

President's Message -- Elmer Moyer

It doesn't seem possible that this year has gone so quickly. They tell me it's a function of age and the speed with which we get things accomplished. I had hoped to have the non-profit status resolved by now, but it appears things are always more complex than they appear on the surface. By the time this newsletter is published, our application should be in the hands of the IRS.

Bob Williams and the Reunion team have been making great progress as the later article describes. The Chief is having a national leadership meeting in this area in the middle of March. He has graciously agreed to meet with several of our board and reunion committee members to make sure we have a coordinated effort.

The board has nominated Doug Porter for our next Vice-President. Doug has been our membership chairman and is very knowledgeable about the club and its activities. I appreciate his willingness to serve in this and the future President position and feel he will do us a great job. Please take the time to fill out a ballot and send it to Bev, showing your support for Doug. If you don't want to mess up your newsletter with a pair of scissors, just send a note or an E-Mail message.

Phil Hirl will take over this job at our banquet in May and I feel certain you will give him your support and assistance.

I wish to thank the board for all the good work they have done for the association. Many of you have also provided valuable advice and assistance.

Many members have sent memorial donations for passed members and supplemental lifetime donations that have gone a long way in helping us keep our heads above water. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We are going to have to revisit the membership dues issue if we don't resolve the mailing cost issues in the near future.

I look forward to a fine spring banquet May 5. Please make your reservations and let's have some fun.

Elmer

(Elmer has done a great job as President: gained incorporation; great strides in relationship with the Director of PNW and Regional Forester; moving us toward non-profit status; setting up the Reunion 2005 committee.)

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REUNION 2005 IS UP AND RUNNING - John Marker

Get your 2005 calendar out and mark in big red letters that you will be at the Double Tree Inn on the Columbia River in the Portland, Oregon-Vancouver, Washington area the week of September 5, 2005 for a really big party. The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, (aka "The 30 Year Club") will be hosting a national reunion of Forest Service people and celebrating the Outfit's 100th birthday.

Guided by the working theme, "The Forest Service at 100, Celebrating its People", the reunion committee is planning a series of events and activities over a four day period promoting, fellowship, trips down memory lane, excursions to nota-

ble parts of the Northwest and to honor the contributions people working with the Forest Service have made to "Caring for the Land and Serving People" over the last century.

Bob Williams, retired Pacific Northwest Regional Forester and Chair of the reunion, urges all of the people who have worked with and for the Forest Service over the years to take part. "The accomplishments of the Outfit over the years would not have happened if it weren't for the special relationships between members of the Forest Service and the "neighbors." Our celebration and reunion would be incomplete without friends from other agencies, organizations universities, contractors, communities and natural resource business groups joining us." (cont'd. page 2)

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Bob also pointed out that the rumors about Northwest rain are highly exaggerated. Bring sun tan lotion, not umbrellas.

The Double Tree Inn is an appropriate location for the gathering with its Northwest architecture; tree shaded landscaping and vistas of the mighty Columbia. It has easy access to Portland International Airport, the urban centers of Portland and Vancouver and Interstate 5. Should you want to bring your yacht to the gathering there is dock space for you to tie up next to the Inn's promenade.

Stay tuned for more information about this, "Big Deal", event, but don't wait, mark September 5-10, 2005 on your calendar.

Its Election Time

On page 3, is a ballot for you to cast your vote for a new "President-elect." The electee will serve a 3 year term--one as President-elect, one as President, and one as Past President. This is the only office up for election at this time. The secretary and the treasurer position are also elective offices.

The Board has nominated Douglas Porter for President-elect for the term beginning in May 2002. Doug has been Membership Chair. Doug is also serving as Assistant to Bob Williamson for the 2005 Reunion. Doug will provide a great tie to the Reunion as he will serve as President of the Association from May 2003 to May 2004. Doug is better known to the younger age group of our membership, but you golden seniors will get to know him. He headed up one of the National Incident Management Teams for several years before he retired (That's like an old Inter-regional Project Fire Team Boss). He handled several major fires through the early 90's, and his team also provided support for President Clinton when he was in Portland for the development of the Northwest Forest Plan.. I can testify personally that he was at one time the best Ranger District Engineer around. He knows how to get things done. Cast your ballot in support of Doug Porter. *Wendall Jones*

New Members

- Jim & Margaret Amman**
- John & Sandy Berger**
- George & Joy Chesley**
- Hank & Pat Clow**
- Bill & Pat Dugan**
- Frank & Yvonne Muchmore**
- Ann & Jerry Stratton**
- Elton & Terry Thomas**
- Tony & Gail Vander Heide**

Donors

- Carl Anderson**
- Chet Bennett**
- Jim Bull**
- Dean Cullens**
- Walt Johannsen**
- Frank Lewis**
- Bob Lichlyter**
- Dick & Olive Pomeroy**
- Dick Tubman**

Special Notices

Have you paid your dues yet? Check your mailing label. There is no longer a coupon. You already passed up two chances. If your dues are not paid soon, this will be your last newsletter. Dues are to be paid by January 1 each year.

Have you reported to the Association your volunteer time? Check your Winter newsletter for details. We need this to support our non-profit status.

Are you up to speed with the Long Term Care program? See page 6

And have you once again conquered the battle of the IRS? April 15 is very soon.

Silent Auction

At the Spring Banquet, a silent auction is planned to raise funds to help offset banquet costs. To make this successful, a variety of items are needed. There are many creative and crafty folks among our membership. Please consider what you might contribute for the auction. Let Homer and Deanna know, and bring your treasures along with you to the Banquet. Some suggestions are: craft projects; special wines; if you own a vacation home or time share consider donating a two night stay; antique items; wood working items, old books; Forest Service memorabilia; fishing trip; tickets to a concert or play; offer services, i.e., wash windows, yard work, bake a monthly cake or pie; home canned jams, jellies, or fruit. These are just a few suggestions. Again, please consider what you might donate to make this a successful event. You may contact Deanna and Homer Chappell. Another contact for the silent auction is Bev Pratt at the Association address on the back of the newsletter.

