Commercial Street NE, Salem, 503-990-7304, 10%. (This is a new location as of October).
- **Oregon Mountain Community**, 2975 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, 503-227-1038, 10%.
- **The Mountain Shop**, 1510 NE 37th, Portland, 503-288-6768
Discounts: Members-10%; Climb Leaders-15%; Class Participants in Session-15%, 30% on rentals. No discounts on service work or sale items.
- **Next Adventure**, 426 SE Grand, Portland, 503-233-0706, 10%.
- **US Outdoor Store**, 219 SW Broadway, Portland, 503-223-5937, 10%.
- **Peak Sports**, 207 NW 2nd, Corvallis, 541-754-6444, 10%.
- **Redpoint Climber's Supply**, 8283 11th St., Terrebonne, 800-923-6207, 10%.

Bulletin Ads

A Chemeketan member may place one small non-commercial ad per year - for example, offering outdoor equipment for sale - in the **Chemeketan** bulletin, free of charge. Ads will be placed in the bulletin subject to space availability. They must be sent via email directly to the editors and must be received by the first of the month preceding the month in which they are to be published.

Send In Your Photos

We appreciate your photo submissions, but many recent ones to the editors have been too small in file size and too pixelated. Please submit photos that are either the original size or at least 300-400 KB in size. If photos are too poor in quality, they may be too blurry to use.

If you have any questions on sending photos or file size, please feel free to contact any of the bulletin editors below:

Trish Johnston patcjohnston@gmail.com
 Carol Soderberg carol.soderberg@gmail.com
 Joel Zak zj3002@yahoo.com

Editors still reserve the right to publish photos based on their judgment, including reader interest and available space. Some photos may only be put in the ebulletin due to space restrictions in the print version of the bulletin.

Chemeketan Store Merchandise

A variety of Chemeketan merchandise is available from the Chemeketan store. To order and for details, contact Roz Shirack at rozshirack7@gmail.com. The inventory includes:

Chemeketan T-shirts	
• Adult navy S, M, L, XL	\$12
• Women's navy S, M, L	\$10
• Adult charcoal long-sleeve S, M, L, XL	\$15
Bandanas, light blue or black	\$6
Bandanas and T-shirts are also available at: Salem Summit, 240 Commercial Street NE	
Thunderbird embroidered patch, , red, 3"	\$2
Thunderbird pin, 1"	\$1
Adult T-shirts from prior outings M, L	\$5
Child short-sleeved T-shirt, light blue with thunderbird on front, sizes 10-16	\$3 (price reduction)
Mt. Adams 2001 patch, 4"	\$2
Thunderbird red and blue decal, 3"	\$.25

For more information on ordering T-shirts, click here for details: <http://www.chemeketans.org/climbing/shirt.pdf>



Schwinn Clear Creek women's bicycle with shock absorbers \$50, Bridgestone men's mountain bike \$40, Kelty backpack \$25. Contact June or Don Zink [503-364-6330](tel:503-364-6330) evenings.

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.
1901, John Muir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Annual Meeting will be Thursday, January 5th at 6 p.m.
in the Mongolian Room at the Broadway Commons, 1300 Broadway Street NE.
They have a room which seats 50, and there is an elevator.***

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW 2017 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ann Hanus, Bruce Patterson, Mike DeLaune, and Alternates Eileen Harder and Craig Blanton replacing Mike Pennington and Mark Olson who will be leaving their terms one year early.

Proposed Bylaws Change

The Executive Council proposes to amend the Elections portion of the bylaws beginning with Section 3. The justification for this change is to reduce costs to the club by providing for the possibility of electronic voting in the future, and to reduce the amount of paper used as a part of our commitment to conservation as a Club.

Some wording has been added or eliminated to allow for the possibility of online voting. Other deleted sections, such as the details of the wording of the ballots or methods of counting, would be moved to Policies and Procedures. This would allow the Council to make necessary changes that arise without requiring a time-consuming vote from the membership.

There will be many new opportunities which will present themselves as the Chemeketans move into this new century; our bylaws should be written to allow flexibility to take advantage of them while maintaining our core values.

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 shall be to present a ticket of 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 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 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 Vice President shall at least three weeks prior to the election **(Delete: have printed and mailed)** send to each adult and life member in good standing a ballot of such nominees. A member in good standing for the purposes of the 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, **[Added: and shall also make provision for the insertion of additional 'write-in' nominations.] (Delete: with blanks spaces for the insertion of any additional names. and opposite each name a space for the marking of an "X" If any such candidate is a member of the existing Council, the word "incumbent" shall be printed 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 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 the words printed thereon: "Vice-President, Chemeketans", (here insert Post Office address), "Salem, Oregon.")

