



Newsletter  
of the  
**Pacific Northwest  
Forest Service  
Retirees**  
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## President's Message

Visit our website at: [www.oldsmokeys.org](http://www.oldsmokeys.org)

The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association is experiencing a very busy year with many members involved in association activities. We have just completed our annual banquet at Charbonneau honoring **Mort Lauridsen's** 95th birthday. The Dean of the Department of Natural Resources at the University of Washington, Bruce Bare, gave an excellent speech in support of Mort and thanked him for his contribution of two forestry scholarships at the University of Washington. Ten other people from the Seattle area came to honor Mort. Members **Gary** and **Judy Shirley** organized this special "friends of Mort" group.

Other guests included Bill Hagenstein who also added comments about Mort's years in forestry.

**Emil** and **Dorine Sabol** again hosted the Old Smokeys with a well-organized banquet by Dave Dalton's Catering, including the birthday cake for Mort.

I would also like to comment on the tremendous support we get at our monthly board meetings. We are making some financial decisions and adjustments, and we have involved past officers to assist us in moving the association business forward. **Phil Hirl** has helped in continued work with our R6 Forest Service agreement, and he also helped in our non-profit tax preparation for 2004. **Elmer Moyer** has also assisted with our financial affairs. This assistance to the board is much appreciated. A number of past officers are  
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playing important roles on the Reunion Committee.

Our annual picnic is coming up on July 8th and our able chairman, **Jim List**, has all corners covered, including assurance of a warm, sunny day. The BLM is permitting us to use the park free of charge this year in recognition of all the volunteer work that is done by USFS retirees. *(See details and reservation slip on page 19.)*

Changes in our organization include using a satellite hookup for our data base manager, **Vern Clapp**. Vern was using a regular copper wire phone system to Sisters, OR, without much success, so the move to the satellite system keeps the "Old Smokey's" notes flowing to over 600 members. The association will help financially to support the new system. We again appreciate the many hours that Vern and **Jessie** volunteer, working as Treasurer and Data Base Managers for the Association.

We also have many other members who need to be mentioned. Among them is **Dave Scott** who has been acting as a super salesman in ordering and selling Reunion caps, shirts, and jackets. He has displayed and sold at our monthly meetings; at Tokeland, Washington; the banquet, and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest with tremendous success. Dave also is involved with our history book project. Recently, he was selected to serve on the board of the National Museum of Forest  
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**President's Letter** (Cont'd. from page 1)

Service History in Missoula, MT. Dave, the association appreciates your extra time and effort.

I would like to continue welcoming all the members to our monthly meeting at the Beaverton Elks, the July 8th picnic, and the big Reunion on September 4 thru 9th.

Bob Tokarczyk

**Newsletter Editor Recruited**

After months of almost no interest expressed in taking the newsletter editor job, a highly qualified candidate has stepped forward. I want to introduce you to Les Joslin, of Bend, OR. Les, an experienced writer and publisher, has written several books on Forest Service history.

Les and his wife Pat, a botanist, have been USFS employees off and on through the years. Les started working seasonally in the fire business on the Toiyabe NF from 1962-66. Then he served in the US Navy for about 22 years, retiring in 1988 at the rank of commander. He worked seasonally as a volunteer in wilderness information and education throughout the 1990s. In 2000 he was appointed a temporary GS-5 to continue his summer wilderness work. Then in 2003 he accepted a permanent GS-11 appointment as a "supervisory social scientist" responsible for recreation, heritage, wilderness, interpretive services, special uses, etc., on the Bend/Fort Rock RD, Deschutes NF. This apparently didn't keep him sufficiently busy, so he taught forestry classes at OSU and Central Oregon Community College every spring. He continues this work for the USFS and colleges until this fall. Then the USFS budget crunch will get him.

After that he and Pat plan to learn how to retire, first with a six-week-or-so wandering road trip across the country and back, later to England where Pat is from and on to the Continent. Pat spent most of this past May with her mother in England. Les will work with Wendall on the Winter 2006 Newsletter, which comes out in January. Then Les will take over the Spring Newsletter with encouraging words from Wendall.

The old adage "if you need good help always seek out a busy person" seems to apply here. We need to welcome Les Joslin with open arms and give him our support. *Wendall Jones with Les Joslin's help*

**Format of Online Newsletter to Change**

The OldSmokeys online edition of the Newsletter will be posted only in Adobe Acrobat Reader© pdf format beginning with this issue. Prior issues have been posted in both pdf format and as individual newsletter articles with hyperlinks indexed on the Newsletter page. Reducing the newsletter to individual articles is a slow, cumbersome, and time-consuming process. Then too, the newsletter is much more readable in pdf format so we have simply eliminated the indexed html version.

The Adobe Reader format produces a superior image of the original document and is easily displayed on just about any computer with any operating system. With Adobe Reader © there is no discernable difference between the appearance of the original

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**"We Had an Objective In Mind"**

If you have been holding back ordering copies of our book, *We Had An Objective In Mind*, wondering if we really will be able to get it all together, we have encouraging news. The draft was delivered to the printer on April 5<sup>th</sup>, where they started converting it to print format and incorporating the photos. Rolf Anderson received the proof copy on May 18 from Maverick Publications. He plans to get the proofs back to the printer by May 23. Assuming no rattlesnakes arising in the future, we should have copies rolling off the press before the end of June. This should assure copies are available for delivery or sale by the Summer Picnic.

John and Bonna Wilson have volunteered their time, space, and gasoline to get the books mailed out to you. This job will be done at John and Bonna's home. John will pick up the books at Bend and bring them back home for mailing (John has already refused an offer to buy gasoline for him). Bonna will probably see that we have several other volunteers to help get the books prepared for mailing and delivering to the post office.

We have had good response to our pre-sale offering, but we expect a big increase when Reunion reservations pick up in June. And we have faith that when the book becomes visible at the Reunion, many more purchases will be made. This is going to be a masterpiece, and a collectible: 70+ photos, 160+ authors, 300+stories, 500+ pages. All done with loving care. *Rolf Anderson/Wendall Jones*

**Book purchase coupon is on page 18 of this newsletter. Clip and mail per instructions****Format...Change** (Cont'd. from previous column)

document (the newsletter) and what appears on your monitor.

There have been recent improvements in the Adobe Reader program that make the program load faster and the documents download more quickly. Even a computer that runs on a dial-up connection and uses a 56 K modem should easily handle the newsletter download from the website in less than three minutes for the entire document. For those of you with DSL or Broadband connections the download should be almost instantaneous.

Adobe recently upgraded their Acrobat Reader© software. The latest update, Version 7.0, can be downloaded free of charge from their website on the Internet.

If you already have Adobe Reader on your computer, open the program and click on 'Help/About'. The version that you are currently using will be prominently displayed. If it is one of the older Reader versions I strongly encourage you to download version 7.0. The download is quick and easy and can be found at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> Or, you can download it from the links found in the OldSmokeys website. *Bob McQuown*

**Dave Scott will have the Reunion Store open at the Picnic and last Friday luncheons. Neat shirts, hats, and jackets.**



Celebrating the People  
Forest Service Reunion  
September 4–9, 2005  
Portland, Oregon

Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association

### 2005 Reunion—The Big Deal Gathering!

In a few short months we'll gather at the river to share tales (most true), and enjoy again the friendship of people we worked with during our careers. **Reunion 2005, Celebrating the People** of the Forest Service will open at the Red Lion Hotel on the River on September 4 and continue to September 9. The many, many people who have worked for over four years to make the largest event ever undertaken by the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association a resounding success will take a deep breath and relax a bit.

The 2005 Reunion Committee, led by Bob Williams, is proud of this event to recognize the people who have served the Forest Service so well over the past 100 years. Committee members will feel that a job has been well done if you, and friends you haven't seen for a long time, enjoy remembering your adventures and friendships while part of the "Pine Tree" outfit.

During the past years, as members of PWFSA worked to build this gathering, there were several retirees questioning why, with all the "fussing" about management of the National Forests, we wanted to hold such a gathering. The response was, and is, because people of the Forest Service are worth it. We believe there is too much negative, and not enough positive about the work of the Forest Service's people. We want colleagues to look at accomplishments and friendships and take pride in careers well spent. Forest Service people are the ones who know how the trails got built, the camping areas developed, the range renewed, the trees planted, the fires fought, the phone lines strung, the facilities built, the "bootleg" projects completed, the research conducted, the science truths validated, the cooperative relations built and the red tape cut.

So the committee has put together a celebration for the Outfit's people who made a difference. We want you to come enjoy a fine time sharing memories and reinforcing what you already knew, you are one of many people who have a heritage to be proud of. Don't miss this event.