Special Banquet Guest

At press time, we have assurance that Linda Feldman will attend our Spring Banquet. Linda is the New Century of Service Coordinator for the Chief of the Forest Service. She is starting to develop material for use during the 100th Anniversary of the USFS in 2005. She says, "The Forest Service has had many important accomplishments and contributions, amazing facts, and firsts over our nearly 100 years' history. As part of our 100 years' celebration, we are collecting those 'wows and firsts,' so we can use them in speeches, publications, reports, and many other uses." Come to the Banquet to meet and talk with Linda Feldman about your history. But before that you must submit your 'wows and firsts' to Linda by April 15. **See the Chief's letter and instructions on page 11 in this newsletter for details.**

SPRING BANQUET 2002 -- May 5, 2002

Plan now on visiting with your friends, getting an update on happenings in their lives, and enjoying an excellent meal at the 30-Year Club Spring Banquet. Make your reservations by sending in the form below. Last call for reservations is April 15.

Arrangements for a short program are being finalized. We also are planning a silent auction to help raise funds to offset the cost of the banquet. Last year, our door prizes were member-sponsored which included arts, crafts and books by members or their spouses. We are asking for donations for either door prizes or for the silent auction. We have many fine creative craft folks in our group, so please help support the silent auction with your donations. Notify the co-hosts, Deanna or Homer Chappell, to share your donation of either door prize or items for the auction.

The meal will be buffet style. If you can't handle the buffet line, your friends will be there to help you. The main course will be your choice of carved roast beef, or fresh baked salmon. Or, if you desire, the caterer will provide a sampling of both. This will be complemented with fresh tossed garden salad, potatoes, wild rice, vegetables, rolls, and dessert. An appetizer table with vegetables and dips and cheese and crackers will also be available. Price for the banquet is \$21.00 per person, gratuities included.

Plan on arriving at 3:00 pm so you can socialize and partake in all the festivities. Location is Miller Hall at the World Forestry Center (at the Portland Zoo, off Highway 26) which is the same location as last year's banquet. Those of you who can, please consider using the MAX system. There will be shuttles to Miller Hall from the MAX station and other more distant parking areas at the Washington Park/Zoo complex.

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RESERVATION
SPRING BANQUET – MAY 5, 2002
MILLER HALL – WORLD FORESTRY CENTER

Social Hour – 3:00 PM Dinner – 4:00 PM
Silent Auction No Host Bar

Mail this reservation form along with a check for \$21.00 per person (payable to PNWFS Assoc.) to: PNWFS Assoc., PO Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228-5583. Questions? Call Deanna or Homer Chappell.

SEND YOUR RESERVATION FORM NO LATER THAN APRIL 15

Names (as you want them to appear on your name tags):

Please reserve _____ dinners @ \$21.00 each for a total of \$_____ (amount enclosed.)

Add any special needs (handicapped, special diet, etc.) below:

PNW Forest Service Association Ballot for Election of Officers

For President-elect for the May 2002-May 2003 term. Douglas Porter _____

Or your write-in candidate for President-elect _____

You may send your ballot along with your banquet reservation above, or mail it separately, or give us a ballot facsimile via e-mail. If you don't want to cut up your newsletter, copy the ballot onto a blank piece of paper and mail that in.

Travel with Friends

The idea of "Travel with Friends" is up and running again. Tom Sayre is starting to generate some new travel proposals for you consideration that reflect the realities of the World since September 11, 2001. As you may remember, the idea of traveling with fellow retirees on custom designed trips to various destinations surfaced in the 2001 summer newsletter. Then the chaos of last September put the idea on hold.

At the February 22, 2002, lunch, Tom spoke to the members about the concept and the work he was willing to do to develop several travel options for members to consider. He is doing his planning on the basis of a trip for members in 2003.

Tom is a professional in the travel business and has been managing a travel business in Olympia, Washington, since he retired from the "Oly" about eight years ago. He is not a desk bound travel planner, but an experienced traveler to many parts of the World. His experience in the travel industry and with the Forest Service gives him unique qualifications to develop travel packages that fit the Forest Service alumni.

"Travel with Friends" is a custom designed holiday that allows people to travel with people they know and share similar interests, and we feel is superior to a trip with strangers that isn't a good fit. With this in mind, Tom will put together several options, both domestic and overseas, for members to consider for a 2003 holiday.

It would be very helpful to Tom's efforts to have advice and counsel from members. Send E-mails or "snail mail" to me, John Marker, with your ideas on destinations, price ranges, modes of travel, activities you would like to experience, etc. I will consolidate your input and pass it on to Tom Sayre. My e-mail, postal address, and phone number are in our new directory.

Take a few minutes right now and send us your thoughts.

John Marker

Historic Cispus River Bridge Collapses

During recent flooding on the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, the Cispus River Bridge met its demise. The Cispus Valley Bridge was built in the summer of 1939 by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) enrollees from nearby Camp Lower Cispus. It spanned the Cispus River just north of the Tower Rock Campground. The bridge was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places because of its association with the CCC and because it was the longest single-span wooden Howe truss bridge remaining in the state of Washington. The bridge was closed to vehicle traffic in 1989. From 1940 to 1953, this bridge was the primary means of access to the Forest by Cispus Valley residents. (*Courtesy Roger Peterson, GPNF*)

OldSmokeys Update

The number of visitors to our Web page continues to increase. At the time of this writing, the OldSmokeys page has been on the Internet for about 11 months and in that time it has received over 3200 visits. Time will increase this number as the site has been picked up by most of the major "search engines", and I am beginning to receive comments from viewers other than our members.