Section 4 The annual election of members of the Executive Council shall be held on October 31 of each year and the voting shall be by ballot. No notice of such election, except that given by the sending (Delete: mailing) of such ballot, shall be necessary.

Section 5 (Stays the same)

Section 6 The Executive Council shall appoint **(Delete: 5)** members from the club at large, one of whom shall be designated as chair, to count the votes. **(Delete: The Vice President shall deliver results of the election in a secure method to the chair.)**

Section 7 The counters shall **(Delete: 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, Counters shall)** count the votes cast. The chairman shall report to the President the names 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 order of the number of votes received. **[Added: A plurality of votes shall elect.]** The President shall thereupon notify the members elected and promptly send a message notifying the membership of the results. The chairman 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 or the January Bulletin.

DECEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

Date	Day	Location and Activity	Leader
1	Thursday	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
2	Friday	Annual Climber's Potluck at the Rock Boxx	Mike Pennington
3	Saturday	Mulkey Creek Loop Hike	Jean Gabriel
3	Saturday	Henline Mountain Hike	Blanka Truneckova
4	Sunday	Forest Park Hike	John Savage
5	Monday	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
7	Wednesday	Audubon Nature Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
8	Thursday	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
8	Thursday	Christmas Second Thursday at Gilgamesh	Joanne DeMay
9	Friday	Champoeg to Butteville Hike	Barb Schram
10	Saturday	Shellburg Falls Hike	Vivienne Torgeson
10	Saturday	Dimple Hill Hike	Randy Selig
11	Sunday	Pevey Arboretum Hike	Bill Wylie
12	Monday	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
14	Wednesday	Annual Climbers Meeting – 6 PM Climb	Vincent Dunn/Michael Rudy
14	Wednesday	Audubon Nature Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
15	Thursday	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
17	Saturday	Willamette Mission State Park Hike	Linda Willnow
18	Sunday	Silver Falls Solstice and Potluck Hike	Mary Coleman
19	Monday	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
20	Tuesday	Fairmount Christmas Decorations and Trails Dawdler Hike	Paula Hyatt
21	Wednesday	Audubon Nature Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
22	Thursday	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
26	Monday	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
28	Wednesday	Audubon Nature Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
29	Thursday	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
31	Saturday	The New Year's Eve Hike	Blanka Truneckova

2017 FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Day	Location and Activity	Leader
January 5	6 pm Thursday	January Council Meeting Mongolian Room at Broadway Commons	Mike Pennington
January 8	Sunday	Santiam Pass Area X-Country Ski	Roz Shirack
February 4-9	Saturday-Thursday	Senior X-Country Ski/Snowshoe Week	Ted Young

2016 CHEMEKETAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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WHERE AND WHEN

Refer to General Information on Page 2 for trip ratings, meeting locations and other important information. Trips leave promptly at the time stated, so be there a few minutes early. **RT = round trip.** The use of an asterisk* on climb activities indicates that it is open to first-year climbers.

Thursday, December 1, 11:30 a.m.

**CENTER 50+ LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

Into our seventh year, our Chemeketan and guest lunches continue at the City of Salem's newest Senior Center--the Center 50+ at 2615 Portland Road NE. Lunch is served between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 if you are 50 or better; \$6.50 if you are younger. Drop in for some good food, conversation, and a chance to do some networking.

Friday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.

**ANNUAL CLIMBER'S POTLUCK AT THE ROCK BOXX -
6:30 PM CLIMB
MIKE PENNINGTON**

Where: The Rock Boxx Climbing Gym (3895 Cascadia Canyon Ave, SE Ste #110, Salem, OR

<http://therockboxx.com/>

Time: 6:30 pm (start potluck); they close at 10 pm, and you can stay as late as you like.

What to bring: Your favorite main dish, side dish, or dessert to share.

Climbing: To come to the potluck, there is no charge to get in. If you want to climb, it is free for Chemeketans, 15% discount for friends/family.

Saturday, December 3, 8:30 a.m., PAR

**HENLINE MOUNTAIN HIKE
BLANKA TRUNECKOVA 503-409-1606**

This hike will give us a quick work out. The trail will lead us to the place where the lookout used to be. There will be some switchbacks, a traverse on the rockslide and finally the knoll where we will rest and eat our lunches. If there will be a snow, we will change the hike to Silver Falls. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving distance RT 76 miles, HIKE distance 6 miles, Elevation 2200 feet.