Can't find your registration form? Go to the [oldsmokeys.org](http://oldsmokeys.org) web site to download a copy or contact Liz Kraiter at 503-981-4200 or email: [lkraiter@easystreet.com](mailto:lkraiter@easystreet.com) *John Marker*

### Donors

Only donors to report this issue are **Jim and Mary Jane Drury**, generous and repeating donors. Thanks Drury's, from PNWFSA.

### Reunion Welcome from President Tokarczyk

I am honored to be serving as president of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association during the year of Reunion 2005. Thanks to Bob Williams and his dedicated volunteers our association is staging a major event in this centennial year of the Forest Service. Every one of our almost 900 members should take pride in this event, and give special thanks to the members who have been willing to help make the reunion a success.

One way to say thanks is to come and take part in this event. You won't regret the time you spend at the reunion. There is a great program to celebrate our accomplishments, revisit our history, plenty of time to visit with people you haven't seen in years and the opportunity to "go to the field" for a look at some of the fine scenery in this part of the Northwest. There will also be many displays of our heritage, our art and a restored Forest Service truck from Region 3 along with a work boat from Region 10 brought back to mint condition by FS people in Alaska.

I have to give a special plug for one of the field trips. As you know my favorite mountain, Mt St. Helens, has been rumbling around since last fall. However, it is going to behave for the reunion and give you an opportunity to see its efforts to build a new top. After its activity while I was supervisor of the GP, it owes Tokarczyk a favor. However, if you would rather see airplanes, sample wine, visit Timberline and Mt. Hood or go to the Gorge I am sure we'll be able to show you pictures of my friendly mountain.

So get your reservations in, pack your bags, bring the camera and come to the shores of the Columbia for our rendezvous.

*Bob Tokarczyk*

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### High Desert Museum Tour

The planned trip to the High Desert Museum on June 5 was cancelled due to lack of folks signing up by the cut-off date. We encourage you to make your own plans for visiting this excellent display of Forest Service history sometime later this year. The pass you purchase to enter the Museum is good for two days, so you can plan a whole weekend around a visit. One day might not be enough to thoroughly digest all of the memorabilia that is offered.

Given enough expression of interest, we might try a bus trip to HDM in the fall. *Wendall Jones*

**Welcome from Reunion Chair Bob Williams**

When I said yes to chairing the reunion committee I had no idea what a challenging and rewarding assignment I was agreeing to. As we come into the final weeks of preparation for the event, I am amazed how fast the last four years have passed. Thanks to the hard work of over 80 retiree volunteers we have organized an outstanding reunion and celebration worthy of honoring the people who have served the Nation so well over the past 100 years.

The committee has received outstanding assistance from Chief Dale Bosworth, Regional Forester Linda Goodman and PNW Station Director Tom Quigley. Our work would have been much more complex and time consuming without this welcome assistance. We are also pleased and grateful to some 20 non-Forest Service organizations that have come forward to offer assistance to the event. Many of them will have displays and booths at the hotel. Their good wishes and assistance have validated our belief that the people of the Forest Service have a legacy of work well done and are worth a major celebration of their successes.

I want to invite every retiree and every active member of the Forest Service who can find their way to Portland to come join us for this signature event. This will be a unique opportunity to not only see old friends and make new ones, but also visit with the people who have made the Forest Service successful, and learn the rest of the story behind the Outfits activities. For those of us who have completed our careers it will be a time to wish those well who are, "Caring for the Land and Serving People" as the next century of service to the Nation gets underway.

*Bob Williams*

**High Desert Museum Thanks PNWFSA**

On June 4th the High Desert Museum opened *Century of Service – The U.S. Forest Service in the High Desert 1905 – 2005*. Both personally, as the exhibit curator, and on behalf of the High Desert Museum Board of Directors and Membership, I would like to thank the retirees of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association for making this exhibit possible.

Over the course of the past one and one-half years, members of the PNWFSA have searched through closets, storage boxes and garages, to gather countless artifacts from the first century of the Forest Service. These generous donations have ranged from equipment, personal items and uniforms, to an array of photographs and documents. Many of these were rescued as file cabinets were being cleaned out, or storage spaces being sorted out. Truly a significant part of Forest Service history was rescued from the dumpster or burn pile over the years by farsighted individuals, to be passed on to us for the exhibit.

If you have not already had the opportunity to view *Century of Service*, it will be on exhibit at least through May of 2007. We hope to extend the life of the exhibit by contacting selected museums throughout the region that might want to host *Century of Service* in the years ahead.

Again thank you for your confidence in our project. We hope you will find we have presented the experiences of the Forest Service community of staff and families, in the manner you would have told the story yourselves

Sincerely, **Bob Boyd,**

Western History Curator, The High Desert Museum

**REGISTER NOW and SAVE**

**Don't miss Reunion 2005, The Celebration of Forest Service People!**

**September 4 – 9, 2005 in Portland, Oregon**

**Register by July 1, 2005 and save \$50 per person or \$70 per couple**

Contact Liz Kraiter at 503-981-4200 or [lkraiter@easystreet.com](mailto:lkraiter@easystreet.com) for registration information and reunion details. Or, visit [www.oldsmokeys.org](http://www.oldsmokeys.org) to see details of the reunion and download a registration package.

Meet old friends, see the Northwest, tell tales, hear tales, celebrate your contributions to the 100 years of the Forest Service. A once in a century event! Don't wait for the next one!

### High Desert Museum's "Century of Service—The U.S. Forest Service in the High Desert 1905-2005"

The Forest Service in the High Desert exhibit opened at 9 AM on June 4, 2005 at the High Desert Museum, 3.5 miles south of Bend, OR. The Forest Service exhibit is a product of the staff of the High Desert Museum and is funded by private donations. Many artifact gifts came from the Forest Service and Forest Service retirees. Volunteer help comes from citizens, including Forest Service retirees, from Bend and surrounding areas. There were festivities all day long to celebrate the opening and a number of retirees took part in the activities. The museum store has a number of books about the Forest Service on sale. Beyond the new exhibit there are other superbly done exhibits and displays about the unique part of the United States called the High Desert.

This exhibit honors the people of the Forest Service and their contributions to the culture and settlement of this amazing land. And for many of us there will be many reminders of our time in this land. This history includes, for example, stories about the early years similar to the following:

"In the mid 1920's several communications pioneers attempted to link distant Forest Service office together with radio. R.B. Adams (know as Ring Bell), a telephone engineer from Region 1 joined forces with several like-minded souls from R-4 to experiment with the new technology on top of Thunder Mountain in Nevada. The objective was to link western regional offices together by radio, and maybe even include the Chief's office. It didn't work, and the Chief allowed as how that was enough spending of scarce funds on radio until the technology improved, but he was pleased with the innovative spirit of the field people."

"The winter of 1948-1949 was an especially hard winter for people living in rural Nevada. There was extreme snowfall with heavy winds resulting in thousands of head of cattle stranded and without food. Archie Murchie, District Ranger at Ely, and other local people fired up bulldozers and for weeks worked day and night to open roads, and keep them open, so ranchers could feed their stock. Archie said it was colder than H\_\_\_\_, but he didn't see there was any choice but to be a good neighbor and do what he and other Forest Service people in the area could do to help."

"At ranger stations throughout the High Desert were the wives and families of the rangers with their stories of life with the Forest Service. From a wife hearing her husband saying 'Goodbye, I'll see you on Friday' and at dark on Friday he wasn't back; to coping with the water system that froze tight in sub zero with no one to help unfreeze it. There were the injuries to bind up, the sicknesses to be doctored with home remedies, the stretching of meager pay checks to cover necessities, and sometimes the loneliness of being far from town. But there were also the moments when the sense of service and the beauty of the land put the challenges of the Forest Service aside for a while."

And there are more stories, many to be told by the exhibit. Make your plans now to see this fine tribute to fine people. The pass you purchase to see the display is good for two days, so you can make a weekend out of a visit. *John Marker*

### Dues Delinquents

The following members have been place in an "inactive status" because they have not paid dues for 2005 by April 1. The new dues policy published in the Winter 2005 Newsletter requires that, in order to re-establish their active status, these members must pay a \$20 reinstatement fee for the rest of 2005. Dues for 2006 will again be due on January 1.

If you know any of these folks and would like to encourage their return to the PNWFSA, please feel free to contact them. They will not be receiving any newsletters or any other notices until they are re-instated, so they will not see this article unless they view it on the website.

