



OldSmokeys



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President's Message

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We are starting the year 2005 with the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association having the most members in the history of its existence---882, according to **Vern Clapp**. Past president **Phil Hirl** said via e-mail that we must be doing something right. We give credit to all members who continue to help us in recruiting new members.

We have again signed the Participating Agreement with the Region 6 Forest Service, which modifies and updates the Revised 2005 Financial plan. The modification continues to promote the working relationship between current Forest Service personnel and the retired people with professional wisdom, technical competence and institutional knowledge gained from years of service. This is important to current Forest Service managers and Forest Service scientists. This agreement allows for some funding to the PNWFS Association for volunteer participation by retirees in Forest Service programs. We also thank past president Phil Hirl for his work with the Forest Service to continue to update this participating agreement.

The Board has also approved the participation of Bureau of Land Management people in our organization. Our close association with the BLM over many years and the budget shortfall now in both organizations has allowed a closer relationship on the job. This has made a better fit

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and allowed BLM retirees to become members of the PNWFS Association. If you know a BLM retiree who might be interested, send him (her) a membership application.

On December 31st we celebrated **Gail Baker's** birthday at our monthly meeting. Gail is the oldest active member in our organization. **Wendall Jones** brought the cake and we had a tremendous turnout at our New Years Eve noon meeting at the Beaverton Elks. *(See Gail on page 8)*

Annual dues payers need to pay heed to our new policy on late dues payment, to avoid cash penalties. *(See page 4)*

I ask your help in recruiting replacement of our Newsletter Editor and Website Manager. **Bob McQuown** and Wendall Jones will be "retiring" from those positions before the end of this year.

Our latest report from Chairman **Bob Williams** on the reunion scheduled for Sept. 4-9th, 2005 has everything going very well. There might be a name change for the hotel, but we are assured that this will be no problem for our reunion. Chairman Williams has an excellent organization planning this event and has all areas on schedule.

We hope all members will encourage all retirees in their areas to attend this Reunion.

The Best to You All in this New Year.

Bob Tokarczyk

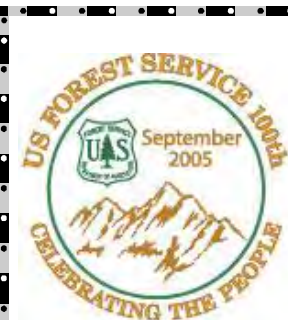
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Check Your New Directory

The 2005 Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association Membership Directory is included in the center of this newsletter. Pull it out and save for a reference. We hope you find it useful.

An electronic version of the PNWFSA directory is also available to members. It is in an Adobe PDF format, which can be searched and printed. It is distributed by e-mail. This version is updated quarterly. If you want a copy, e-mail your request in a short note to vclapp@teleport.com.

The only way we can keep your listing error-free and current is to make changes at your prompt. Please, review your listing and let us know of any errors or corrections. *Vern Clapp*

Oldsmokeys E-Notes Popular

For those of you online, you now have received over 445 Oldsmokeys E-Notes (as of 1/3/05). This service seems to be well received. We find it is an efficient way to get the word out timely to members, covering subjects such as a member's sickness or death, various FS issues, association announcements, locating individuals and other items that are of interest to the membership. If you want something promptly sent to all the online members, e-mail it to **Vern Clapp**.

Our Member's Address Book e-mail listings are up to 457, a gain of about 20 in the past year. We now have over 50% of members with e-mail. We again encourage all of you that have Internet online capabilities to let us have your email address. You will then be included in our Oldsmokeys E-Notes mailing list. Just send it via a short message to vclapp@teleport.com. *Vern Clapp*

Crawling Around Our Website

When I published the Fall 2004 Newsletter to the OldSmokeys website, I failed to recognize that what was intended as an internal publication primarily for the use of PNWFSA members, instantly became global.

You may recall that the Fall 2004 newsletter included an article written by Wendall titled "New Editor and Webmaster Needed." That article pointed out that both Wendall & I intended to step-down from our PNWFSA jobs at the end of 2005. The article further acknowledged that, "with today's technology we can even broaden the geographic area of consideration."

We fully anticipated that someone within the organization would step up to the plate and take on those jobs—I have done both jobs in the past seven years and can assure you that they are a lot of fun.

Almost immediately after publishing the Newsletter to the website, I received an application for the webmaster job from a commercial website developer in the Seattle area, then a couple of weeks later I received another application, complete with resume', from an individual in Argentina. In both cases, I pointed out that we were a non-profit organization and that the jobholder served without financial rewards. (Cont'd. a a a a a a)

Who Are We? – Oldsmokey Facts

Our member roster currently stands at 882, an all time high. Last year at this time we were 862 strong. During 2004, we had 56 new members sign up. However, this gain was offset with the death of 12 members; 21 members dropped due to unpaid dues. We also stand to lose 3 more members due to inadequate addresses. Please let us know ASAP when you change post office address or e-mail address.