Immediately after sending out the announcement that the Newsletter was just posted the number of visits increases rather dramatically, then backs off somewhat until the next announcement. It's pretty clear that association members are more interested in the Newsletter than the rest of the web page. By reading it on the web, members get the information about 3-4 weeks before the print edition arrives in the mail.

There are really two components of the web site. The "static" side, which contains the pages that provide for printing out forms, the Survivor Benefit Guide, Constitution and Bylaws, Contact List, etc. For obvious reason these pages do not change very often, but they do contain useful information and therefore remain on the site as a constant.

The second component is the "dynamic" side of the web site, which contains the Newsletter, Bulletin Board, Potpourri, and Photo pages. The Newsletter is currently posted quarterly, and the others are posted randomly as time allows. I receive quite a bit of material from friends that I usually post at the earliest opportunity. If you are one of those who hasn't sent some of your favorite sayings, poems, inspirational messages, jokes (clean ones only, please), photos (historical or otherwise), then please help me to keep this an active and fun site for all by sending something along.

There are still some flaws that I am working on and I appreciate hearing from you when you find errors that I may have overlooked so I can attempt to fix them. In the meantime, enjoy what's there...*Bob McQuown*

Changes (Cont'd from p. 5)

Losses:

Barton, Janie – wife of Doug Barton, deceased April 2001

Stenerson, Margaret – daughter requested to drop her membership

Brillhart, John – deceased January 2002; (LT); no survivor spouse

DeClark, Ron – deceased December 2001

Garvik, Donald – deceased Jan. 2, 2002 (LT), survived by Josephine, but she wants to discontinue the newsletter.

Seabaugh, James – deceased January 2002 (LT); no survivor spouse

I'm the life of the party...even when it lasts till 8 pm.

I'm not grouchy, I just don't like traffic, waiting, children, or politicians.

I'm sure that everything I can't find is in a secure place.

I'm a walking storeroom of facts...I've just lost the key.

I'm the first one to find the bathroom wherever I go.

Address Changes, Additions, Corrections

Allen, Kelly – Change e-mail:
Amann, Jim & Margaret – New member: Vancouver, WA
Arneson, Arnie & Carol – Add e-mail
Berger, John & Sandy – New members: Vancouver, WA
Berreth, Sara Jo – Change address: Portland, OR
Blakely, Eileen – New e-mail:
Breitmeier, George & Vivian – Change e-mail:
Chesley, George & Joy – New member(LT): Bend, OR
Clow, Hank & Pat – New member: L'Anse, MI
Cullens, Dean & Vic – Change address: Portland, OR
Dugan, Bill & Pat – New member: Milwaukie, OR
Egger, Bruce & Leora – Add e-mail:
Ferrarelli, Frank & Joyce – Change phone:
Furen, Walt & Shirley – Correction: Santa Fe, NM
Garvik, Josephine E. – Change address: Wenatchee, WA
Gora, Pearl – Change address: Gresham, OR
Gould, Norm & Eve – Change e-mail
Grubb, Jack & Jo Ann – Change e-mail:
Hahn, Temple & Britta – Phone:
Hammond, John & Adina – Add phone:
Hazen, Jerry & Betty – New e-mail:
Hodges, Gary & Jeanetta – Change address: Fort Collins, CO
Holloter, Gene & Ginnie – Add e-mail:
Holroyd, Michael & Drinda – Delete: duplicates listing under Drinda Lombardi
Johnson, Larry & Shirley – New e-mail:
Johnson, Sharleen – Change name: Sharleen Zacha – Congratulations !
McLaughlin, George & Maureen – Change address: Baker City, OR
Mei, Mary – New e-mail:
Mitchell, Russ & Evelyn – Change e-mail:
Moeller, George – Change phone:
Muchmore, Frank & Yvonne – New member: Vancouver,
Paulson, Steve & Mary – Change address: Lincoln, CA
Perkins, Jeanine – Add e-mail:
Prigge, Allen – Add phone:
Robertson, Dale & Mary Jane – Add phone:
Robinson, Betty – Add e-mail:
Sayre, Tom & Marsha – Change e-mail:
Schelhaas, James & Helen – Change address: Omak, WA
Sears, Thomas & Lyle – Add e-mail:
Sigovitch, Katie – Change phone:
Smith, DeWilton & Julia – Add e-mail:
Sprinkel, Darlene & Lonnie – Add e-mail:
Stratton, Ann & Jerry – New member: Olympia, WA
Thomas, G. Elton & Terry – New member: Wenatchee, WA
Turner, Robert & Bessie – Correct Phone:
Usher, Jinny – Add phone:
Vander Heide, Tony & Gail – New member: Corvallis, OR
Waitt, Ron & Jan – New e-mail:
Walk, Fred & Carole Lee – Change e-mail:
Walter, Frank & Janet – Change e-mail:
White, Ken & Patricia – Change e-mail:
Wieman, Jim & Norma – Add phone:
Wilson, John & Bonna – Add e-mail:
Wolf, Lou & Odena – Change e-mail:

(See page 4, to left, for Losses)

R6 Updates

1-17-02: Images of Ochoco's Hash Rock and Mill Creek Fires were among six photos honored in *Fire Management Today's* photo contest for 2001. The photos illustrated wildland fire, prescribed fire, wildland-urban interface, and other related topics. Region 6's audio/visual production specialist, **Tom Iraci**, took all six award-winning photos. In addition to the award, the photos will be featured in a future issue of *Fire Management Today*.

Three other photos submitted by Iraci did not receive awards, but the magazine's managing editor, Hutch Brown, writes of, "But all are fine photos and might be used to illustrate articles in forthcoming issues of *Fire Management Today*. We deeply appreciate receiving them."