Saturday, December 3, 8:00 a.m., SAF

**MULKEY CREEK LOOP HIKE
JEAN GABRIEL 503-507-9835**

We'll hike along Mulkey Creek and through mixed woods forest to Fitton Green natural area. Our return loop will be on a relatively new trail that opened in September 2014. The trail will likely be muddy in spots, but it's fairly well graded with nice scenery. We'll stop for refreshments after the hike. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving distance RT 100 miles, HIKE distance 7.5 miles, Elevation 1100 feet.

Sunday, December 4, 8:00 a.m.

**FOREST PARK HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: JOHN SAVAGE 503-399-8615**

We will hike one of Portland's Forest Park Trails. The trip length and elevation is an approximation. Be prepared for wet weather. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving distance RT 100 miles, HIKE distance 7 miles, Elevation 500 feet.

Monday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.

**KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY
BILL ANNING**

Come join the fun every Monday to help solve the world's problems.

Wednesday, December 7, 9:00 a.m.

**AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE RESTORATION
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

Like many of you, I am both a Chemeketan and a Salem Audubon member. I have volunteered to lead a restoration program at the Audubon Nature Reserve, located in West Salem on Eola Drive, behind Safeway on Edgewater. We work every Wednesday morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on a variety of projects: removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives, picking up litter, constructing and maintaining trails, mowing grass, and tending growing beds. At 11 a.m., we quit and head to McDonald's on Wallace Road to drink coffee and have a good visit. Into our sixth year, we have accomplished much with our collaborative effort.

Thursday, December 8, 11:30 a.m.

**CENTER 50+ LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325** See December 1 write-up.

Thursday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS SECOND THURSDAY AT GILGAMESH
JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775**

Come for some early holiday cheer at Gilgamesh Brewery, 2065 Madrona SE. Fast pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS.

Friday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.

**CHAMPOEG TO BUTTEVILLE HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: BARB SCHRAM 503-428-6634**

Beginning at Champoeg State Park, we will walk the mostly paved path to Butteville Store (closed for season). Lunch will be on the covered porch of the store before returning the same way. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving distance RT 70 miles, HIKE distance 6 miles.

Saturday, December 10, 8:00 a.m.

**DIMPLE HILL HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: RANDY SELIG 541-738-0753**

We will start at Chip Ross Park in Corvallis and follow Dan's trail up to Dimple Hill. Chip Ross park has recently been the site of intensive management to develop an Oak savanna woodland. Bring lunch, water, poles for mud and appropriate boots. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving distance RT 90 miles, HIKE distance 7.6 miles, Elevation 1400 feet.

Saturday, December 10

**SHELLBURG FALLS HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: VIVIENNE TORGESON 503-859-2211**

Join me for a short winter's hike that's close to Salem, not very steep, and certainly beautiful. The trail will be muddy if there's been a lot of rain so wear boots and rain gear. Bring snacks and/or lunch and maybe a hot drink if the forecast is glum. Carpool from PAR and meet me at the trailhead. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving distance RT 50 miles, HIKE distance 5.7 miles, Elevation 740 feet

WHERE AND WHEN (continued)

Sunday, December 11, 8:00 a.m.

PEAVY ARBORETUM HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL WYLIE 503-378-0315

We will do the Section 36 and Powder House Loop Trail on this old Civilian Conservation Corps camp near Corvallis. We'll also do the adjacent Calloway Creek Trail to round out the hike. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving distance RT 70 miles, HIKE distance 6.9 miles, Elevation 900 feet.

Monday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.

KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY - BILL ANNING

See write-up December 5.

Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CLIMBERS MEETING - IKE BOX (UPSTAIRS)

VINCENT DUNN 503-371-1681

MICHAEL RUDY 503-375-0945

All climbers are encouraged to attend. We will discuss how the season went and welcome conversation on how to make the climbing section of the club better and entertain any changes. A closed session with only climb leaders will follow. If you have anything you'd like to discuss at the meeting, please contact one of our co-chairs, Vincent Dunn or Mike Rudy. Also, if you are thinking of applying to be an Assistant, a Provi Leader, or Full Leader, send your application ahead of time to the co-chairs.

Wednesday, December 14, 9:00 a.m.

AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE RESTORATION

LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325 See December 7 write-up.

Thursday, December 15, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH

LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325 See December 1 write-up.

Saturday, December 17, 8:30 a.m.

WILLAMETTE MISSION STATE PARK HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: LINDA WILLNOW 503-873-0270

This will be an easy hike close to Salem during the busy holiday season. Willamette Mission State Park parallels the Willamette River and could be partially flooded at this time of year. We will try to hike a minimum of 4 miles but could go further depending on trail and water conditions. Be prepared for rain and mud. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving distance RT 20 miles, HIKE distance 4 miles.