Our membership keeps getting a little older. We now averages 71 years if age, up a full year from last year (no wonder we all keep having "senior moments"). This is in spite of the 50 new members whose age is substantially younger. Thirty-one of our members are nonagenarians (between 90 and 100).

We reside throughout the country. Obviously, most of us live in the Pacific Northwest – 555 in OR, and 174 in WA. There are 24 in CA, 20 in AZ, 19 in MT. The balance is spread through another 29 states. We keep moving – there were 71 address changes recorded this year. We have not tracked the number of email address changes but they are numerous.

Currently, 552 members have elected Lifetime membership, paying \$38,600 over the years. (We still have quite a few members who paid out just \$50 for lifetime dues. Quite a deal!) The balance of the membership pays annual dues worth over \$3,500 last year. Our group has many generous members. Last year, they donated \$1,100 to the Matt Taylor Fund, \$750 to the PNWFS Association, and \$1,000 to the 2005 FS Reunion. Our biggest expenditure is for the newsletter, costing over \$7,300 this past year. Note that the complete 2004 Annual Financial Statement for the PNWFSA, showing all income and expenses, will be printed in the Summer Newsletter. *Vern Clapp*

Website (Cont'd. from previous column)

Folks around the globe view the website on a regular basis. A few examples from November 2004 are: Norway – 308; Australia – 1724; The Netherlands – 744; US Military – 1135; Switzerland – 1491.

Use of the website has grown from its inception in March 2001 to an average of over 40,000 hits per month now, with the greatest number of hits (83,467) occurring in September 2004.

Clearly, we now reach a lot of people through our website and we anticipate higher use this year because of Reunion 2005 activities. The cost is really pretty minimal at \$178.27 per year.

Bob McQuown

New Members

- ★ **Kenneth & Joyce Cochran** **James & Barbara Edgren**
- ★ **Jack & Donna LaJoie** **Ray & Terri Schaaf**
- ★ **Wayne & Roberta Swank** **Brenda Younker**
- ★ **Ed & Sandy Zontec** (gift from Jack Price)

Welcome!!



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

Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association

We're now at eight months and counting until the big Forest Service Reunion 2005 officially opens at the Jantzen Beach Doubletree Hotel in Portland, Oregon. The planning effort is winding down and the operational activities for this great event are cranking up. Early in the New Year mailing of reunion registration packages will begin to the many who have pre-registered, and to groups and associations helping us to reach the people of the Forest Service and their friends.

Forest Service retiree organizations have given us great support in publicizing the reunion, as have the National Museum of Forest Service History, National Smokejumper Association, Public Lands Foundation, Pinchot Institute, Forest History Society and the Forest Service. However, we can always use more help. The committee will greatly appreciate any extra help you can provide by continuing to let your friends know they really need to be with us September 4-9, 2005 for the "Big Deal" event. So direct them to our www.Oldsmokeys.org website or have them contact me0

Dr. Char Miller, Chair of the History Department at Trinity University in Texas, will be our keynote speaker. We are pleased to have this nationally known scholar and lecturer on the United States' natural resource history and policy agree to take part in the reunion program. Dr Miller is the author of the award winning, **Gifford Pinchot and the making of modern environmentalism**. His research for the book, and his study of the Forest Service, has surfaced many interesting and often humorous anecdotes about both the first Chief and Forest Service people. This knowledge, coupled with his skill as a public speaker, guarantee a fine evening of information and entertainment you won't want to miss.

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Dr. Miller is the author of a number of other books about water and natural resource policy in the United States. He is a Senior Fellow at the Pinchot Institute and Associate Editor of Environmental History, a Forest History Society periodical, and has a MA and PhD from John Hopkins University.

Several recent events have some people curious about their impacts on the reunion program. The awakening of Mt. St. Helens with its huffing and puffing has raised questions about the tours planned to the mountain. No one knows for sure what the volcano has in mind, but we will adapt tour plans, if necessary, to meet the moods of the mountain. The tour objectives remain the same, to give you the best possible view of this fantastic mountain.

Recently one of the Portland papers carried a story about the sale of the Jantzen Beach Doubletree Hotel. Hilton Hotels has sold the hotel complex to a northwest corporation which also owns several other hotel properties in the Portland-Vancouver area. This sale will not have any impact on the reunion. Our retiree association has a firm contract with the hotel, and there is no indication of any kind that the new owners will do anything except continue the excellent relationship we currently enjoy.