1-31-02: **Cathy Thein**, computer assistant at Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF, Mt. Baker RD, has been honored with GEICO's Public Service Award for Traffic Safety and Accident Prevention for her contributions to Skagit County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD).

Cathy organizes the 'mock crashes' MADD stages at county high schools, in cooperation with the Washington State Patrol, local fire departments, and other organizations, and takes vacation time from work to staff the MADD booth at the county fair each year.

Carrying the Torch

Jan 25 **Jason Emhoff**, **Wenatchee NF**, carried the Olympic Torch in the Tri-cities. Jason is recovering from severe hand burns in the Thirty Mile Fire disaster.

The **Winema** and **Fremont NF** personnel-EEO/civil rights program manager **Gary Weldon** carried the Olympic Torch as it

passed through Klamath Falls on January 22. The community selected a total of eight runners from the Klamath Falls area. Gary's daughter, Jordan, was a support runner while the Torch traveled through Klamath Falls.

1-24-02: Reward money contributed for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for vandalizing a 267-foot sugar pine located in southeast Douglas County will soon be returned to donors.

Visitors to the landmark tree in **Tiller Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest**, reported the damage on December 3, 2000.

Once listed as the tallest sugar pine in the world, the tree was damaged when someone used a chainsaw to cut around the base of the tree in an attempt to "girdle" it.

According to **Chris Rusch**, botanist for Tiller Ranger District, the tree has survived the first year since the attack. It could take as long as four years to see if the tree will die. As soon as the damage was found, Rusch used grafting wax to seal the cut. Fire crews from District watered the tree throughout the summer.

2-21-02: **Cal Joyner**, Forest Supervisor/Center Manager of the San Juan Public Lands Center, has accepted the Director of Natural Resources position in the Pacific Northwest Region, effective April 21. Cal started his career on Waldport RD, Siuslaw NF, in 1980. Also, **Laurie Perrett**, former deputy Director of Fire and Aviation Management, who has been acting Director since **Mike Edrington** retired, has been selected as the permanent Director position.

Federal Long Term Care Program

By the time you read this newsletter, the opportunity to enroll in the Federal Long Term Care Coverage program will have begun. The so-called "early enrollment" period began March 25. I will not try to explain anything about the program here, but just to alert anyone who has not kept informed on the program. There is much information on the internet. For example Fedweek gives updates at least twice a week, and of course offer booklets for a price. OPM website is also available. The Washington Post (D.C., that is) website keeps up on the subject. There are undoubtedly many other sources on the internet. If you do not have internet access, the NARFE magazine is very informative (*if you do not belong to NARFE, this may be good reason to join now*). The January and March issues have good info, and that will continue in future issues during the enrollment period. OPM just mailed a notice to every Federal employee and retiree (about 20 million people are eligible). It includes OPM website info and a return card for receiving hard copy notices in the future. You should have received this about February 26.

Right now (early March), there is not even any rate information available. That is still being worked out, but will be available by March 25. You need to get information regarding the "early enrollment" period, and the pros and cons of enrolling in this period vs. later. OPM advises that only those people who have already done their homework and know all about long-term care insurance should apply during the early enrollment period. Early enrollment will end May 15. A regular season will run from July 1 to the end of the year. Also look for information which deals with your own financial situation and how that might affect your decision on entering the program. If you get the feeling that it is all too complicated to deal with, ask for help from fellow retirees or other folks you rely on for such advice. I expect we will all be inundated with great offers from alternative vendors of this kind of service, so junk mail will fill your mail box. They have already found scammers issuing information using the "Partners" term to make you think it is the contracted firm.

All I can say at this time is that the program is not necessarily the right thing for each and every one of us, but it may be a very good alternative for many. Your golden rule should be to make an informed decision on the basis of good reason.

Here are some websites:

[Http://www.ltcfeds.com/](http://www.ltcfeds.com/) – this is the site for the LTC Partners, Metropolitan Life and John Hancock. Partners also have a toll-free line: 1-800-582-3337. You can get on their mail list by registering on the web site, or by phone www.opm.gov/insure/ltc - official OPM site for LTC.

MEMBERS CORNER

Letters from Members

These first few comments are in respect of Jim Seabaugh (*see Obits*)

Denny Caird

I think the best thing we can do at times like these is simply to remember the good things about these men. Jim Seabaugh was without a doubt the best field photo-interpreter I ever met, and he forgot more about sale layout than most of us ever knew. When Virgil Binkley started up the Logging Specialists Program in R6, in 1972, Jim was the only one in the "Original Eight" that didn't have a degree in Forest Engineering. He basically taught himself all the mechanics stuff before the rest of us ever knew we needed to know it.

The last time I spoke with Jim Seabaugh, it concerned a couple of shirt-tail relatives of his---Rush (of talk radio) and David Limbaugh. I think Rush and David's grandfather was Jim's uncle. If you follow Rush at all, you know that the old man practiced law until he was 103, when he died. Before the uncle passed away, Jim and Penny made a trip to Cape Girardeau, MO, to visit Jim's family, and while there stopped by the law offices to see his uncle. Jim had just bought a new 4x4 pickup and offered to take the elder Limbaugh for a ride in it. According to Jim, he had to lift Penny into the truck as she was ill and it was a pretty tall truck, but "the old man just hopped up in there!" This whole episode began when I e-mailed David Limbaugh to ask him why so many people from Cape Girardeau have names ending in "baugh", as the only other person from there that I knew was named Seabaugh. He told me that Jim was a relative. I still don't know why they all end in "baugh", but it seems they sought each other out and got married.