Sunday, December 18

SILVER FALLS SOLSTICE AND POTLUCK HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY COLEMAN 503-873-5605

Let's get out with our friends and celebrate the Winter Solstice by hiking the Silver Falls loop. After the hike, we will head to leader's house in Silverton for hot soup, beverages and whatever else shows up! If you'd rather skip the hike and just party, come over about 1:00 p.m. Call or email mcolemanj@gmail.com with questions. We will hike in the rain, but will reconsider the hike portion if the trail is too icy. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving distance RT 50 miles, HIKE distance 7.2 miles, Elevation 600 feet.

Monday, December 19, 10:00 a.m.

KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY - BILL ANNING

See write-up December 5.

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Tuesday, December 20, 9:00 a.m.

FAIRMOUNT CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND TRAILS DAWDLER HIKE

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

Usually lots of pretty displays! Last year severe storms kept homeowners from putting out favorite decorations on the lawns. We'll hope for good weather this year. At Fairmount Park, we will hike the trails below the playground, then go off through the woods again over to Crestview Drive. Returning to the main part of the park, we will take different streets on our return. Bring along a snack. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, HIKE distance 2 miles.

Wednesday, December 21, 9:00 a.m.

AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE RESTORATION

LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325 See December 7 write-up.

Thursday, December 22, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH

LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325 See December 1 write-up.

Monday, December 26, 10:00 a.m.

KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY - BILL ANNING

See write-up December 5.

Wednesday, December 28, 9:00 a.m.

AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE RESTORATION

LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325 See December 7 write-up.

Thursday, December 29, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH

LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325 See December 1 write-up.

Saturday, December 31, 9:00 a.m.

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: BLANKA TRUNECKOVA 503-409-1606

This is our last hike of the year 2016. We will meet at the leader's house. The destination of the hike will be decided by Bill Wyllie. All tired, cold and hungry, we will return to Blanka's house and have a potluck. The food is always good and plenty, and we will all share good stories and ideas for future adventures. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving distance RT 100 miles, HIKE distance 8 miles, Elevation 600 feet.

2017 FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday, January 8, SANTIAM PASS AREA X-SKI

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

We will ski somewhere in the Santiam Pass area depending on best snow conditions. Call a day or two before trip for details. If snow is sparse, we may hike or snowshoe instead. Trip will not go if weather or road conditions are bad. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving distance RT 170 miles, X-SKI distance 7 miles, Elevation 700 feet.

Saturday - Thursday, February 4 - February 9, 2:30 p.m.

SENIOR WINTER WEEK

TED YOUNG 503-362-1525

X-Country ski or snowshoe on groomed trails at Diamond Lake Resort. For registration materials and accommodations, call Diamond Lake Resort at 1-541-793-3351. For additional information, call either Ted young (503-362-1525) or Marcia Hoak (503-999-8715). Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM.

WE WERE THERE

Tom Dick and Harry Mt., September 25

We had a beautiful clear day for hiking and luckily got about the last parking spot in the over flow lot. A planned trail to the Ski Bowl parking lot isn't completed yet. We kept a good pace up the trail passing the monster rock cairn on the way. We could see all the major peaks from Rainier to Jefferson and were actually able to see the skyline of Portland. Matt pointed out the US Bank Tower! On the return trip, we stopped at Calamity Jane's for what the consensus agreed were the best pumpkin shakes in the world. Hikers were Jean Gabriel, Matt Rieke, Lee Slattum, Eileen Harder our driver, and leader John Huff.

Tualatin Hills Nature Park, October 10

Delightful day in the woods! We, and an assortment of other hikers and joggers, enjoyed some of the many trails in this beautiful area. My regulars, Patty Smith, Julie and Sandy ambled about three miles. Do you know that MAX trains run along the north side, easy access to Portlanders for recreation? We drove, as usual, and followed back roads on the way home-pretty drive too.

Breitenbush Gorge, October 12

After a bit of fumbling to get the hike off the ground, we made this great hike on the 12th instead of the 8th. It was a good choice as we had beautiful weather with nice blue skies and sunshine which provided dramatic woodland scenes. Rather than beginning the hike at the 050 trailhead, we drove a mile up the road and began at trailhead 4685 which actually starts in the middle of the standard route. This way we missed the often flooded area at the Breitenbush entrance. Then, it was a short distance to the footbridge at Roaring Creek. Returning we hiked down to the Breitenbush Hot Springs stopping at the log bridge to see the other end of the trail. Enjoying this day were Chemeketans Lorraine Resoff, Corriene Thompson, soon to be new member David Hood, and leader Susan Watkins.