Elmer and Mary Moyer still need items for the silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will help with current reunion expenses and provide seed money for the next one. Now, just about anything of value, and reasonable size is eligible for the auction, but Forest Service artifacts, regional arts and crafts would be appreciated. It is time to start filling Elmer and Mary's garage with goodies, so contact them" to discuss delivery of your treasures. *John Marker*

PNWFSA Invests in Liability Insurance

Thanks to **Bob Williams**, with help from several other Reunion Committee members, PNWFSA now has liability insurance. Months were spent studying the need, extent, and offers from various insurance companies. The Association Board has been discussing need for liability insurance for several years, but the risks seemed low. However the major gathering of folks at the Reunion, the tours, etc. definitely increase our exposure. The cost is in the neighborhood of \$1000 for 2005. Could have been much more except for Bob's relentless pursuit. *Wendall Jones*

Don't Mess with Seniors

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "seniors special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99. "Sounds good," my wife said, "but I don't want the eggs." "Then I'll have to charge you two dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her. "You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" my wife asked incredulously. "I'll take the special." "How do you want you eggs?" asked the waitress. "Raw and in the shell," my wife replied. She took the two eggs home.

Bylaws Amended to Cinch Up Late Dues Policy

On Oct. 29, 2004, the Executive Board passed an amendment to the PNWFSA Bylaws that lays out a tougher policy to deal with a significant problem of late dues payers. If you are an annual dues payer, it would "pay" you to read and digest these new rules, or it may cost you hard cash. Your simple solution is to pay your dues by January 1, but we have provided a "no harm" period up to March 1. Read the bylaws below and pay particular heed to the consequences of not paying your dues before March 1. The rules are simple and concise.

Your Secretary and your Treasurer have been spending significant time over the past many years, worrying, fretting and hassling members for dues. Late dues payers make up about 20% of our annual dues paying members, but tie up a big chunk of these volunteer officers time in dealing with the issue.

There is a Bill for Collection on page 15 of this newsletter. If you have not paid your annual dues for 2005, get your check-book out now and send in your dues. Give your Secretary and Treasurer a break. And they really appreciate those who pay before January 1.

Following is the official bylaws revision:

Revision passed by majority vote of the Executive Board on Oct. 29, 2004. This revision will be effective January 1, 2005, and will be published in the Winter Newsletter in January 2005.

Section G. Dues of the Bylaws of the PNWFSA are revised as shown below:

G. DUES

1. (Existing language in this section of the bylaws will remain the same but be given a sub-section number 1).
2. (Add a new item) Policy on delinquent annual dues payers:
 - a. Annual dues of \$10 are officially due on January 1 for the coming year.
 - b. There will be a *gratis* period from January 1 to March 1.
 - c. After March 1, the dues go to \$15, as a penalty for late payment.
 - d. April 1, if payment still in arrears, the member will be placed in "Inactive Status". This means that the member no longer has any privileges of membership (newsletter, directory, e-notes, special events.) The members basic data remains in the Association records, but no attempt is made to update addresses, etc. until reinstatement.
 - e. Once in Inactive Status, an inactive member can only be reinstated by request, and by paying a reinstatement and membership fee of \$20 to cover the remainder of the calendar year in which reinstatement is requested.
 - f. Administrative procedures will be detailed in the Association files.

_____/s/Robert D. Tokarczyk

Robert D. Tokarczyk, President

Date: _____

Our History Book—A Preview

The stories many of you have written for the book, We Had an Objective in Mind, are funny, poignant and totally anecdotal. In the true spirit of history, these are our stories of what made us believe and behave like family. As one of the editors, I have been privileged to read them all. I laughed out loud, read them to anyone who would listen, and most of all, saw my mom and dad in so many of your stories. Stories about trips into the Paysaten reminded me that my mom made trips with the packer at Lake Wenatchee to bring in the horses and mules for the winter. Names like Erwin Peters, my dad's Ranger at Steliko, and references to the Willamette and Wenatchee National Forests, where I grew up, brought back memories so clear I could hear and smell them.

A Wendall Jones story caused me to phone my folks in Arizona and read it to them. I also promised to buy them a copy of the book when it is out. Not only do they know Wendall, but my dad worked on one of the districts the story is about!

A second set of memories was jogged by my own Forest Service career on the Willamette and Siuslaw and in Alaska. Jim and Polly Bull found themselves unpaid mentors to a naïve assistant visitor center director in Waldport. There was a district ranger, who shall remain nameless, who made me kneel then marked my leg with a marker. My skirts couldn't be shorter than that! Surprisingly, I still wanted a career with the Forest Service.

The book will be out in June – the cost is not prohibitive – approximately the price of one latte a month for six months. The hours of enjoyment – priceless! *Pam Devereaux Wilson*

Order your copy of We Had an Objective in Mind NOW

We hope that Pam Wilson's article above will pick up your interest in this book. Those of us working with Rolf Anderson on this project are very enthused about it as a viable and valuable part of US Forest Service history in the Pacific Northwest. The stories will touch your heart and soul, and liven up your day with a good dose of humor. AND plenty of great pictures.

Our book of stories is well underway, and now comes your first opportunity to purchase your copy. Our conservative estimate is that the book will be available no later than June 15. You can order now and beat the rush AND help us out with the cash flow of the whole production. A second opportunity, will be in the Reunion Registration package, which will come to you a little later. You may order the Book for \$16 and pick it up at the Reunion, or perhaps the Summer Picnic. Or you may pay an additional \$3 for shipping and handling, and have your copy mailed to your home sometime after June 15.