Wendall Jones

My first introduction to Jim Seabaugh was when they created the Mill City RD, Willamette NF, in early 1959. Jim came there as a sale layout expert. I don't think the FS had invented the title Logging Engineer at that time. The Mill City

RD got most of the really tough ground from the original Detroit RD. In the early 50's, the FS did experimental logging with untested skyline logging equipment and procedures at Cascade Head Experimental Forest, on the Oregon Coast. This recently developed big-time skyline logging system (the Skycar) and Jim's expertise was what they needed. Jim laid out a number of skyline units that would take a full day just to walk from one end to the other, but Jim did it faster. This country was so tough that you couldn't go much faster downhill than uphill, without serious risks. Jim probably made the trip many times on each unit. Those were the days--Guys like Seabaugh, no NEPA, no news media hanging around, and we all worked hard and slept well.

Doug Porter

I knew Jim Seabaugh and worked with him often in the 70's. He was an expert in his field and was called upon many times to solve logging problems. He could view aerial photos in 3-dimensions without benefit of a stereoscope. And he knew what he was talking about and where.

Jo Garvik

My husband, Donald Garvik passed away Jan. 2, 2002. He had cancer, heart problems, and stroke. He enjoyed the "30 Year Club" news. He had a good 38 year career. He never came home complaining. Thanks from our family to all of you who knew and worked with him during those years.

Pat Int-Hout

Many of the present officers have done an outstanding job with your Winter 2002 Newsletter. It is very professional and covers a host of topics and points of interest to all members. The Directory is a super, Mr. Vern. I just wish I lived a tad closer to many of the organization activities that occur down in the fair state of Oregon so that I could attend them. The newsletter does a great job however, filling us in on the highlights of these activities. I appreciate it greatly.

Walt Johannsen

I enclose a copy of Ray Marchant's obituary which was lately forwarded to me. Having realized that even if timely forwarded to you from Grants Pass it would have been marginal for inclusion in the recent newsletter. I decided to make sure that you would receive it. Ray was not a 30 Year Club member. I did not know Ray as a Forest Service employee because he transferred to the Mt. Baker about the time I arrived on the Siskiyou. I knew Ray as a solid Grants Pass citizen and especially as a member of the Grants Pass City Council. He also was a long time member of NARFE and served that organization in several capacities, all of course after his retirement when he returned to Grants Pass. During my tenure as Siskiyou representative I encouraged Ray to apply for membership in the 30 Year Club. My understanding of his status was that he took early retirement as provided at that time for fire control personnel. To me his retirement was an official retirement status that should have been acceptable for membership. I think Ray was a little intimidated by the club's 30 Year title and so far as I know he did not apply. His time does add up to 22 years. With this contact opportunity I cannot extend my previous best intentions of joining those who have donated in recognition of the good deal given us with the original lifetime membership fee. However I reserve the right to look at it as a deposit to cover future years rather than make up for past years. How is that for optimism?

Frank Lewis

Thanks for the e-mail reminder on dues. Since I'm not a total convert to cyberspace, I still like to read the news in hard copy. Hence, a little extra to help cover production and mailing costs for the newsletter. I hope your articles on NAFSR generates a bunch of new members for that group, too. With the rain and snow in the hills, Fire Seasons over, huh? (*Frank sent this back in early Dec, but it got lost in the shuffle; sorry, Frank*)

Letters (*cont'd. from p. 7*)**Larry Johnson**

Please add our e-mail to your list (*see Changes*). Sorry we don't attend more of the functions, but its quite quite a journey for a lunch or meeting. However, count on us at the 2005 Reunion. If we could have such a good time at Missoula, think of the possibilities in Portland! Good luck in the battle for tax exempt status. Will keep our fingers crossed and know the task is in good hands.

Robert Turner

Just received the new Directory. What a great job you have done. So good to see old friends' names. So many that I really miss. Our new home in Silverton, OR, close to grandchildren. Try to stay busy volunteering (lately with the Aviation museum in McMinnville).

Jim Bull

I've intended to do this (make a donation) ever since the Lifetime amount was increased. Better later than never. I enjoy the web site and e-mail notices. Keep up the good work. Someday I'll surprise everyone and actually attend a luncheon.

Mary Crawford

I am sorry to take so long to send in my report that I am still here. Just a little slow. Still in Salem enjoying life. Surprised I am as old as I am, but keep up sending the newsletter. I love it.

Gary Shirley

This summer of 2002 will mark the 50th anniversary of my first summer job with the USFS as the Granite Mtn. Lookout on the North Bend RD, Snoqualmie NF. Paul Pieper was the DR, his staff included Roscoe Files and Bob Torheim. That fall was warm and dry with east winds. There was a project fire near Lester that was still burning in October after I had been back to classes at the U of Washington for several weeks. I am recovering from heart surgery. (*Ed. Note: Aren't these little stories great--short and sweet. I would like to see many more like it in the newsletter.*)

Dean Cullens

We have moved again and hope to stay here as long as we are able. It is a new retirement community. Enclosed is a check to add to your "kitty." I look forward to each newsletter.

Elton Thomas

Well I finally got around to joining the 30 Year Club, after strong encouragement from Arlya Beck. I always thought I was too young! Ha! I am the Fire Staff Officer on the combined Okanogan/Wenatchee NFs. Terry and I live in Wenatchee and we are enjoying our two grandchildren. Life is very good to us. Would love to hear from old friends.

Tony Vander Heide (new member)

I retired in June 2001 for "real" from ENTEK International LLC in Lebanon after 8 years there as VP for Administration. Looking forward to more traveling, fishing, and grandparenting. Larry Fellows encouraged me to join the club on a Siletz river steelhead trip.

Ed Elliott

Ed sent in a note in regard to an error in his dues and added the following. One other comment, re the newsletter. This is one of the best yet that I have seen. It has humor sections, info on members current, new and deceased, and it has good information on current USFS happenings, which is a plus for the retired members to keep up on goings-on in the outfit. The info you provided about the growth in members and e-mail use was also interesting. Keep up the good work.