City of Silverton, October 20

"Survival of the Wettest" would be a good title for this 6-mile hike around Silverton's neighborhoods and points of interest. Luckily, we were only pelted on and off by the heavy rain showers, and the worst one came during our lunch break at a local restaurant. The five hardy hikers were all Chemeketan members: Beverly Kropp, Allan King, Joanne DeMay, Judi Morris and leader Linda Willnow.

Burnt Lake, October 21

We left in the fog, hoping for better later. But such was not to be, because we ended up with intermittent drizzle and rain. However, four hardy hikers went to the lake for no view of Mt. Hood while two of us enjoyed the burned out trees and beautiful forest. We all enjoyed Ralph's history of the postage stamp over ice cream. The usual great Chemeketan hike was enjoyed by Mary Beth Downes, Pamela Ewing, Sherry Reeder, Patricia Winkler, Ralph Nafziger and leader Betsy Belshaw.

Wilson River, October 29



A pleasant sunny day, not a drop of rain, as we three hiked from the footbridge to the Tillamook Forestry Center and back. Chemeketan Beverly Hassell, guest Les Stone and leader Rosamund Irwin enjoyed this beautiful trail.

Nasty Rock Hike, October 30

Three brave Chemeketans ignored the threat of impending rain and hiked the Nasty Rock Trail. The rain held off except for a couple of small showers and hikers had a chilly but scenic view of the rock. It became a point of discussion as to whether or not this was the true "Nasty Rock", and if the mileage hiked was correct, but all had a good time and a good bit of exercise. Members Shonee Langford, Eric Destival and leader Ralph Hall.

Shellburg Falls/Lost Creek, November 5

Ponchos, umbrellas and rain gear protected (mostly) the hardy crew that hiked the full eight or more miles in constant rainy conditions. The warm temperature and lack of wind kept us moving, along with two breaks at the covered shelter in the campground area-one on the outward journey and again for lunch on our way back to the car. Attitudes were great. Thanks to Roz Shirack, Tim Taylor, Rosamund Irwin, and Corienne Thomson for making leader Barb Schram's hike a success.

WE WERE THERE (continued)

Trip Report by Scott Phillips Mont Blanc, Matterhorn and The Eiger

As some of you know, Aislinn Adams, Jate Rademaker, Tammy Phillips and myself ventured over to Europe to climb Mont Blanc, The Matterhorn and The Eiger. Tammy was our ground crew.

Mont Blanc

Day 1

We flew into Geneva and traveled to Chamonix, France. On the way, we stopped at a sports store in Sallanches to pick up a few last minute items. This store was a real life catalogue of every brand and model you could ever want to look at. Their pack room was two stories tall and filled wall to wall and floor to ceiling.

But I digress...we drove into Chamonix, and you could see the summit of Mont Blanc from town--all 15,775 feet of it. It was beautiful!

Day 2

We had an acclimatization plan worked out so we wouldn't fall victim to altitude sickness...too badly.

After a good night's sleep, we rode the Bellevue tram up to the Mont Blanc Cog Trail, then on to the Nid d' Aigle trailhead at 7,800 ft. We hiked up to the Tete Rousse hut at 10,400 ft. Along the way, we were greeted by the local mountain ibex herd—some with horns up to about 2 feet long...pretty impressive.

The hike was mostly on trail, and then got a little steeper on the rocky sections. Quite a few people hike the trail to the Tete Rousse hut for a day out. The hut is adjacent to the Tete Rousse Glacier, which is special because it has an early warning system imbedded in the lower section in case it lets loose and releases the trapped water that lays beneath the surface. It contains an estimated 65,000 cubic meters of water, which back in 1892, killed 175 when it broke loose and flooded the towns below.

We hiked back down and rode the TMB (Train Mont Blanc) back to the tram where we were met by a four-wheel drive to take us back down.

The weather had been acting up and the wind was too stormy for the cable cars so we got to take the long and bumpy ride back down the road. Tammy picked us up from there and back to town.

Day 3

This was a climb day at elevation on the Cosmiques Arete. A 750 ft mixed climb with a ladder finish. We once again rode a tram up to the Aiguille du Midi at 12,600 ft. It's an impressive structure perched on top of a very large rock spire.