The opportunity presented here is particularly aimed at those who do not plan to register for the Reunion. But if you are eager, like some of you who go to a Mall sale at 6:00 am, this might fit your needs also, and help our cash flow.

Turn to page 15 of this newsletter and find a coupon that you can fill out, enclose your check, and mail to PNWFSA.

Wendall Jones

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Revisiting The CCC

By Emil Sabol

In December, 2001 I wrote to the Newsletter to describe the activities of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni, Chapter 4, Oregon. The purpose of NACCCA is to preserve and commemorate the work and spirit of the CCC program. At that time we were engaged in a fund raising effort to fund the erection of a 6ft. bronze statue of a CCC worker. I'm happy to report that our fund raising exceeded our expectations. There were 170 donors, ranging from various grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends of former CCC enrollees, to members of the timber industry who had an association with the CCC at one time or another. We were also pleased to accept a donation from the PNWFSA retirees and from the SAF Portland Chapter.

This enabled us to arrange for the fabrication & delivery of the statue to the headquarters of the Oregon Department of Forestry in Salem. We had previously worked out an agreement with ODF whereby they would accept delivery, erect the statue and provide for periodic maintenance thereafter. The statue was erected in September 2002, alongside a former CCC building that was moved to the site from elsewhere on the ODF compound. This building, which housed Keep Oregon Green, will serve as a museum of the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Sadly, two of our colleagues who were instrumental in the success of our program have since passed away. Ken Wright died in December 2002 and Bob Torheim died in the summer of 2004. As you would expect, the attrition rate for EX CCC'ers is more severe than that of World War II veterans.

On a brighter note, we found that our fund raising provided us with a surplus after paying for the statue. As I described to you in 2001, our first project, the erection of a sign and bronze plaque at the site of Camp Zig Zag, was accomplished through individual contributions and a contribution from the Regional Forester's office. The Zig Zag Ranger District of the Mt. Hood NF did the site preparation and the installation of the sign and plaque. This is significant in that many of our Chapter 4 members were enrollees in Camp Zig Zag, including our own Bud Waggener, who serves as our Recorder and a senior advisor.

Following this, the Willamette NF provided the means by which signs and plaques were placed at Longbow Organization Camp, Clark Creek Forest Camp and Camp Belknap.

Our surplus of funds provided us with the means to encourage the erection of other structures. We negotiated with the Rogue River NF for the installation of a unique sign in Union Creek Historic District near the site of Camp Upper Rogue at Union Creek. Chapter 4 advanced the funds necessary for the fabrication of the sign. The Rogue River NF did the design and will do the installation next spring.

On the Umpqua NF we provided funding for the fabrication of 3 bronze plaques, which were installed by the Forest, at Mott Bridge, Rujada Campground and at Diamond Lake. At

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Reedsport we provided a plaque which was installed by the School District at Reedsport High School. Interestingly, the site of the high school is where CCC Camp Reedsport was situated.

Our most recent installation was at Camp Sisters on the Deschutes NF. The sign and bronze plaque are actually at the Head of the Metolius. While NACCCA Chapter 4 provided the sign and bronze plaque, site preparation and installation were done by Americorps and Heart of Oregon Corps Youth groups. This project provided a nice touch between the CCC and present day Youth Conservation groups.

There is still a positive balance in our bank account and we have plans to erect signs on other National Forests, as well as the Columbia Gorge Scenic area and Silver Falls State Park.

We have just updated our Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Forester which provides the basis for our cooperative efforts. As you would expect, it has been a distinct pleasure to work with the Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Our membership has diminished considerably over the past couple of years but there are enough left to continue the program. Our current officers are: Emil Sabol, President; Pete Foiles, Vice President; Dan Snyder, Secretary; Bud Waggener,

Editor and Webmaster Still Needed

Here I am working on my LAST winter newsletter, and my e-mail in-basket has not received one offer from anyone to take on the Newsletter Editor job. I received one recommendation, a good one, but he was too committed to other volunteer service. So, three more newsletters to go after this one, then what. Folks, you better get out there among the members and help me find a willing replacement. I think there are lots of members out there far more adept than I at running a computer and the necessary software to produce a newsletter. I feel there is a much more important attribute, and that is a strong feeling about staying connected with our members, particularly the older half, and more particularly the older half that does not have internet capabilities for keeping informed about their organization and their fellow members. And I know there are plenty of you out there sharing those feelings.

We stated before that location is not that important, but it does help to have high speed internet capabilities. It is possible today to produce a newsletter, deal with a printer electronically in a far away city, and live in all but the more remote areas of the Region.

Bob McQuown is closer to finding a replacement than I am. He may even have one roped and tied by the time you read this. But just in case that one gets away, don't be bashful about contacting Bob.