Dick & Olive Pomeroy

Another year has gone by and both of us continue to enjoy good health given that we are now in our 70's (Dick turned 75 last month). Olive's Parkinson's disease has stabilized with a drug called ReQuip and it continues to be a major blessing. ReQuip serves to accelerate the responses from those brain cells damaged by Parkinson's. We prayerfully hope that this disease as well as others like it may soon be cured.

This year's plans include Puerto Vallarta, Feb. 1 to March 15; trailering to Grand Junction, CO, in late June to meet a son

and daughter-in-law at a Blue Grass Festival; and a return trip via Lake Tahoe. We hope to stay there in a campground for a couple of weeks of canoeing and hiking. In mid-August, we head for Brazil, spending several weeks working with rural schools doing light Habitat-for-Humanity type construction. We will manage a bit of time playing as well. Dick has published his second book, Paul Tillich: A Theology for the 21st Century. When Dick was a seminary student in the early 80's, he discovered Tillich's theology and struggled through it with a great deal of help from a Tillichian scholar and professor. Upon graduation, Dick vowed that he would write an interpretation of the theology so that others would be able to understand without going to seminary. He published his first book, In Search of Meaning in 1991.

Dick Tubman

Here is a story I roughed out soon after the Fall newsletter came out. Laid the story aside and never saw it again until early this year. (*We can empathize, Dick*) Maybe you can use it in your Spring issue. In it, I wished to express my regards for Marvin Smith. I knew his first wife and no more than met his widow. Throughout the years I knew him and respected him.

Think the change of the club name to PNWFSA is a good deed. There can be any number of 30 Year Clubs with no association with the USFS. In the Fall NL, I note John Marker asks for a donation for the support of the club. So here is a check

Maybe later I will write a short paper on my wonderment on some "on the ground" thoughts. I enjoy the newsletter and know it must be quite a job just to put it together. As you will see in the attached paper, that I am no typist. Hope you can interpret some of my corrections. Keep up the good work. (*Ed. Note: Short on space this issue, Dick. Will try to get your story in next time*)

Letters cont'd on page 9

George Carlin asks: Why do the signs that say 'Slow Children' have a picture of a running child?

More Letters

Bob Lichlyter

Enclosed is a check in memory of my long time friend Gordon Reinhart. Beside being a fellow Fire Staff Officer, Gordy was on my Nation Fire Management Team for several years. We will miss him.

Jack Price

Another year and it seems much more than a year older. Carpal tunnel and now shingles sure tarnishes those golden years. The new name of the 30 Year Club reminds me of an experience many years ago. We wished to put in a parking spot, toilet, and foot path in front of the Glide Ranger Station where Little River and the North Umpqua meet head on. We made the project work plan for "Two Rivers View Point." The plan went to the SO, and then to the RO. It was eventually returned to the district with helpful notes. The suggestion was made that we give it a more sexy name such as "Colliding Rivers." The old Ranger Station office is now Colliding Rivers Information Center. There is a Colliding Rivers Drive-In, etc. I wish there was a more sexy name for Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association Newsletter. *Ed. Note: We are currently trying to get a new logo put together which we could incorporate in the NL banner. Also are leaning toward the "OldSmokeys" title which Bob McQuown came up with for the website address.*

Norm Gould

The "Old Smokeys" newsletter caught up with us here in the Palm Springs area and I must add a memory of Bob Leavengood. In 1952 the Clackamas Division was split into three districts. Two were headquartered at Oak Grove. Leavengood came up as DR of the new Lakes district. The Lakes office was a small portion of the old bunk house. (My wife and I happened to live in the other portion of that bunkhouse.) Roger Stamy worked for Leavengood, and on this particular day returned to the office mid-afternoon thinking the Ranger had gone in to Portland to the Supervisor's Office. My wife Vee, who was clerk, and three or four of the Lakes staff were working at their desks as Roger entered the room. Roger, always a happy type, decided to cheer the group with what later became known as "Roger's Ranger Dance."

His dance included a little verse: "Ranger's away, day in the hay, Ranger's away, day in the hay." About this time Leavengood, who had not gone in to town after all, appeared from his cubicle and confronted Roger saying, "No Roger, the Ranger is not away today." Knowing Leavengood, he may have had a few other words to say. I am sure former early 50's employees of the Lakes and Collawash Districts still remember "Roger's Ranger Dance."

Norm and Eve Gould

We send our congratulations to the Old Smokeys officers for a great job of keeping retirees up to date with the newsletter and Email. Eve and I are still enjoying life on the road. We travel to the Southwest in the winter and the Northwest in the summer. Now, with three of our four kids living in New York and Nantucket we seem to get East more often. We flew back last fall. Daughter Kristi lives in Manhattan and worked in the World Trade Center up until May when her firm moved to a different building. She watched the tragedy out of her office window. We also made it up to Massachusetts to visit the rest of the family including Linda's 18 month old daughter. Grandkids are fun. We are lifetime club members and by separate mail are sending a small contribution to help the finances. (*see Changes for e-mail change*)

Walt Furen

(Walt writes to correct some errors in his address, etc. See Changes)

The city and state are correct for which I am very thankful, as I realize not a lot of ex-R6ers live in this part of the world. As a former Fremont, Willamette, and Umpqua (are these words?), as with most members, I am very proud to be affiliated with the PNWFSA, and my experiences, and many friends of R-6, and so naturally would prefer the record to be correct. Who knows, someone may wish to send me money?

I greatly appreciate reading the Newsletter, as I do each time it comes, from cover to cover, and I thank you all for the big job of keeping such a quality effort coming year after year. Was saddened to read of the passing of Dick Haney, whom I had opportunity to know and work with on the Fremont, now decades ago.