Douglas Baker	Mary Coulombe
Ken Drahos	Darlene Drain
Bill Duemling	Milton Griffith
Richard Haines	Gordon Haugen
Pat Int-Hout	Ethel Jennings
P. Johns	Dennis Larson
Tom Levering	Mike Lunn
Don Mann	Joe Marchibanks
Bonnie O'Leary	Craig Phillips
Allen Prigge	Thelma Robinson
Paul Rose	Bill Shaver
James Smith	Larry Smith
Jon Stewart	Ralph Thompson
John Wahrgren	Richard Walker
Billie Winkle	

### A Memorable Spring Banquet

Once again, our spring banquet at Charbonneau Country Club was a happy get-together of members and guests. The highlight this year was a celebration of Mort Lauridsen's 95th birthday. Bob Tokarczyk did his usual great job as MC to make it an interesting event. The 112 attendees sang "Happy Birthday to Mort" when Dave Dalton, our caterer, began to slice the cake. A good time was had by all.

Dave Scott was able to set-up shop to peddle his 2005 Reunion gear. Don't know whether he was selling wholesale, retail or both, but we hear he did well.

Dave Dalton provided a marvelous dinner of Prime Rib and Halibut Oscar. His beautiful buffet set up would rival the best in Portland. Mort's birthday cake was served as our dessert.

Our thanks to all those who helped make this a great success - Jean & Don Loff for their help in decorating the tables & Jean for her help at the door with Mary Moyer; the Moyer's son, Lee & his wife, Annaliese, for the name tags; Tokarczyks, Mary Lou Williams, Dick Ferraro, Bev Pratt, Dave Dalton & Sabols for door prizes. And last but not least, Bev again, for all she does to make things go. *Emil & Dorine Sabol*

**Spring Banquet Pictures on Pages 10 and 11  
By Photographer Paul Enberg**

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOREST SERVICE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
2004 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Annual Profit and Loss Statement - 1/1/04 to 12/31/04**

**Details of the profit and loss statement are available upon request from  
Vern Clapp: [vclapp@teleport.com](mailto:vclapp@teleport.com)**

Prepared by Vern Clapp, PNWFSA Treasurer  
May 18, 2005

**New Members**

Barney & Rosanna Duberow	Dennis & Marge Frasier
George Goddard	William & Sharon Grabner
James L. Grace	William & Billie Hopkins
John "Jack" & Pam Ledgerwood	Kent & Betsy Mays
Jim Overbay	Charlie & Jean Severson
Phil & Jacelyn Simonski	Jack & Cathy Thompson
James Wasden	

**Rocker Bars**

High Desert Museum is still looking for Forest rocker bars (worn on FS shirt or jacket shoulder) from Forests in the High Desert area (east side R6, R4, and east side R5). If you have any that you would share with HDM, please contact Bob Boyd, Curator, High Desert Museum, 59800 S Hwy 97, Bend, OR 97702. Phone:541-382-4754  
Email: [bboyd@highdesertmuseum.org](mailto:bboyd@highdesertmuseum.org)

## Wilderness Associates Offers Special Price on Two U.S. Forest Service Centennial Books!

Yes, our U.S. Forest Service is 100 years old! To help commemorate this year's Forest Service Centennial, Wilderness Associates offers two Forest Service heritage books that interpret some of the people and places -- early rangers and ranger stations -- that made "The Outfit" what it was. These books are available now at the special Forest Service Centennial price of only \$10.00 per copy, postage included.

Walt Perry: An Early-Day Forest Ranger in New Mexico and Oregon, by Walter J. Perry, edited by Les Joslin.

This is the amazing story of Walt Perry (1873-1959) who, after working at many jobs -- most notably at mining and logging in Mexico -- found his "real life's work" in the U.S. Forest Service. A graduate of the "school of hard knocks," this rough and ready gentleman of intelligence and integrity served on national forests in New Mexico and Oregon from 1910 to 1936 and epitomized the pioneer forest ranger. Along the way, he served with many of the Forest Service's best and brightest as he rose through the ranks to become a respected member of the forestry profession. This unique book was reviewed by Gifford Pinchot biographer Char Miller in the November 2000 Journal of Forestry. Published in 1999, 205 pages, 32 historic photos, ISBN 0-9647167-2-0, only \$10.00 per copy postpaid.

Uncle Sam's Cabins: A Visitor's Guide to Historic U.S. Forest Service Ranger Stations of the West, by Les Joslin.

Uncle Sam's Cabins is a book to take on the road, a step back in time to 75 historic U.S. Forest Service ranger stations throughout the West from which early-day forest rangers patrolled and protected America's magnificent national forests. Some of these stations remain in use. Others are preserved and interpreted. All are fascinating. Access information is provided for each. Jim Forst of Oregon Outside magazine called this book "the perfect companion for those who enjoy a little history and a story or two when exploring our national forests." Many Old Smokeys will find their old ranger stations in this book. Published in 1995, 252 pages, 130 photos, 7 maps, ISBN 0-9647167-1-2, only \$10.00 per copy postpaid.

Order either or both of these U.S. Forest Service Centennial Books now, for yourself and for gifts, from: Wilderness Associates, P.O. Box 5822, Bend, Oregon 97708. Telephone 541-330-0331 for more information. Enclose check or money order. Remember, postage is included in the \$10.00 price of each book.

*(Ed. Note: You will come to recognize Les as your future newsletter editor)*

**Forest Supervisors move:** Kevin Martin, Dep. FS on Deschutes, is going to Umatilla NF as Forest Supervisor behind Jeff Blackwood. John Phipps, MBS Supervisor is going to R-9 DRF for Resources. Alan Quan, Dep. FS on Ok/Wen. NF is going to Prescott NF, R-3, as Forest Supervisor. The best to all three in their careers from the PNWFSA.

## Forest History Society Offers Centennial Publications

The Forest Service Centennial Film "The Greatest Good" is now available in a 3-DVD set. The Forest History Society Historian, James Lewis, is putting the final touches on THE companion book to the film entitled "The Forest Service and the Greatest Good: A Centennial History." An advanced order form is furnished that will save you money by ordering both the film and the book.

The Companion book with a Foreword by Char Miller, Gifford Pinchot Biographer, will be a 250-300 page well-illustrated book that generally follows the film but will include deeper discussion on some topics as well as some topics that were not discussed in the film. It will be attractive for the general reader, as well as a resource for national forest enthusiasts, the natural resource professional, and for the teacher/educator looking for curriculum background. The book will be available in August, but can be ordered now.

In addition to the companion book you can order the CD of original MUSIC from the film. It's great listening and brings you right back to what you remember about the film.

For additional information on these offerings and related centennial books you can go to the Forest History web site at: <http://www.foresthistory.org/Publications/new.html>. The additional books being offered include:

The Chiefs Remember: The Forest Service, 1952-2001 (by Harold K. Steen)

Jack Ward Thomas: Journals of a Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas

CENTENNIAL EDITION of The U.S. Forest Service: A History (by Harold K. Steen)

*(Information furnished by Steven Anderson, President, Forest History Society)*

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### Ethel Conway

*(from Kathy Bowman's R6 Updates)*

"Things happen to you all your life, and you either sit and mope, or you say, 'That's not going to stop me'." Ethel Conroy, age 100.

Ethel Conway, now of Roseburg, graduated from the University of Oregon in 1930 and took a job with the Forest Service at the Ochoco NF -- where she worked for 30 years -- at a time when the agency was run strictly by men. Next month, she turns 100, and she has many memories of a life filled with her career, music, traveling and fixing up houses. A full article about Ethel appeared in the Roseburg News Review back in April. *(Courtesy Susan Johnson, Umpqua NF)*

It is rumored that Ethel is planning to visit our Reunion in September.

**Order the R6 History Book, We Had an Objective in Mind.**

**It is a classic!**

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**Green Gold**

The folks of Post, OR have published a history book of their area, titled Green Gold. The book is authored by Martin Gabrio Morisette. The book states at the beginning, "The incomplete, and probably inaccurate, history of the timber industry in parts of Central and Eastern Oregon from 1867 to near the present." It is about 400 pages of information, background and pictures. Ron Skrip says the pictures alone are worth the \$15 price, especially to anyone that has worked on the Ochoco, Malheur, or Deschutes NFs. Most of the book centers around the Prineville area, but does a good job on Hines, John Day, and Izee. Post, Oregon is a tiny community just east of Prineville Reservoir. You may also ask where is Prineville Reservoir, but you can find it just southeast of the city of Prineville, OR. To order a book, or books, we suggest you call the Post General Store at 541-477-3285, give them your address and they will tell you what the additional postage cost will be. Then you can give them your order and credit card information. Or you can then mail a check to Post General Store, 28550 SE Paulina Hwy, Post, OR 97752. This information comes from Ron Skrip who worked in this part of the world several years after 1867.