The climb actually is an initial descent down a sharp snow ridge and across a glacier to the base of the route. The route alternates with snow sections and rock sections with some heads up traverses along the way. On this climb, we became accustomed to climbing the rock section with crampons. It took a little getting used to and you could see scratch marks on the entire route where it's just the way it is done. We simul-climbed as a rope team of three which worked out pretty well on all of

the mountains on the agenda. The route finding was negligible with several parties on the route; some of which were very fast and a few kind of impatient. There were a couple of rappels along the way with one crux section of about 8 feet and some awkward scrambling. The finish was metal ladder that lead back to the Aiguille du Midi. All in all it was a good introduction to moving as a team of three.

Day 4

This was approach day for Mont Blanc via the Gouter Route. We again hiked up to the Tete Rousse hut. Not far past the hut was the infamous Grand Coulier, a rocky chute that spits all sizes of rocks and boulders on any hapless climber willing to venture across its domain. It's taken out many people over the years and in 2015 the Gouter Route was closed due to severe rock fall. The trail across is no more than 50 yards. Aislinn lead out followed by Jate and then myself. After we safely got across we saw a few rocks whiz past the trail.

We continued up the trail which turned into more fourth class scrambling with some cables added for safety in some of the steeper sections. You sure wouldn't see the cables like that in the US. This part of the approach is where you could really tell who was being guided up the mountain. All of the clients were short-roped, told where to go, when to move and when to stop. Kind of like dogs on a leash...Woof! They were pretty nice really when you talked to them, and we ran into several from the US. The route up to the Gouter Hut was "interesting" and quite a bit of fun. All heads up approach.

At the top, you come to the old Gouter Hut located on the edge of the cliff overlooking the towns below. Not far away, you can see the new Gouter Hut, which is a sight to see. It was built in 2012 for a sum of 4M€ by a consortium of groups both governmental and private. The silver, four-story structure reminds me more of a space capsule than a mountain hut overlooking Chamonix from an elevation of 12,600 ft. It houses a large room on the first floor where you enter and take off your boots and exchange them for a pair of Crocs. The second floor has guest check in and a kitchen where you can order food during the off meal hours and, of course, beer and wine. The third and fourth floors are bunk rooms that are divided to hold 10 people each. The entire hut will hold around 120 climbers and staff. It has electricity and running water for the toilets but not for the sinks. You had to purchase drinking water for 6 Euros for a 1 ½ liter, but you didn't have to pack your garbage out. They had receptacles and recycle bins for plastic and aluminum. Dinner consisted of salad, soup, bread and lasagna. Lots of it and very good.

Day 5

We elected for the 2 am breakfast, which most all of the climbers did. It was a beehive of activity as people readied themselves and made their way onto the trail. We got on the trail and pretty much stayed on the beaten path all the way to the summit. Once again the guided parties were pretty quick with few rest breaks and little time to take pictures or eat something. Along the way, we crossed a crevasse and an unmanned rescue hut. This is where we roped up before the trail got steeper and more exposed on either side along the

Bosses Ridge. As we approached the summit, it widened out, and there was room for many parties along the broad peak. There was a small cross at the top that I didn't notice until we were headed down. We congratulated each other with one of our objectives summited and a long descent ahead of us.

On the way down we again crossed the crevasse. However, this time I elected to punch through a weakened snow bridge and twist my left knee. I laid there a few moments to assess the damage while Jate came over to me wondering if I was okay or not. More embarrassed than harmed, I picked myself up off the edge of the small glacier opening and kept going. My knee was feeling the brunt of the fall, but not a show stopper for the rest of the trip.

We made it back to the Gouter Hut for a rest and some good food before heading down to the Tete Rousse Hut, where we were going to stay that night. By the time we got to the hut, we decided that we had enough time to make it back to town as long as we made it to the last TMB back to the Bellevue tram. A phone call to Tammy and we were soon headed back to our own beds for the night.

Matterhorn Day 6

This day we drove from Chamonix, France to Cervinia, Italy. The drive through the Mont Blanc Tunnel was interesting; it goes on for a little more than ten miles. The entrance is heavily guarded, and they monitor your spacing between you and the car ahead of you. The road leading up the valley to Cervinia was narrow and windy but beautiful with several small towns along the way. It widened out as we approached Cervinia, and you could see The Matterhorn on the other side of town. In fact, no matter where you stood in Cervinia, you could see The Matterhorn.

It was a rest day, but during lunch I checked the weather; it was coming in and our summit day was not looking very good. We decided to get on the mountain a day early and see if we could get 'er done before it started coming down. We arranged for a four-wheel drive to pick us up the next morning and take us up as far as the Abruzzi Hut, then climb to the Carrel Hut from there.