Stan Tixier (R4 Oldtimers)

Thanks for your letter and for your willingness to notify the PNWFSA Assn. members about the availability of my book, Green Underwear. I really wasn't thinking of it as advertising, as much as just information. I doubt if we make it to your Spring Banquet, although we have kids and grandkids in Richland, WA, and you never know. Why don't you send me a copy of your newsletter that tells about it? We do look forward to the Retirees reunion that you guys are hosting in 2005. I am enclosing one copy of Green Underwear, my book on cowboy poetry, and two audio cassettes of cowboy poetry for the silent auction at the Banquet. I hope it all helps.

Notes on Dues coupons:

Oops! I really thought I'd paid this—It's hell getting old and forgetful! - **Jeanine Perkins**

Do not recall seeing the note (dues coupon) in the Fall NL. - **Bob Larse**
Here's the last of the "Big Spenders"! \$20 bucks should take care of a couple of years and the rest you can do with what you like! Call it interest for forgetting to pay on time" - **Vic Kreimeyer**

Thanks for reminding me. I do so enjoy the newsletter to keep in touch with dear friends. - Love, **Thelma Robinson**
This NL is worth the annual dues. I have been chuckling for 5 days now since I read Jack Grubb's "Food for Thought" offering "Everybody is somebody else's weirdo." **Jim Olson**

Thanks for all that you folks are doing. Most of us would be out of the loop if not for the e-mails and the great web page. - **Jim Bannister**

Sorry I'm late. Completely slipped my mind. Best to all of my R6 friends. - **Eric Morse**

The coupon is a great idea, but it is on the back side of a page of Address Changes. If you clip and send it back, you lose some information. - **Lyle Shook**

Do the people of Australia call the rest of the world "Up Over"?

IN MEMORY of FRIENDS

By Phil Hirl

Janie Barton

Received this word from Doug Barton: I'm sorry to report the death of my wife last April. Could you please remove Janie's name from you listing? (*This was too late to correct the new directory, but the mail list will be changed now*)

John H Brillhart, Sr.

John died on January 13, 2002, at age 90. He was a Lifetime member and Past President of the 30 Year Club. He was born on August 10, 1911, in Lancaster, PA. John graduated from Penn State in 1934 in Forest Management. He later received a Master's from Syracuse in 1949. He married Ruth Crider in 1935 (Ruth also died recently; her obituary was in the Winter newsletter).

John began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina in 1934. He moved to the Forest Service in 1935 on the Snoqualmie NF where he served both as Ranger and on the Supervisor's staff. Then from 1939 to 1950 he served as Ranger on the Tongass NF in Sitka and as Forest Supervisor in Juneau on the Admiralty Division. In Sitka, John was instrumental in developing the historic Russian bishop's house and the Tlingit Totem Park, now administered by the National Park Service.

From 1950 to 1957 John was the Timber Staff Officer on the Umatilla NF, a job he also held on the Siuslaw NF from 1957 to 1962. In 1962 John moved to the Regional Office in Lands as head of Lands Adjustment and Valuation. He retired there in 1973.

Survivors include son John Jr. of Missouri, and daughters Mary K. and Marjorie J. of Oregon; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. (*This information was provided by John's family and Carlin Jackson.*)

Ronald R. DeClark

Ron DeClark died Dec. 29, 2001, at age 71. Mr. DeClark was born Jan. 26, 1930, in Emmett, ID. He lived in Portland from 1942 to 1960, and graduated from Vancouver HS. He served in the US Army, and worked for the Bureau of Public Roads. He was transferred to Wash., D.C., and also worked for the Forest Service. He retired in 1985. He married Carol Joy Sellers in 1949; she died

in 1998. Ron had just recently moved to Maryland. He was a member of PNWFS Assoc.

Survivors include his son, David L. DeClark; daughter, Karen Miller; brother Frank D.; and five grandchildren.

Allen LeRoy Hagedorn

Allen 77, died Jan. 31 at his home in Yacolt. A heavy equipment operator for Champion International and later a fire tanker driver for the Forest Service. He was born Jan. 6, 1925, in Amboy and lived in Clark County his entire life. His wife Barbara also worked for the Forest Service in RO Engineering. She and Allen retired the same day. They are Lifetime members of the 30 Year Club.

He was a 40-year member of Charter Oak Evangelical Free Church and member of the Woodland Veterans of Foreign Wars and Fargher Lake Grange. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and watching wildlife. He also enjoyed watching sports and reading Western novels by Zane Grey and Louis L'Amour. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Barbara, at home; one daughter, Carol Hagedorn-Hillier of Chehalis, Wash.; two sons, Doug of Yacolt and Gary of Burbank, Wash.; two sisters, Doris Hagedorn of Wasilla, Alaska, and Pearl Reilyea of Vancouver; one brother, Bill of Thompson Falls, Mont.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

William H. 'Ray' Marchant

Ray Marchant, 87, of Grants Pass, OR, died Dec. 19, 2001. Marchant was born April 5, 1914, in Glenn, MT. In 1928, his family moved to Langell Valley in Klamath County. He served in the CCC's in the late 1930's. On June 9, 1940, he married Joanna Jones, who survives. He worked as a rancher and farmer in Langell Valley for many years. In 1952, he moved to Grants Pass. He worked for the USFS as a fire control officer at Galice, and transferred to the Mt. Baker NF in 1962. In 1976 he returned to Grants Pass. In addition to his wife, survivors are: a son, Tom, of Phoenix, OR; two daughters, Kathy Wickham, and Sherry Dwight, both of Grants Pass; four sisters in Grants Pass, one in Minnesota, and one in Myrtle Creek, OR; 12 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

James T. Seabaugh

Jim died Jan. 10, 2002, at age 70, in Roseburg. He was born June 23, 1931, in Bentonville, AR, to James and Jessica (Stoneking) Seabaugh. Jim grew up in Arkansas and Missouri. He served in the navy Seabees during the Korean War. Following his enlistment he attended the University of Missouri, where he graduated in 1957 with a degree in forestry. He began work at the Rigdon RD on the Willamette NF and also worked as a TMA on the Mill City RD. In 1967 Jim moved to the Siuslaw NF, first in the Supervisor's Office and then on the Alsea RD. There Jim was also involved in the masters program at Oregon State University, where he gave sessions on advanced logging systems. In 1978 he moved to the regional office in state and private forestry, and then into Timber Management where he stayed until retirement in 1985. He was known for his experience and expertise in cable logging systems.