**Member Data Base Changes—Losses**

- Lois Jorgensen** - dropped membership by request
- Peltier, Patricia** - died in 2003; LT member, no surviving spouse
- Charlie Mills** - died 4/19/05; LT member, wife Shirley survives
- Robert Norton** - died 4/12/05; LT member, no surviving spouse
- Eloise Seaman** - died 3/11/05; no surviving spouse
- Lawrence 'Bud' Waggener** – died 4/20/05; LT member, wife Helen survives
- Vern Melcher** – died 5/15/05 – LT member, wife Marilyn survives

A woman goes to the local newspaper office to see that the obituary for her recently deceased husband is published. The obit editor informs her that there is a charge of 50 cents per word. She pauses, reflects, and then she says, "Well then, let it read, "Fred Brown died." Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor tells her that there is a seven-word minimum for all obituaries. She thinks it over and in a few seconds says, "In that case, let it read, "Fred Brown died: golf clubs for sale."

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## Member Data Base Changes

**Member contact information is not available online.**

**For more information, PNWFSA members may contact Vern Clapp: [vclapp@teleport.com](mailto:vclapp@teleport.com)**

**Aune, Phil & Diane** – Correct address:  
**Butruille, John & Susan** – Change address:  
**Doty, Orm & Edith** – Correct address:  
**Duberow, Barney and Rosanna** – New member:  
**Frasier, Dennis & Margie** – New member:  
Phone: 541-548-6833 email:  
**Goddard, George** – New member:  
**Grabner, William & Sharon** – New member:  
**Grace, James L.** – New member:  
**Grubb, Jack & JoAnn** – Change email:  
**Hetzer, Bob & Judy** – Correct address:  
**Higgins, Mary Jo & Bob Kowing** – Change address:  
**Holden, Arnie & Christine** – Change email:  
**Hopkins, William & Billie** – New member:  
**Jay, David & Elva** – Change email:  
**Ketchum, Verna & Lloyd** – Correct email:  
**Kreger, Alvin & Myrna** – Change address:  
**Ledgerwood, John “Jack” & Pam** – New member:  
**Leuthauser, Ann** – add email:  
**Maule, Wynne & Arlene** – Change email:  
**Mays, Kent & Betsy** - New member:  
**McDonough, Nick** – Change email:  
**Meyer, Ken & Loraine** – Change email:  
**Mills, Shirley** – Change address:  
**Overbay, James** – New member:  
**Parker, Walt & Elaine** – Change email:  
**Parmele, Benny G.** – Phone change:  
**Pierce, Dick & Annette** – Change email:  
**Severson, Charlie & Jean** –  
**Simonski, Philip & Jacelyn** – New member:  
**Sprague, Grace & George** – Change address:  
**Strassmaier, Tom & Alice** – Change address:  
**Sullivan, Leslie** – Correct omission:  
**Thompson, Al & Barbara** – Change email:  
**Thompson, Jack & Cathy** – New member:  
**Wasden, James B.** – New member:  
**Waters, Alma J.** – New member:  
**Williams, Roger & Carol** – New member:  
**Zechentmayer, Richard & Mary Lou** –

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## 2005 Spring Banquet Pictures

All of the Newsletter Spring Banquet photos and more are available  
on the website in the Photos Section

Dorine Sabol, Jean Loff, and Mary Moyer

Hal and Alice Legard

Betty Robinson, Doug Porter, Linda McWhorter

Dale Farley and Sylvia Brucchi

Al Sorseth, Jane and Dave Kolb

Dave Jay, John Butruille, and Lou Gabel

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Dale and Jan Heigh

Arno and Marie Reifenberg

Susan Butruille and Dottie Porter

Mary and John Poppino

Mort Lauridsen and Emil Sabol

Paul (our photographer) and Charlotte Enberg

## Members Corner

### Letters from Members

#### Notes with dues payments:

**Glenn Baker** - Take my name off the black list. This check should cover 05 thru 07. Won't be late again for at least three years. Thanks for being so gentle. (*Thanks for your usual good humor, Glenn*)

**Ann Leuthauser** - I'm sorry that I forgot to send the dues when the January notice was given. I was gone most of last year and came home from Canada after Christmas with the flu, which stayed with me for several months. I just plain didn't get it sent.

**Merle Pugh** - Just read the newsletter. My memory is failing me. I stand corrected. My memory wasn't very good before my stroke and now it is horrible. Your newsletter work has been excellent. Take it from an old hand at newsletter editing, writing, and supervising: You deserve praise. (*Ed. Note: This praise must be shared with several other members of the Board that get involved with producing the end product: Vern Clapp, Bev Pratt, Bob McQuown, Dave & Jane Kolb, John Marker, and strong support from the rest of the Board.*)

**Bruce Kaufman** - Sorry about the late dues. We decided to join the snowbirds this winter. We spent November thru March in Bullhead City, AZ. Had a great winter! Lots of rain, but NO snow.

**Bill Foster** - We have been in Arizona for the months of Jan. & Feb. and just returned home today (3/2). I am sending \$20 hoping I have a reprieve on late payment. Let me know if I still owe more.

**Irene Hanna** - Would like to pay a membership for Alma Waters (*friend in Roseburg*). Thanks for all the work you do on the newsletter. Enjoy reading it each time I receive.

#### **Jim & Mary Jane Drury**

In the winter edition of the newsletter was an article by Robbie Robertson about scaling at the Westfir mill, and the dangerous working conditions there. About five years prior to Robbie's detail, I also was detailed there. The lack of safety awareness was true at that time also. In fact the reason that I was detailed there was to fill in for FS scaler Louie Neff, who had suffered a broken foot---Enough said?

I would also like to reply to Wendall Jones' inquiry about the woman wearing a mink coat who fell through an outhouse floor. I am probably the only person still around who was personally involved in the incident. The woman was actually wearing a chin-chilla coat. If Wendall is planning to attend the spring banquet, I would be glad to share the whole story with him at that time. If not, I will send my recollections of the event in written form to him.

Enclosed is donation from Mary Jane and I to be used for insurance cost or any costs as needed. (*Ed. Note: Jim had some medical problems so did not make it to the banquet, but had someone email me the whole story, which appears elsewhere in the newsletter.*)

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##### **Joe Elliott**

The Harold Engles Letter article on page 13 of the Spring 2005 copy of the newsletter reminds me of another Engles story. This one has to do with his brother Ray Engles, district ranger of the McKenzie RD of the Wilamette NF at the time. Ray had suffered quadruple vision as the result of a bad fall while hunting. A friend while visiting at the hospital asked Ray how he was. The answer, "Fine, I only have double vision now."

##### **Jack Mounts**

I just received the newsletter of the NMFSH, in which there is an article about a Pioneer Ranger at the Dale RD, Umatilla NF. I was the first timber staff on the District in 1953-55. Avery Berry was the Ranger, one of the last to come up from the old ranger exam. I well remember all the places mentioned in the article. I didn't realize Jack Groom was born at Dale RS. I sure remember the rattlesnakes mentioned in the article. They were thick at the Ranger Station, even years later. At the time I was at Dale there was only one major road on the district, the Desolation Creek Road. Avery Berry used to transfer his headquarters from the RS to Desolation Meadows, where he and his wife stayed from July to September. He was quite a character and a good Ranger.

##### **Emil Sabol**

Greetings from sunny Arizona. It has been raining more than we'd like, but it hasn't hampered the golfing much. Enclosed is a check to cover dues for Jack & Cathy Thompson. Jack was a pathologist in our I&DC unit in RO-TM in the '60s. He and Cathy are both FS retirees and make their home here in AZ. We had dinner with them, Bill Cannon, and Fred & Marty Kaiser (also FS retirees) last week. We got together with Bob & Judy Hetzer and Lloyd & Betty Soule for lunch at Sun Lakes, where Hetzers now live as snowbirds. I was pleased to see the write-up about Stub Stewart. It reminded me that Stub was a principal donor for the CCC commemorative sign project. When we asked Stub to contribute, he pledged \$5000, if we were able to raise the other \$17,000 needed. It inspired others to contribute, and as a result, we had a successful effort. Stub spoke fondly about his association with the CCCs. He had many of them on his road location crew on the Willamette.