Day 7

We loaded our gear and food (the Carrel Hut does not provide meals) onto the Land Rover and made our way up the road. It saved a lot of time.

After the Abruzzi Hut, the trail was obvious...not easy, but obvious. There were some rock scrambling and some steep snow sections. At the Col De Leon, we roped up for the last part to the Carrel Hut. There were a couple sections fixed with heavy ropes to pull yourself up. The Whimper Chimney was a short vertical section with a crack the entire length. Of course, it had a rope to help the ascent. From there, it was sloping rock to the hut. As we approached the hut, Jate veered a bit too far to the left. I had done some reading on the route leading up to the hut and the toilet was on that side—just a hole in the floor that lets loose on that side of the hut--toilet paper and all--all over that side of the mountain. We made a quick change of direction and headed to the right.

When we arrived, the hut was a bit busy. Climbers were coming down off the Lions ridge stopping for a bit then continuing. The night before, there were 60 climbers in a hut built to hold about 25. We were told that there were people sleeping all over the place; in bunks, on the benches, under tables...everywhere.

The clouds started rolling in but nothing very threatening. While we were there, we met a couple from Boulder, CO. They were actually sponsored by Marmot and had both climbed Mt. Everest at some point.

Before we realized what was happening, we were the only ones left in the hut along with our Boulder friends. Then it started snowing...up. Yes, the wind was blowing the snow up the mountain past the Carrel Hut. I contacted our ground crew and had her check the weather report. It seems that the weather was coming in quicker than expected. After a short discussion, we decided to bail and head back down the mountain. A few rappels and across the loose rock section and down the snow sections, and we were back at the Abruzzi Hut by nightfall. Luckily they had a bunk room for us...shower included. This is rough climbing, but I could get used to it. They were not serving dinner but were able to find a few beers to sell us, and we cooked and ate our Mountain House meals outside. While eating, we waited for our friends from Boulder to show up which they finally did about two hours later. We could see their headlamps appear and disappear. They were obviously lost in the dark in the last 200 yards. When they finally showed up, it was completely dark and you could tell that they were exhausted and their frustration level was through the roof due to some route finding issues. In the morning, we hiked down to the Plain Mason tram and then into town.

We checked the weather for The Eiger and saw that weather was coming in there as well--right on top of our summit day. We called ahead and found that it was okay to show up a day early into Grindelwald and stay at our scheduled rental.

Day 8

When we arrived in Grindelwald, the mountains were obscured by the rain clouds. We couldn't even tell where the The Eiger was. I guess we would have to rely on the train to deliver us to the right spot. Luckily we were able to change our hut reservation as well. That afternoon we packed our gear for the approach to the Mittellegi Hut the next day. In the evening, we watched the town celebrate Swiss National Day. They had a parade of people through the town with Murren Cow Bell Ringers leading out. It was followed with speeches by local dignitaries and then fireworks.

Day 9

We caught the cog train up to Kleine Scheidegg where we transferred to the Jungfrau train to go through the Eiger. Not much to see along the way except the signs at each of the stops. The first stop is the Eigerwand. This is the famous stop that overlooks the Northface of the Eiger. It is shown in several movies about the Eiger including The Eiger Sanction and, more recently, North Face. They only gave you five minutes to visit each stop so we opted to stay on the train until our stop, The Eismeer Station. We unloaded our packs and readied ourselves for the glacier crossing. After reading the warning on the gate, we entered the series of tunnels that lead to the glacier. Past the gate was a maze of unlighted tunnels, each leading to a different level depending on the elevation of the glacier. Our first choice was about 30 feet too high. The second choice was the winner, and soon we were crossing the glacier along the beaten path. We found ourselves behind a couple of Spaniards who we would meet on the mountain the next day.

The crux of the hut approach was getting off the snow. One sport pitch and we started simul-climbing along the small ledges leading to the hut. The path wasn't entirely obvious; mostly the path of least resistance as long as you made it to

the rappel point across the big gully that bisected the path to the hut. After the gully, it was more narrow ledges while ascending toward the hut that we could see higher on the ridge. We caught up to the Spaniards, and soon after a couple of guided parties passed us. No problem, we just followed them up to the hut which rested at about 12,000 feet.

We arrived at the hut with plenty of time to get our stuff put away and see the view into the Grindelwald valley far below. We were assigned the top bunk which is three high. The Spaniards didn't have reservations so they had to sleep in the overflow hut next to the main hut. It also serves as the food storage and helicopter landing pad. It holds eight people and it's unheated.