Jim was a member of the Thirty Year Club, the Society of American Foresters, and NARFE. Over the years he enjoyed playing harmonica and was a member of the Oregon Mouth Harp Association. He loved the outdoors and did much hiking, camping, hunting, and fishing.

Jim is survived by his daughter Karen Campbell of Gresham; son James David of California; stepsons Greg Thomas of Sisters, and Mark Thomas and Tim Thomas of Milwaukie; stepdaughters Sally Keenan of Milwaukee, and Kimberly Phillips of Roseburg; sisters Rose Emma and Audrey Nell Clemens of Oklahoma; and four grandchildren and eleven step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Shaun; his first wife, Helen Elizabeth; and his second wife, Ula "Penny."

[This information was provided by Jim's family and Howard Wolf, Bob Hetzer, John Nunan, Don Nearhood, Jerry Allen, John Wilson, and Vern Clapp.]

Following is the Chief's letter requesting assistance from employees and retirees in connection with USFS 100th Anniversary:

REPLY DUE APRIL 15, 2002

As we enter our New Century of Service and celebrate the first 100 years of this great agency, we want to focus on the contributions and achievements of the Forest Service. Over the past 97 years, we have created an incredible variety of inventions, tools, techniques, new processes, facilities, and experiences that benefit Americans and the world.

New Century of Service is compiling a list of these significant contributions and amazing facts to communicate the depth and breadth of the agency's achievements over the past century. We plan to use this information in upcoming workforce recruitment, national videos, speaker kits, brochures, radio and TV programs, speeches, newspaper, magazine articles, and posters. For example, very few members of the public know that Forest Service scientists created the recyclable adhesive for the self-sticking stamp, or that the fundamental fire-fighting tool, the Pulaski, was created by a Forest Service employee. They also do not know that the deepest cave in the U.S. and the highest mountain in the lower 48 states are found on national forests.

With your help, we can capture these "wows" and "firsts" and use them to share with America and the world. Most importantly, we can share the pride that our employees, retirees, and volunteers have in our accomplishments and increase America's awareness of the value of Forest Service contributions.

Enclosed is an example nomination form to use as a guide to complete the blank nomination form (*see next column*) for your Forest Service "wows" and "firsts," or other significant contributions and amazing facts about the Forest Service.

Please send nominations to WO Newcentury by **April 15, 2002**. To inspire employees and retirees to share their ideas of "wows" and "firsts," we will design a poster for the Region, Station, IITF, or Area that contributes the most facts that make it into the "top 100" list.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Linda Feldman, New Century of Service Coordinator at (202) 205-1668.

/s/ Sally Collins

DALE N. BOSWORTH

John Marker is serving as a retiree representative for this program. He offers the following: E-mails should be sent to: WO_NewCentury@fs.fed.us. Regular mail entries can be sent to: Linda Feldman, New Century of Service Coordinator, USDA Forest Service, Conservation Education Staff, Stop 1147, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250-1147.

If you have questions as to how to proceed, get in touch with John Marker. His phone and e-mail are in the Directory.

Now get to work on your input—There is not much time!

EXAMPLE

Forest Service Firsts, Contributions, and WOW Facts

Category: Forest Service Firsts
 Significant Contributions WOW Facts

Title: The Self-sticking Stamp

Narrative (the story behind the facts)

The Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) was able to work with the United States Postal Service (USPS), the papermakers, the adhesive manufacturers, and equipment manufacturers to come up with a recyclable self-adhesive stamp. Prior to this research, all of the mixed office waste that had any of the pressure sensitive adhesives (PSA) stamps, labels, stickers or envelopes in it could not be recycled. Consumers enjoy using the PSA stamps, but would like to use environmentally friendly products. The USPS produces more than 38 billion PSA stamps each year. This environmentally benign PSA allows an additional 20 million tons of mixed office wastepaper to be recycled. The recyclable stamps are the consumer's choice -- all because of FPL!

THE FACTS:

What: Environmentally Benign Pressure-Sensitive Adhesives developed at FPL

When: May 1, 1999 the USPS released the Tropical Stamp with the reformulated adhesive

Who: Said AbuBakr from FPL and Joe Peng with the USPS

Where: Madison, WI

So what, why or how: FPL partnered with the USPS, the papermakers, the adhesive manufacturers and equipment manufacturers to make an environmentally benign PSA

Partners and Cooperators: US Postal Service, FPL, Specialized Technology Resources, Inc. and industry.

Published or Produced: Yes, USPS to develop an environmentally benign pressure sensitive adhesive for postage-stamp applications. In: Proceedings, World Adhesive Conference

Point of Contact (for more info): Nancy Ross Sutherland

Submitted by: Sue Paulson

Photo or visual available: Yes

Additional Info available at: FPL Public Affairs

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

It's easier to fight for one's principles that to live up to them.

It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the right questions.

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Join us for lunch

Last Friday every month
Beaverton Elks Club
3500 SW 104th Ave
Off Canyon Rd, just east of
Hwy 217
11:00 AM

Note: Your mailing label shows the year through which your dues are paid. For example, if your label shows "02", your dues are paid through 12/31/02

Food for Thought

Kindness: a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up.

Heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.

The greatest of all faults is to imagine you have none.

Minds are like parachutes; they function only when open.

Have a very nice Springtime.

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Coming Events

2002 Spring Banquet May 5

2002 Picnic Aug. 16

Mark these on your calendar