Bob and I both offer free lessons now and guidance later. Isn't it about time for you to pick up the load??? My deadline is the publication of the Fall newsletter after the Reunion, then it is "bon voyage". *Wendall Jones*

Gail Baker's 98th
 Birthday Party
 Celebration
 Dec. 31, 2004

(His birthday was Jan. 3, 2005)



Gail is not quite two years younger than the US Forest Service, and in some opinions, perhaps in better shape. But Gail is still Forest Service through and through. This picture courtesy of Paul Enberg

Distinguished Alum – Oregon State U.

John Poppino received a BS in Forest Management in 1958 after a stint with the US Air Force. After graduation, he worked for the Forest Service for 30 years, serving on the staff in the RO, a District Ranger on the Deschutes NF, and as a project leader for forest inventory and analysis with PNW Research Station. At the PNW, he was instrumental in introducing handheld data recorders to forest inventory in the West.

John has been very active with the Oregon Small Woodlands Assoc., having served two terms as executive director; and has been the president for the past four years. He remains active in SAF activities on all levels, and for the past 14 years has served the Portland Chapter by visiting schools and leading students on field days at Hopkins and Magness Memorial Tree Farms. He has been a Master Woodland Manager since 1989, and in 1993, was honored as an Outstanding Master Woodland manager for Clackamas County. (from the Oregon Stater magazine article in Mid-2004)

Forest Service Honor Day—May 3

(Richard Hoffman sends this info on Forest Service Honor Day)
 Hi all: For the last 4 years I have volunteered to served on the Forest Service "New Century of Service" committee as the retirees representative. One of the activities that came out of this committee was Honor day and I just wanted you all to know that the chief signed the letter that green lighted Honor day on **May 3, 2005**. This is a day where every unit of the Forest Service across the country will commemorate 1) contributions to the nation that the employees and volunteers have made to conservation over the past 100 years, 2) Take a moment of silence to honor employees who have given there lives in the line of duty and 3) to recognized the contributions of community members and partners who the Forest Service works with on a regular basis. Information is going out to your local unit's very shortly. So mark this date on your calendar for next year and come out and greet/meet and celebrate 100 years of the Forest Service and our part in the success of the outfit! Please take the time to get this information and date around your Regions and in to your regions newsletters. It would be great to get a large crowd of retirees out to make our presence known. For more information on New Century of Service see www.fs.fed.us/newcentury (Ed. Note: I see this as an opportunity for retirees to contact your old favorite Ranger District or Research station, see what they have planned for May 3, and offer to participate. Then when you get back home write up a short article on your visit and send it to the PNWFSA post office address, or e-mail it directly to me for the Newsletter: wendallj@verizon.net . Let's let those RD folks or Experiment Station folks know that we care.)

Smithsonian Tours

(Following info furnished by Dick Pfilf)

I've been asked by Forest Service recreation staff in Washington Office to let you know about the first tour sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution that will feature the National Forests.

Glacier to Lolo Pass, July 9-16, 2005

"The wilderness area of the northern rockies is one of the most magnificent landscapes in America. The tour will explore the region's diversity and the conservation efforts of the USFS."

Travel along the Going-to-the-Sun highway
 White-water trip on the Flathead River and canoe the Clearwater River

Visit the historic Lochsa Ranger Station and Smokejumpers Visitor Center

We are told that a successful tour will cause the Smithsonian to sponsor more tours of the national forests.

See the Smithsonian website at www.smithsonianjourneys.

New WO Fire director

Thomas Harbour will be the new director for the Forest Service fire and aviation management program. He replaces Jerry Williams who retires in January.

Forest Service Centennial Exhibit at High Desert Museum

The High Desert Museum's Forest Service Centennial exhibit is scheduled to be dedicated and opened on June 5, 2005 at the Museum's Bend, Oregon location. This exhibit will become one of museum's feature attractions for two years after its opening, and will be replaced by a permanent exhibit at the museum focused on natural resource management in the High Desert and the agencies charged with management. A Forest Service guard station and garage/warehouse along with a fire lookout will be part of the permanent exhibit.

The centennial exhibit will occupy several thousand square feet of the museum's main exhibit hall and will feature a wide variety of artifacts about Forest Service activities and events in the Great Basin area of the West. It will be the most comprehensive exhibit of Forest Service historical material at any museum in the West.

Retirees and Forest Service staff from throughout the West have been generous in contributing items and information to help Curator Bob Boyd create this display. He especially appreciates the effort made by Regional Foresters in Regions 4 and 6 to make material available.

However, Bob still has need for several items to complete the exhibit. So take another look for the following items: One of the early large badges, the old silver (nickel) badge, usually worn by seasonal employees; a uniform or uniform parts from the 1930's; an early portable radio that was designed by the Forest Service; and snow ranger equipment such as a pair of Head skis with U.S. Forest Service engraved in them. Items can be donated to the museum or loaned for the life of the exhibit. You can contact Bob at: 541 382 4754, or email me at jf37m@aol.com.