##### **Chris Schwarzhoff**

Lori and I are doing great. We spend most of our time these days split between three locations: Boise is where we get our mail, but most of our time is spent at Cascade Lake or at a back-country place we have in central Idaho adjoining the River of No Return Frank Church Wilderness. We still enjoy hunting and fishing, but tending grand kids and snowmobiling are our biggest pleasures at this time. It is getting harder and harder to keep up with Lois out snowmobiling. Somehow the ravages of time just don't slow her down. You would think that a 65 year old grandmother should know better. (*Ed. Note: this was a note to Phil Hirl when we were trying to chase down Chris' correct address. Thought some of you would appreciate catching up with Chris & Lois.*)

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**Bill Ciesla**

Enclosed are my membership dues for the coming year. Pat and I enjoy the newsletter and learning of the activities of old friends and colleagues from R-6 and PNW.

Pat and I are living the life of semi-retirees in Fort Collins, CO. When we came home after five years in Rome with FAO, I started Forest Health Management International, a one-person forest health consulting service. This venture has been as successful as I want it to be. In addition to some contracts with USFS, I have taken on projects in places like Brazil, Chile, China, Cyprus, Nicaragua, Kenya, Romania, Pakistan and a few other exotic locations.

In between projects we still enjoy camping, gardening, photography and travel to unusual places. Last fall, for example, we traveled to the far south of Chile and visited several of the country's national parks. I got involved with Kiwanis International shortly after returning to Fort Collins, am active in one of the Fort Collins Clubs and do lots of community service projects. I also am a volunteer Master Gardener with the Larimer County office of the Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Service. Mostly, I diagnose tree pest problems, train fellow Master Gardeners in entomology and function as a de facto extension entomologist. Unfortunately, I had to give up skiing this winter because of arthritic knees.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of old friends this fall at the big reunion in Jantzen Beach.

**Barney Duberow** (new member)

Rosanna and I are in good health and still really enjoy skiing, canoeing, hiking and gardening. I keep active in Society of American Foresters, and keep in touch with current actions on the Deschutes NF. Occasionally I provide written comments on environmental assessments. Looking back on my USFS career, I truly believe we always worked to "Provide the Greatest Good to the Greatest Number in the Long Run"---using the best professional tools available at the time to get a job done. (Ed. Note: Welcome to the club Barney and Roseann. We are elated to have you as members. Many of us passed through the Deschutes in our careers and have fond memories of you both. Hope to see you at some of our activities.)

**Joe Brennan for Jim Drury**

Hello Wendall, Jim Drury asked me to forward you the info on the outhouse incident as he is trying to get over a severe case of shingles and will not be able to attend the Spring Baquet. Hope all is well with you. Jim's story follows:

The "lady in the outhouse" incident took place about 1950 at the McKenzie Bridge Campground. The outhouse in question had been built several years prior and had not been used for over 10 years. The toilet was constructed mainly from nearby cedar trees. The frame work was cedar and cedar shakes covered the walls and roof. The only lumber (shiplap) was used for the door, floor and seat. The incident was not reported immediately. A short time after, the McKenzie District staff had volunteered to show a troop of Boy Scouts how to plant trees. During the tree planting discussion, one of the scouts laughingly said

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"Did you hear my mom fell through a sh--house floor? No one had, and nothing became of it until a bill arrived at the Ranger Station from the woman involved. She described the incident and said the floor collapsed and she had fallen into the pit with water up to her neck. The bill was for several hundred dollars to replace torn clothing, a chinchilla fur coat and a lost watch. The Ranger (Brit Ash) and I went to the campground to investigate. We did find the outhouse in question with rotted and broken floor, but the pit contained hardly enough decomposed deposits to fill a 5-gal can and maybe an inch of water. The water was sparkling clean. We did search the pit and were unable to find a watch. The case was eventually settled and woman paid for damages and humiliation--amount not recalled. The outhouse was removed from existence. **James Drury**

**Roger Williams** (new member)

We are excited to be active members of the old "Thirty Year Club!" We also look forward to re-kindling friendships. (Ed. Note: Welcome to you, Roger and Carol. Your membership gives us a full Williams family---Mom, Woody and you.)

**Dick Lemmon**

Enclosed is a copy of A History of the US Forest Service on the Unity Ranger District in the Burnt River Area, that you requested in response to my letter printed in the Spring 2005 NL. It isn't anything spectacular. I had to be careful not to have it too voluminous so it would fit in with the rest of the history of the Burnt River area. The book hasn't been published yet, so I don't know what the title of the book will be.

**Jack Inman**

You guys do a fantastic job for the group. I was real interested in seeing Dick Lemmon's note in the last issue, as the Unity RD has many fond memories for Kathie and me. We spent the summer of '54 on Pogue Point Lookout. As I recall Dick and LeRoy Merrick were on the old Blue Mountain RS at that time and we reported several fires to them on the Malheur side of our seen area. The summer of '55, I was BD & suppression crew foreman, and Kathie was cook for the Unity crew. Jack Harriman was Ranger and Atlee Scimmelfing was DA. We would like to get a copy of his history of the Burnt River area.

Last week, Old Smokeys, Ted Yarosh, Fred Weaver, Ed Blaydon and myself presented a panel discussion of how the old Forest Service operated to the current management team of the Fremont/Winema NF. It was quite enlightening to many of them and fun for us to recall the old days.

We are looking forward to the reunion and seeing old friends. Already have reservations made in the RV park.

**Mary Jo Higgins**

In the Spring newsletter, a note from Dick Lemmon mentions the Burnt River history book project. You added a note asking where you can find his story and asking the name of the book. The Burnt River history project is still in progress so the book isn't available yet. Many of us Burnt River natives are eagerly awaiting completion of the "gathering" of the area's history, and the publication of what promises to be a variety of comprehensive, entertaining stories. I'm sure it's going to be an awesome record

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of the historically significant (or just plain interesting and fun) events in the Burnt River area of Baker County! I doubt that it will be finished and published by the reunion time. It's taking forever to do all the interviews and get all those great stories and family histories together in one place. I can't imagine how it will ever come together and actually get typed by someone! Guess that could be me, so I'd better not say that too loudly though. My former husband and I also got our FS start at Unity RD in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Ron and Helen Skrip were there then, with Ranger Hariman (I don't remember his name) and Don Mook. But I'm actually a native daughter of the Burnt River country, and have a couple of landmarks bearing both my father's and my mother's names. It's good to have a history project going on that will capture all those great stories and events that happened "before" and "after" me.

**Jim Overbay** (New member)

Jim Torrence surprised me with a gift membership in the PNWFSA in February. I had always meant to join but for some reason did not get around to doing so. He also told me that he shared with the group (at April luncheon) about my battle with lymphoma. I received a stem cell transplant April 1, at the UW hospital and have slowly been getting better each day. I expect to be well enough to attend the reunion in September, and hope to see a lot of USFS friends at that time. (*The PNWFSA welcomes you and we hope to see you in September. Meanwhile we can give some moral support in dealing with your medical problem. So good to hear from you.*)

**Warren Olney** (in an email to Vern Clapp)

I remember when all our friends were graduating from High School. And then came college and a job, marriage, kids and grandkids. Now we are in a new phase of life and we are seeing our friends die. Not nearly as much fun as previous phases. But all of these phases are a part of life. Thank you for the job you are doing for all of us--passing on information about FS retirees, to FS retirees. I can only guess that you sometimes find the reporting far less than exciting, so I give you an added Thank You for your service to the rest of us. I wish you good health and a smile on your face.

**Vern Clapp** (Vern's response to Warren)

In the past, I have lamented that it seems as if the job of putting out OLD SMOKEYS E-NOTES is primarily as the bearer of bad news. Many NOTES are devoted to notifying the readers of death or illness of our members or others we know. I often wish that I had more happy news to convey. I guess this comes with the territory, when you are dealing with a retiree organization. We ain't getting any younger, you know!

**Walt Parker**

Reading Robbie Robertson's letter in the Winter NL about his and Mike Kerrick's log scaling experience at the Westfir Mill in 1954 gave me not only a chuckle (sorry guys), but got me reminiscing about some of my early FS experiences. Good thing you guys had a short learning experience, especially

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when you had to walk on moving logs (J. Herbert Stone would never have approved—remember his motto, “No Job is So Important, etc.”). Anyway I had a short stint at log scaling on the Deschutes. Check scaler Kenny Clark taught me caliper and straight stick woods scaling on the Bend RD. the summer of 1955. I scaled that summer and into the early part of the winter. You haven't scaled until you scaled in the snow with snowshoes on. Many times you couldn't find the cut ends because of the snow, and a lot of educated guessing on defect. If at all possible, we had to scale up tight to the fallers on a Friday, otherwise it was bear cat to find the logs in the snow come Monday morning. Thank goodness woods scaling ended that winter and we went to mill deck scaling at Brooks Scanlon in Bend. Mill deck scaling had its fun too (as Mike and Robbie can attest). The mill ran day and night shifts with Kenny Clark and I alternating shifts every pay period. This was tough trying to adjust night to day then day to night, but I didn't complain remembering scaling in the snow. Anyway, my scaling experience, hectic as it was at times, was worth being a part of my FS experience, and I think Robbie and Mike would feel the same way about their early mill deck scaling episode.