After a hearty dinner, we paid for our stay and headed for our assigned last breakfast round at 4 am. This allows the guides and their clients get on the route first since they would be quicker. I didn't mind really, and I don't think Aislinn and Jate did either. We hit the sack at 7 pm.

Day 10

I woke up to the sound of people getting ready for the days climb. When I got out of bed, we were the last to do so. We got ready and had our breakfast. As soon as we stepped out on the deck of the hut, you could see the line of headlamps going up the ridge. The Spaniards were just ahead of us, and we were the last group to leave the deck.

Not knowing what to expect, we thought we would ease into the difficulty of the route. But not so. As soon as we left the deck, it was 100% exposure on both sides. It was ridge walking to the max, death on both sides. Nadia Comaneci has nothing on us.

It wasn't really the difficulty that makes this route so spectacular, it's the exposure and location that is so attractive. We started simul-climbing and pitched out one or two sections along the way. We soon caught up to the Spaniards and were stuck behind them for a bit. They seemed to be pitching out every section to every belay station. We could see that they knew their rock climbing, but they lacked on the simul-climbing skills. We passed by at a wide area and quickly left them behind.

There were helicopters flying here and there. A few times, we saw them land on the pad at the hut. They came close to us but we waved them off with a single arm wave above the head. A two arm wave above the head means that you need help. Not yet anyway.

As we climbed we were passed by guides and their clients. Each time they said that the Spaniards were pretty far behind and moving slowly. Once in a while, we could see the original group from the hut far ahead of us, never to be caught up by us for the rest of the day. Along one section, we were climbing I turned around to see a solo climber. I took a closer look at the individual, and I couldn't believe that Ueli Steck was climbing the Eiger the same day as we were. I asked if I could take his picture and he said yes, but make it fast. A couple of shots later and he was soon out of sight. A helicopter followed him part way up the ridge, but I don't know if he was being filmed or not.

On the route itself, there are several fixed ropes to help on difficult sections. There are also many bolted belay stations. We just climbed past them and exchanged gear when the leader needed replenishing. Gear used on this climb was set of nuts, a medium range of cams and eight alpine slings. We
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could have used a few more slings and no nuts. The rope we used was one 60m twin rope doubled up for the three of us. All of the rappels on the way up or down are less than 30m long.

After the rappel point, we came to a very long fixed rope that lead to the snowy summit ridge. This is the section that two people fell off of a few years back. For some reason, they did not sling themselves onto the rope brackets on the way up. On the top of the ridge, we put our crampons on and soon got onto the snowy ridgeline. It was rather steep and traversing. A slip would have been a quick descent down the North Face. After a couple hundred yards, it broadened out and we realized we were.

On Top of the Eiger--Holy cow, seven and a half hours later we made it to the top. We were met by a guide and his client (on a short rope). We took some obligatory pictures and decided to follow the two down as far as we could to get the locations of the rappel points.

We looked at the South Ridge descent, and it seemed to go on forever. This was surely going to be a long day.

I think we did six rappels until it leveled out, and we were again going up and down the ridgeline. A section of snow followed by a rock scramble. I was right about it going on forever. When we thought we were getting close to the last of the snow ridges, we had another section of rock to go over. The clouds came and went and we were often climbing in almost total whiteout conditions that would open up momentarily now and again to reveal the route; the col for the traverse under the Monch still very far away.

Tammy had been in contact with us a few times along the way, but we assured her that all was well and that we would make it intact...late but intact. As the sun made its way over the horizon, we finally made it to the traverse under the Monch. This was a welcome place since we all knew home plate was only a matter of time until we reached it. The sun had set and it was dark once again when we finally reached the hut where Tammy was waiting for us. We walked through the door and Jate asked the first person he saw if we were the first ones in from the climb. I cracked up.

Later, we found out that the Spaniards had been helicoptered off the mountain, not because of injury but because they were going to be benighted.

We arrived to the Monchjoch hut 16 hours after we started the route that morning. What a wonderful day. Tammy arranged to have dinner for us when we got to the hut. She had taken the Jungfrau train up the mountain again and walked the ½ mile to the hut to spend the night there with us. She's so great!

There you have it. Pretty much incident free. However, on our last day before flying out, Jate made a U-turn to get to the hotel in Geneva and ran over a curb. The curb ripped a nice big gash in the front tire. He walked down to the car rental office and had it towed away.

I couldn't have asked for a better team to travel to Europe with and climb these iconic mountains. Although we didn't make it all the way up The Matterhorn, it gives us an excuse to go back and try it again.

I hope you enjoyed this trip report as much as we enjoyed re-living it as it was typed out.

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