Recently Jack Smith visited with Bob Boyd to provide several display items and a lot of first hand information about Forest Service adventures in the eastern Oregon part of the High Desert. Jack gave Bob detailed information about the Japanese balloon incident near Bly in 1942 that resulted in several civilian deaths. This story will be part of the exhibit, which will also feature a piece of fabric from one of the Japanese fire balloons launched against the United States, courtesy of Region 4.

In conjunction with the opening of the Forest Service exhibit, the Public Broadcasting System's film of the Forest Service's history, "The Greatest Good" will premier at a Bend theater.

Since June 5 will be a special day for the Forest Service and its people, we may be able to arrange a tour event from Portland and other major retiree areas.

However, even if you have to hitch hike, plan on being in Bend for this big time celebration, and opportunity to enjoy a trip down memory lane. *John Marker*

New Boss on Siuslaw NF

Jose Linares is the new supervisor of the Siuslaw NF. Linares formerly was Associate District Manager with Salem Bureau of Land Management.

Stub Stewart, an Oregon Icon

Loran LaSells "Stub" Stewart died January 2, 2005, at age 93. Stub was an icon in Oregon history. He was most well known by Forest Service folks as president of Bohemia Lumber Co., but Stub spent three terms in the Oregon state legislature along with Mark Hatfield. And Stub led the Stewart family in making tremendous contributions to Oregon State University, his alma mater. Most importantly, Stub was once a Forest Service employee. George Leonard sends us the following to recap Stub's USFS career:

"Stub became a regular FS employee after graduating as a logging engineer from OSU. He started out doing road survey work on the Willamette NF and served as the Forest's primary road locator for three years. One of his projects was locating what is now known as the Clear Lake cutoff between the Mackenzie and Santiam highways. In 1937 he moved to Bend in a timber sale preparation job. Over the next five years he worked in John Day, Baker and ended up doing timber sale work at Lakeview. Following the war he was promoted to a job in the regional office in the Division of Timber Management. He found work in the RO unrewarding and soon left to become chief forester for Pope and Talbot. (That probably paid better). I got this information out of *Bohemia*, The Book that tells the story of the Bohemia Lumber Company. I know from my discussions with Stub that he valued his early work with the Forest Service." *Wendall Jones*

Spring Banquet on May 1

Plan now on visiting with friends, getting an update on happenings in their lives, and enjoying an excellent meal at the PNW Forest Service Association's Spring Banquet on May 1, 2005. The banquet will again be held at the Charbonneau Country Club in Wilsonville, OR. Reservation slips and more details will be in the Spring Newsletter.

Arrangements for a short program are being finalized. We have many fine creative folks in our group, so we are asking for donations for door prizes. Please notify the Co-hosts Dorine or Emil Sabol if you are able to help. Telephone: 503-694-1397; Email at EDSabe@worldnet.att.net, or write to 31460 SW Village Green Court, Wilsonville, OR 97070.

The meal will be buffet style. The main course will be your choice of Prime Rib au jus with horseradish, or Halibut Oscar, or some of each, if you desire. Price remains the same as last year - \$19 a plate, catered by Dave Dalton. *Emil & Dorine Sabol*

More R6 Updates-January 6

The Region 6 Rappel Academy Cadre was selected this year for the National Fire Plan Award in Excellence in Firefighting, Preparedness, Training, and Safety...These awards are given once a year from nominations from all wildland fire agencies, and states..." writes Jon Rollens, Regional Aviation Officer. The award is national and interagency in scope. The award will be presented at the 2005 National Fire Plan Conference in Albuquerque on Feb. 15.

Members Corner Letters from Members

All of the letters that were sent in about Roy Bond are grouped at the beginning of members letters. One sent in by Lowell Gilbert has been withdrawn as a great story to put in our upcoming book, We Had an Objective in Mind.

Thelma Bond (Roy's wife)

May 2003 we learned Roy had Leukemia and in January 2004 the Dr. told us it had become Acute Leukemia. He had a pretty active life until late August or early September. In September I enrolled in Hospice Home Care and took care of Roy in our home until he passed away October, 8, very peaceful. Please feel free to share this information with Roy's friends and associates.

Dick Pflif

Roy Bond was my first District Ranger on the Collawash RD (now defunct) on the Mt. Hood NF, where I started as a JF in 1953. I had no intention of continuing working for the government until having the experience of being around the exciting and dynamic Roy. That decided for me that the Forest Service was the place to be.

He was also Supervisor of the Malheur NF (when I was DR on the neighboring Dale RD, Umatilla NF) and the Umpqua NF before he left R6. Wright Mallery (who was my supervisor on the Umatilla NF) and Roy went to grade school together in Glide, and were lifelong friends who would mercilessly tease each other whenever they were together. Those of you that knew them both can probably appreciate how they could dispense their own brand of good-natured personal barbs.

No man is an island, as John Donne wrote, and losing people like Roy reminds us how we all are now diminished.