**Dan Abraham**

Robbie Robertson's recollection of learning to scale on the hot deck of the Hines mill in Westfir sure sparked a similar memory. In the summer of 1949 I was summoned from the back parts of the Harter Mountain country on the old Cascadia District, Willamette NF, and sent to Westfir to be converted from cruiser to scaler. My mentors were Louie Neff and Mickey Spatz. Working on that deck in those conditions did indeed require a new kind of nimbleness. I guess a lot of greenhorns got their training there, over the years. And I was green, the only previous scaling having been on the pond at Philomath, while at OSC, with Prof Dilworth. I have the certificate to prove that I was a Submarine Scaler, having fallen into the pond, and that water was nasty. The Westfir mill was a screechingly noisy place, that close to the headsaw. In those days before automatic equipment, the ratchet setter rode the carriage, zooming back and forth rapidly for the full shift. After those two weeks, I went to the McKenzie and scaled for a couple of days. The third day I was on my own at the Lava Lake sale, just north of Fish Lake, where I lived. Brooks Scanlon had bought that first Lava Lake sale, which raised some eyebrows, and they were hauling the logs, mostly Douglasfir, up over Santiam Pass, to the mill at Bend. The scaling was done on the landing. Another unsafe way to do it, of course. A new kind of nimbleness was required.

**Wendall Jones**

Thanks Dan for another story. I had scaler training from Mickey Spatz at Westfir in 1953. That was the summer I scaled at Cascadia (now Sweet Home)RD. I was very well trained in scaling huge DF logs and pretty big Noble Fir and Hemlock. But what showed up at the scale station and went on for a couple of weeks? Load after load of second growth DF, none over about 10 inches in diameter, 60 to 80 logs to the load. Nobody to call for help. I knew I could never figure out which log end matched with log

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ends on the other end of the load, except maybe for the bunk logs and the ones right on top. So, I measured the length of logs that went beyond the front bunk, then measured the logs that went beyond the back bunks (and a few sometimes on top that never went to either bunk. Then I took a bunch of diameter readings, using only the smaller diameters (scaling end), arrived at an average length, and best guess at number of logs, and manufactured scale book entries to match. I figured someone would come along and challenge that scale, but no one ever did. I told John Swartzlender, the check scaler, and he essentially said, "that's what I would have done." Took the USFS at least another 20 years to decide to sell this kind of timber on something other than a board foot log scale basis.

## MEMORIES

By Dave & Jane Kolb

**Carl Hugo Erickson**

Carl H. Erickson died 3/29/2005, at age 87. He was born in Lincoln, NE, 12/1/1917. Carl retired in 1965 from a full career in the Air Force and started a new career with the FS in Pendleton, OR. In 1968 he moved to Portland, where he headed the Resources Business Mgmt. section in the Mt. Hood SO. Later he moved to the RO. He retired in 1979. He is survived by his son David who lives in Boise, ID.

**Donald R. Gedney**

Donald R. Gedney died 3/9/2005, at age 86. He was born 5/12/1918, in Poughkeepsie, NY, and graduated from U. of Cal. at Berkeley. During WWII Don was a forester who worked on laying out the ALCAN Highway. He was a research scientist at the PNW and a national authority on juniper trees. Don retired 12/31/1987, but continued to do volunteer research and publications until shortly before his death. Survivors include son, James C; daughter, Janice C; one brother and 2 grandchildren.

**Mildred Munk Jensen**

Mildred M. Jensen died 4/8/2005, in Salt Lake City, UT. She was a former PNWFSA member and wife of Reed Jensen, R-6 ARF Fiscal. Mildred Munk was born 7/26/1912, in Bennington, ID. She graduated from Utah State U. and taught in Idaho. She married Reed 5/26/1937. They lived in Ogden, UT, Albuquerque, NM, Milwaukee, WI, and Portland, OR. Reed died in 1996. Survivors include; daughter, Karen Jensen; sons, Floyd and Donald; sister, Lillian McDonald; brother, Louis Munk; and 9 grandchildren.

**Phillip Leslie Jensen**

Phillip L. Jensen died in Klamath Falls, OR, 5/10/2005, at age 69. He was born in Albany, CA, 12/11/35. Phil attended several colleges in California and graduated with a Business Mgmt. degree. He served 6 years in the Naval Air Reserve and married Marian Johnson in San Francisco 6/25/1960. Phil worked 30 years for

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the FS in California, Alaska, and Oregon, retiring as Administrative Officer on the Winema NF in 1988. He was an active participant in numerous organizations in his community. Survivors include his wife, Marian; son, Karl; daughter, Kristen Harper; 2 granddaughters; and 2 sisters.

**Gordon Ray Kitching**

Gordon R. Kitching died 1/10/2005, in Olathe, KS at age 62. He was born 5/25/1942, in Portland, OR, and attended school in Estacada. Gordon worked in engineering for the FS. Donna Cody, a sister, reported that Gordon worked at Oakridge and Detroit, Willamette NF, and at Sitka, AK. He returned in 1998 and moved to Kansas. Survivors include his wife, Bee; son, Eric; daughter, Shannon Jones; sister, Donna; and 2 grandchildren.

**Lyle M. Klubben**

Lyle M. Klubben died 3/06/2005, at age 80. He was born in Cooperstown, ND, 5/8/1924, and was an Army Air Corp pilot in WWII. Lyle earned a degree in Forestry from Utah State U. in 1950 and moved to California in 1951. He spent most of his career in R-5 but was known throughout the service for his work in River Basin studies. Lyle retired in 1980 and edited the Pacific SW retirees newsletter for 13 years. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; son, Keith; daughters, Kathy French and Nancy Klubben; and 6 grandchildren.

**Edward J. Loewen**

Edward J. Loewen died 3/19/2005, at age 81. He was born in Mountain Lakes, MN, 6/8/1923. Ed worked as District Clerk on the Detroit RD, Willamette NF in the mid 1950's. Later he worked for United Airlines in Portland. Survivors include sons, Ed, Jr., Travis, Edward and Rick; brother, Henry; and several grandchildren.

**Charles R. Mills**

Charlie Mills died 4/19/2005, in John Day, OR, at age 84. He was a PNWFSA member and the Representative for the Malheur NF. Charlie was born 11/6/1920, in Victoria, B.C., and later moved to the U.S. He started with the CCC in the 1930's then worked 37 years for the FS. He spent many years at the Sellwood Shop in Portland. After the equipment shop closed Charlie moved to Twisp RD, Okanagon NF, then to Pendleton, Umatilla NF, and finally to John Day, Malheur NF as Fleet Manager. He served in the Army in Europe during WWII, and married Shirley Morrill in Vancouver, WA, 11/07/1952. Charlie served on the John Day City Council and was a mentor for HS students and athletes. Survivors include his wife; daughters, Sandra Genechel and Pam Barber; and one granddaughter.

**Special Note:** Dear Friends: I'm David Genschel. I'm Charlie and Shirley Mills son-in-law. Shirley will be staying with us indefinitely here in Hillsboro. She asked me to pass this info along to the 30 year club. If anyone would like to get in touch with Shirley our address and phone is as follows: Shirley Mills, 1358 SE 29th Ct, Hillsboro, OR 97123 Phone: 503-372-9207. Sincerely, Dave and Sandi Genschel

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### **Robert "Bob" Norton**

Robert Norton died 4/12/2005, at age 77. He was a PNWFSA member. Bob was born and raised in Massachusetts and graduated from N.Y.U. Ranger School in 1951. His FS career was on the Snoqualmie NF where his duties were in road location and trails on several Ranger Districts and in the SO. Bob was an ardent fan of trails and was instrumental, along with Volunteers of Washington, in developing "The Iron Goat Trail" along the abandoned Great Northern RR grade over Stevens Pass. He served a term as Mayor of Skykomish and was active in many civic organizations. Bob's wife, Ruth, predeceased him in 1993.

### **Bill G. Onstott**

Bill G. Onstott, age 73, of Roseburg, OR, died 4/6/2005. He was born 12/9/1931, in Severy, KS. On 7/20/1952, he married Betty Winningham in Glasgow, MO. After discharge from the Air Force, serving during the Korean War, Bill graduated from the U. of Missouri. He and Betty began a Forest Service career on the Tiller RD of the Umpqua NF in 1958. From there Bill moved to the Steamboat RD, then on to Wolf Creek Job Corps Center, as Works Program Officer. His next assignment was Ranger at Blue River RD. He then returned to Wolf Creek as Asst. Center Director, becoming Director in 1972. Bill worked with young men at the Job Corps for 20 years before retiring in 1986. He had a great affection for the Job Corps Program and for the young men it trained with new skills.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; son, Brad; brothers, Ed and Hugh; and sister Ellen; and their families.

### **Harold G. Pack**

Harold G. Pack died 4/10/2005, at age 71. He was born in Hubbard, OR, raised in Keiser, and served in the Navy Reserve. Harold worked for the Forest Service for 27 years, retiring as maintenance supervisor at the Ripplebrook RD on the Mt. Hood NF. He married Ronda Clark in 1983.

Survivors include; his wife; son, Chris; daughters, Bonnie Clark and Marge Byrd; 8 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

### **Eloise Geraldine Seaman**

Eloise G. Seaman dies 3/11/2005, at age 92. She was born in Enderlin, ND, 3/6/1913, and was a PNWFSA member. Eloise grew up in Oregon and graduated from Oregon City HS. She worked for the Oregon Board of Pharmacy and the PNW Forest Research Station. Survivors include 3 nieces and a nephew.

### **Lawrence A. "Bud" Waggener**

L. A. "Bud" Waggener died 4/20/2005, at age 90. He was born in Portland, OR, 11/13/1914, and was a PNWFSA member. Bud worked in the CCC Program and started with the FS on Mt. Hood NF in 1933. He enlisted in the Army in 1942, completed Officers Candidate School and served in the S. Pacific during WWII. He stayed in the Army Air Corps Reserve, retiring as a Major in 1964. Bud worked much of his FS Career in R-6 Engineering, 17 years as Regional Equipment and Shop Manager, retiring in 1973. He married Helen Cerlenko in 1944.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Robert and Brent; and grandson Scott.

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**Late death notices** – full obits will appear next issue

**Alec Peltier** recently notified PNWFSA that his mother Patricia, wife of Ed Peltier (deceased) had died several years ago. He requested that she be removed from our directory and mailing list.

**Vern Melcher** – Bothell, WA. Died 5/15/05. PNWFSA member. Wife Marilyn survives.

### **Matt Taylor and Gina Zalunardo Memorial Fund**

In the Spring Newsletter, we ran an article soliciting donations to the Wildland Firefighters Foundation in memory of Prineville Hotshots member, Matt Taylor. It is still possible to make donations through PNWFSA to honor Matt. Now we have another Ochoco firefighter who has met with tragedy. Gina Zalunardo, a seasonal firefighter on the Ochoco NF died in early May at Shasta Lake in California. Gina had dropped out of Oregon State U. for spring term to participate in training for the Union Hotshots in LaGrande, OR. She and other friends were vacationing at Shasta Lake. Gina's father, Dave, is forest wildlife biologist on the Ochoco NF. The family has asked that donations or memorials be made to the Wildland Firefighters Foundation in Gina's name. You can find out more about WFF on the web at: [www.wffoundation.org](http://www.wffoundation.org)

As was stated in the last article, you can send your donation to the Association at our regular address, and indicate that it is for the Wildland Firefighters Foundation, in the name of Matt Taylor and/or Gina Zalunardo. We will consolidate the donations and send them to WFF. Or if you prefer send your donation directly to: Wildland Firefighters Foundation, 2049 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 *Wendall Jones*

### **Fire Tower Lookout Update**

A Challenge Cost-Share Agreement between the Forest Fire Lookout Association (FFLA) and the Forest Service 3 years ago is documenting the pivotal role of lookouts in the agency's history, and leading to the restoration of many historic structures. Titled "A Partnership for Fire Lookouts," the agreement is based on the fact that fire lookouts are romantic and have an aura of magic. In part this is due to their early service spent "watching over" us all as we worked on or visited the National Forests. The FFLA, a nationwide 501c3 organization with 900 members, is undertaking a complete inventory of all National Forest fire lookouts—both standing and removed—as well as those built by other federal agencies, state, and private groups. Included is a preliminary evaluation of the condition of those remaining and plans for their future use. In addition to the inventory, FFLA members are very involved in the Passport in Time (PIT) program. There have been 50 PIT projects that restored 32 lookouts in 26 national forests. The FFLA is participating in on-going restoration and maintenance programs of lookouts and fire towers across the U.S.

This summer, there will be more than a dozen lookout restoration dedications tied to the Forest Service Centennial. FFLA is proud of this important partnership and is looking forward to the next century of lookouts in America. Once there were more

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**R6 Updates—Kathy Bowman**, Editor (excerpts from the R6 electronic employee weekly newsletter)

March 10

Professional Excellence Management Award - Dave Heller, R-6 fisheries program manager, will receive a Rise to the Future professional excellence in management award from the Chief in June. For nearly twenty years, he has led the aquatic and fish habitat conservation and restoration program. During his tenure, the Regional program has been dramatically strengthened through attention to assistance and support to Forest biologists. According to the fisheries program managers who submitted the award, "He is also well known for his emphasis on results, accountability, and striving for excellence."

March 17

SBA awards USFS team - The entire Southwest Oregon Acquisition Area Team was recently honored by the Small Business Administration with its "2004 Agency of the Year Award". This Team supports the Umpqua and Rogue River-Siskiyou NFs. The award is presented annually to the buying entity that has awarded the most 8a contracts in a fiscal year. The award is based on FY 2004 awards made by the team and is in recognition of their outstanding commitment and support. (*Courtesy of Deb Duperon, RO*)

March 31

Western snowy plover working team was honored at the 70th annual North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference Director's reception in Washington D.C. in March. The team included Director Kathleen Clarke, Kerrie Palermo (BLM), Carl Fraunfelker (Siuslaw NF), and Cindy Burns (Siuslaw NF).

April 7

The Santiam Wagon Road, rich in history, served as a dominant access route from 1865-1939. July 5-8, Sweet Home RD of Willamette NF is involved in a series of heritage events that features the Old Santiam Wagon Road, Historic Fish Lake Guard Station, and the newly designated Over the River, Through the Woods State Scenic Byway. Modern adventurers will experience four days of hiking, camping and exploring the Old Santiam Wagon Road. The event includes walks with expert guides including archaeologists, biologists, botanists, geologists, descendants of Native Americans, and others. Events also feature 100-year celebration of the First Continental Auto Race Across America and experience the true sense of travel in the late 1800s. Connected events in local communities include parades, cruise-ins, presentations, and more. (*Joanne West, Willamette NF*)

Historic note: In 1905, 100 years ago, the First Transcontinental Auto Race across America began in New York City and ended in Portland, Oregon at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The winning driver stated that the hardest segment of the race was over 7-mile hill on the Santiam Wagon Road.

**R6 Updates** (*Cont'd. next column*)

**R6 Updates** (*Cont'd.*) April 7

Gunderson honored - Grant Gunderson, who recently retired from the Forest Service as the Region 6 Wildlife Program Manager, received the national Jack Adams Career Achievement Award this year. It was presented to him at the North American by the Chief of the Forest Service. The award recognizes the Forest Service biologist or botanist who best reflects the unique and outstanding professional and personal qualities of Jack Adams, a Forest Service wildlife biologist who lost a battle with cancer in 1984, at the height of an acclaimed career. "Grant is an extraordinary biologist and human being who truly exemplifies the characteristics and qualities of Jack Adams. He always had the protection and betterment of fish, wildlife and rare plants as his uppermost objective, and was passionately dedicated to balancing resource management with factual information, incorporating the best scientific data available," writes *Sarah Madsen, RO*.

April 21

Coral Bailie is a volunteer -- and the Volunteer Coordinator at the Umpqua NF. She notes, "I just learned of a Volunteer that has been at the Wolf Creek Job Corps serving the Forest for 20 years or so. Her name is Jeanine Matthews, she tutors, counsels and in her spare time keeps score for the volleyball team. John Voltz, her supervisor, is very proud of her as she steadfastly volunteers at least one day per week. We have many others too, that have put in years, hours, days, a great part of their lives to help the Forest Service, and they all deserve much more thanks than we can ever give them. As time and budgets go on, we will continue to appreciate many more people becoming Forest Service Volunteers. I feel that we have a job on our Forest that could make everyone of them feel good about contributing their time, talents, and effort. I hope to be here to see our Volunteer team at least double in the next year and see to it that they enjoy what they are doing."