David Jay

I also knew Roy Bond well. He selected me for DR at Tiller, then moved. Later I was Dir. Fire and Aviation in R-8, where he was RF. He did not want to move to Wash. DC but did. When he left Region 8, the Forest Supervisors gave him an engraved shotgun. Roy was a great guy.

Howard Banta

Just want to add my memories of an outstanding FS guy, Roy Bond. In the period 1977-1979, as Associate Deputy Chief for Resources, National Forest System, Roy Bond was my supervisor. I was then Director of Minerals and Geology. I very much enjoyed my relations with Roy. That was a difficult period with lots of conflict related to minerals development on the NFS. Proving the value to environmental and industry groups of even-handed administration of then new Forest Service mining regulations was something Roy had a big part in. He was always thoughtful, steady, balanced and appreciative--a real nice guy to be around. I hated to see him retire.

Letters (Cont'd. next column)

Warren Olney

(e-mail to Dick Pflif which Warren shared with us)

You will not remember me, but we met several times during our careers with the FS. I was the snot-nosed kid from ZigZag, and several other places, and at one time I worked for the Great District Ranger at Trout Lake, Roger Stamy.

Thank you for your memories of Roy Bond, for I also knew him, like you, as one of the senior members of the FS Family. And I worked for Wright T. Mallory when he was the Mt. Hood Forest Supervisor. You four, and many more, made the FS what it was, and that was all good.

Again, thank you for your recollections of Roy and the others, and for your part in maintaining the FS family traditions of sound forestry and wise use.

Frank Lewis

Roy Bond was Fire Staff on the GPNF when I was DR on the former Lewis River RD. Many are the memories of him and his fellow staff when Glenn Jorgeson was Forest Supervisor. They made life worthwhile even when things were the most frustrating! In the WO, Roy's door was always open. Almost all that GP group has now departed. I miss them all.

Norm & Eve Gould

We are sorry to hear of Roy Bond's passing. We have known Roy for 53 years and it is sad to lose a friend. I started working for Roy on the Clackamas River before he was a Ranger. In 1952 the Clackamas was split into 3 districts and Roy was ranger on the Collawash RD. Had breakfast with Lowell Gilbert yesterday and we recalled that Roy, he and I were the first members of the Collawash RD, Mt. Hood NF. Later on I worked for Roy again in the Chiefs office. Eve also knew him in the Washington office. We have kept in touch through the years. We will miss him.

Glenn Cooper

I first met Roy when he came to DC and he became part of our carpool. I drove a Ford Pinto when there were just four of us, and Roy and Dick Worthington, both about 6' 4, and big all over had to ride in the back with their knees up around their ears. Roy often laughed at my car, and was a good sport about it. After St. Helens blew in 1980 Bob Tokarczyk and I were asked to make a presentation in DC. While Bob was talking, Roy, using his vibrant stage whisper, announced to the man next to me, "Nothing like that every happened on my watch there!" Half the room laughed, the others had not heard it. To me that was Roy's character.

Max Peterson

I have lots of good memories of Roy Bond going back to the 60's when I was in R-5 and he was in R-6. I then have special memories of him when he replaced me as Regional Forester in R-8, when I went to WO Deputy Chief for P&L. Then I worked closely with him when he came to DC in 1977 as Associate Deputy Chief for NFS. I always found Roy to be straightforward, well informed and willing to make tough decisions. He will be missed by all of us who know him well.

(This ends the Roy Bond testimonials) Letters (Cont'd on page 10)

Members Corner (Cont'd. from page 9)**John Sandor**

Thank you for informing us of Carlos (Tom) Brown's passing at age 96. I worked for Tom Brown as a District Ranger on the Kasaan RD in Ketchikan, AK, when Tom was Forest Supervisor of the South Tongass NF during 1957-58. Tom was a very dedicated professional who took great pride in his Alma Mater, Oregon State Forestry School, and the US Forest Service family. My assignment as District Ranger occurred shortly after Lee and I were married, and when we had our first child, Tom's wife, Alice and Tom were especially considerate of the personal needs of our family.

After I left the District, Tom moved on to the Alaska Regional Office in Juneau in Recreation, and continued to be active in their church and community affairs. Tom was a man of integrity and high standards with strong support for the young professionals who were working under his supervision. Tom and Alice were very loyal members of the Forest Service family, and promoted the high ethical and professional standards of the Forest Service, generating a high esprit de corps, which is sometimes lacking on some FS organizational units today.

He obviously lived a full and satisfying career and personal life, and will be fondly remembered by those who closely worked with him.

Ken Drahos

Your latest membership directory 2004 shows Harold E. "Andy" Andersen's address as Baker City, OR. Andy, as I knew him when we worked together in Timber in Cordova, AK, has moved. Andy is in a rest home near his daughter's place in Sandpoint, ID. Andy's wife Sibyl has had alzheimers for ten years, but is otherwise healthy. She loves to listen to music but does not talk or communicate in any way. Andy's daughter Karlen said that her dad is 88 years old. He enjoys getting mail from friends of the old days.