May 5

Washington State House honors Forest Service - Representative Kessler introduced a resolution congratulating and honoring the FS on its centennial anniversary. It was adopted 4/16/2005. It was encouraged by Clallam County Commissioner Mike Doherty (Port Angeles WA).

May 19

Honored -Linn Gassaway, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF archaeologist, is graduating this May with a Master of Arts degree in anthropology (with an emphasis in archaeology) from San Francisco State University. She is also the recipient of the University's "Distinguished Grad Student Award" for her outstanding grades and thesis accomplishments. Her thesis, titled *HUJPU-ST: Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Anthropogenic Fire in Yosemite Valley*, looks at how Native Americans used fire around village sites from approximately 1520-1900. According to Gassaway, low intensity ground fires were an immensely important tool utilized by the Southern Sierra Miwok for food gathering and basket making. Her research shows how the Miwok were able to continue to utilize their traditional fire gathering places even after the European settlers arrived. (*Story courtesy of Betty Blodgett, MBS*)

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**Reunion Store is open for business at all last Friday lunches AND at the picnic. Hats, shirts, jackets are great!**

**Dave Scott, Propreiter**

**Special Letter from Dick & Olive Pomeroy**

It's been awhile since we have reported in. So, in just a few words, we'll try to fill you in on what's been happening. Dick decided to take a self-enforced sabbatical last year, resigning or lowering his profile in all the many advocacy groups he has worked with through the years. He'll probably get started again next fall. Given the sabbatical, he and wife Olive decided to write their memoirs. They are almost completed. A number of people have asked for a copy (1 or 2 people at least) so if you're interested in a copy contact us at odpomeroy@msn.com. and we will send you a CD with them on it. Be sure and send your mailing address.

The memoirs include a lot of old Forest Service "stuff" such as compound living, the freedom that district rangers use to have in making decisions, fires, mountain rescue, the men of the past that Dick worked with, opening up and living in a Job Corps Center, teaching in the Oakland School System, organizational development work in R-5, the beginning of the Safety First Program, Peace Corps activities, outreach activities in a local church and many other areas as well. The memoirs use newspaper type columns and have many pictures.

During the last year, the symptoms of Olive's Parkinson's Disease (diagnosed in 2000) have been largely controlled to the point that most people don't realize that she has it. We have been attending a Parkinson's Disease support group for over 4 years now and this helps immensely. Parkinson's Disease is progressive, however, so what is true today will be different tomorrow, there is no cure.

Dick took advantage of the year off to get the cataracts taken out of his eyes. He can now see. Olive wishes he could hear as well. For some time he has also had trouble using his right shoulder so he got rotator cuff surgery in December and is almost back to normal now.

Saving the bad news for last, the doctor's found colon cancer in Olive while removing 1/4 of her colon and a large polyp along with it. The cancer was contained within the colon itself except for its spread to 5 out of 15 lymph nodes that have now been removed. All subsequent tests such as a CT Scan and PET Imaging show no "apparent" cancer in the remainder of her body. She starts chemotherapy in June. Keep us in your prayers!

**Three Wounded Warriors**

Three of our fellow FS retiree have been hit hard with discovery of significant cancer, all at about the same time, early May. It is difficult to write about this because it will be stale news by the time this newsletter gets in readers hands. But bear with me. These are great guys who crossed many of our paths in the USFS.

Jim Unterwegner – These are messages from Jim's wife Lonnie. About 5/4 – Large cancerous mass in pancreas. Blockage in bile duct. Pancreas by-passed but not removed. 5/16 – Best news of my life at hospital. Jim gets to come home today!!! Taking Coumadin (blood thinner) so needing blood samples often to check blood thinner. Jim had lunch at Sizzler (his request). First good meal in about two months. Man O Man is it ever great to have him home. We plan to come to Vancouver about June 1.

Red Ketcham – notes from wife Vernelle. 5/5- Colonoscopy discovers large malignant tumor in upper bowel. Surgery scheduled, then cancelled. Cancer in liver and kidneys also. 5/13 – three doctors in Seattle decided the tumor cannot be removed. He will have chemo and radiation for a few days. Inserted stent in colon, new procedure, to help Red. Came home on 12<sup>th</sup>. Red is sleeping a lot, but has been outside some today. He seems to be taking this news fairly well. 5/19 – Red will start radiation tomorrow and will have chemo pill also. Five days a week for five weeks. If this is successful, then they may be able to remove the tumor in colon. Our Reunion plans are on hold. Red in a lot of pain due to gas. Not like him to just sit and read.

Bill Morden – 5/5 word that Bill had cancerous mass removed from stomach while at son's place in Columbia Falls, MT. 5/5 – talked to Donna Morden. She seemed pretty upbeat. Will stay with son Kurt until Bill can travel back to new house in Upper Mich. Very impactful surgery—removed 2/3 of his stomach and removed a number of lymph nodes. Surgeons also discovered problem with his gall bladder, so removed that also. He will be having chemotherapy. Donna says Bill is feeling pretty good. Expect to be there for another 4 –6 weeks before they can head home.

So do whatever you are comfortable with for these guys: a little prayer, or maybe several; some good thoughts about working with them in the outfit; a card or personal message; a toast for them when you are having a glass of wine or beer. *Wendall Jones*

**Book Order Blank for We Had an Objective in Mind**

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Check one or the other of the two following options:

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## Old Smokeys Picnic In The Woods – 2005 July 8, 2005

Social Begins about 11:00 am

Lunch is served at 12:30 pm

(if you wish to arrive sooner, the fireplaces should be burning by 10 am)

The summer picnic will be at the Mountain View Shelter in the BLM's Wildwood Recreation Area (same place we have been for years). Wildwood is about 40 miles east of Portland on Hwy 26 between Brightwood and Zigzag. It is on the western end of the long stretch of 45 mph speed limit through the mountain community. Watch for the BLM sign on the south side of the highway. Follow signs to the Mt. View Shelter in the group picnic area. Jim List is arranging a warm, sunny day for you.

Anyone needing a ride should contact **Elmer Moyer**, 503-254-7302, or **Phil Hirl**, 503-590-3881, and transportation will be located for you. If you have questions, call **Jim List** at 360-885-0138 or email him at jim.pat@comcast.net

There is a \$3.00 per car entrance fee for parking. Golden Age passport or Disabled permit holders are not charged. Put your Golden Age passport number on the envelope for payment and place on your dash. Carpooling will save on parking fees, gasoline, and limited parking space.

Dave Dalton will provide the same great set up as we've had in the past. Social time will include beer, wine, coffee, iced tea, and soft drinks with chips on the bar. The meal includes a fresh fruit centerpiece, barbecued beef brisket and chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, fresh baked biscuits and cornbread with honey and jams. For dessert, there will be an ice cream sundae buffet with all the toppings. No one goes away hungry or thirsty, and everyone goes home with good feelings about all the great folks that attend. **The cost this year will be \$19 a plate. Reservations by June 24 please!**

**Dave Scott** will have the Reunion Store open at the picnic. Reunion hats, shirts, and jackets will be for sale. Also our Centennial history book will be for sale, and those who ordered their copy to be delivered at the picnic can pick up their book there.

Recreation facilities such as horseshoe pits, badminton, volleyball courts, etc. are available for those energetic enough to indulge in such activities. We hope you will all come and enjoy yourselves. There is no need to rush away after this great meal. How about staying a little longer and visiting more. Our permit for the shelter is good until 6:00 pm.

**You can clip your Picnic Reservation AND your History book coupon and send them both with one check in the same envelope.**

### 2005 PNWFS ASSOCIATION PICNIC RESERVATION

July 8, 2005

**Return your reservation before June 24 to:**

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Make check payable to PNWFS Assoc.

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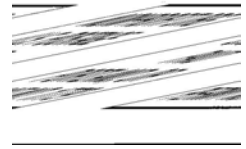
### Fire Lookouts (Cont'd. from page 16)

than 8,000 lookouts in the U.S. Today fewer than 2,000 remain. Less than 1,000 of those are in active service, although many are restored and available for interpretive programs, backcountry shelter, or recreation cabin rentals.

Keith A. Argow, Chairman of the Board Forest Fire Lookout Association

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## Summer 2005

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**

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#### Coming Events

Summer Picnic July 8  
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 Visit High Desert Museum to  
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