Andy lives only three miles from his daughter and Karlen will see that Andy gets his letters and will read them to him. (Ed. Note: Thanks Ken. We will make the address change so Andy will get his newsletter also---see your new Directory for Andy's new address)

Charles "Chuck" Hill

Tina is still classifying at FWS RO in Albuquerque. Son Mike is off to McFadden NWR southeast of Houston, TX, doing SCEP things and checking out Herpes. I'm still cook and bottle washer at home. We feed birds, stray cats, and passing FS folks. Send Bill Chapel a donation to get Smokey's balloon airborne again.

Jack Price

Enclosed is a check for 2005 membership for Ed Zontek. Ed started his USFS career on the Umpqua NF in the mid-50s. He served as forester in Utah, the Black Hills, etc. He also worked for the BLM. After retiring he did forest contract work for the USFS and BLM. Dave Kolb and others would know what a good member Ed would be.

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Letters (Cont'd.)**Melba Saylor**

I so enjoy the newsletter and E-mail messages, which help me to keep abreast of retired co-workers. I'm amazed at the number of obits, however I have to remember my age! I wish there were more lower grade "smokies" who are members, so we could share with them also. (Ed. Note: Melba, once members retire, they no longer have a grade level, so if you think some of the old hierarchy is snubbing you, just let me know. I will help you lower the egos.)

Robbie Robertson

Reading the Wally Johannsen letter about scaling at the Hines mill in Burns in the Fall newsletter reminded me of another scaling experience which should not go unremarked.

In 1954, Mike Kerrick and I were being trained as scalers by Ivan Crum, Willamette NF Check Scaler. He took us to Oakridge and had us learn to scale the logs for the Westfir mill as they arrived at the head rig by chain from the log pond.

This was certainly before there were any Safety Officers in the USFS. This working situation was perhaps more dangerous than any I experienced in my FS years. The logs from the pond were constantly moving up the jack ladder, and were then off-loaded to a short feeder chain, which moved the logs down a slope to the headsaw, which was only about 30 feet away.

Whenever the sawyer decided he wanted a new log, he rolled one off the feeder chain, and the rest of the logs moved down. We entered the mill by a ladder from the mill-pond, and stood on a platform at the pond end of the logs. There was no way to get to the far end of a log except by walking along it. To scale the logs, we needed the diameter at the small end, which half the time was at the other end of the log, so we often had to run down the log, get the diameter and check for any defect deduction, and run back to the platform, all before the logs rolled as the sawyer called for another log.

Although we tried to wait until the sawyer started on a new log before trying to get to the other end of a log, sometimes he just made a cant, instead of sawing the log into boards. Several times both Mike and I were caught on the logs when they rolled as the sawyer called for another log. Sure, we were wearing caulked boots, but we had to do a quick dance on the moving logs to avoid having a leg, or more, crushed if we failed to keep our feet.

There was a reason we were learning to scale logs in this place. We were able to watch the logs cut, and see the amount of defect which really was in the log, thus giving us a reason to have confidence in our defect deductions, or enabling us to learn and do better on succeeding logs.

We were there for only a week. Somehow, we both learned the basics of scaling, and were none the worse for it. But it is fortunate that we were young and felt invincible at the time, or we probably should have refused to work in that environment.

Bill & Betty Taylor

Reunion plans certainly sound exciting. Enclosed is a page of mostly one-liners for Wendall to use in the newsletter if he wishes.

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Letters (Cont'd. from page 10)

Ed Whitmore

We just had our second frost. Last week it was 83 degrees here in Iowa, and today was 70. Things are going great. We got a call about an hour ago from our son, who just arrived in DC from Iraq and Afghanistan. He thinks he won't have to go back until next year. We plan to go over to Hawaii for Thanksgiving with him and his family, and head south after the first of the year in the RV. If bad weather dictates otherwise, we will leave earlier. We are having a great time back here, and love every day. We still plan to attend the FS reunion in 05, but it is getting complicated. We are scheduled to go to Scotland in May-June, Pat's niece's wedding in NJ in July, Steve's change of command ceremony in Hawaii in August, when he becomes Commanding Officer, and the FS reunion in Sept. Then rest with Iowa's beautiful fall weather and tree color. We had spectacular trees this fall, but 90 percent gone since high winds five days ago. Our backyard maple is one of the last trees to turn, and it is incredible red. We take 2 1/2 mile neighborhood walks every morning, and love every minute of it. We are toying with the idea of staying out in the west next summer after Hawaii, and taking in the Willamette picnic and the R-6 picnic before the big reunion.

Ormond Doty

I didn't know Dick Worthington was a friend of a person I worked with on the Willamette, but he helped me get transferred to Portland to take care of my mother when my father died. I retired in 1986. My mother passed away at age 93 in 1998. I have now moved to Albuquerque, NM, where my daughter and family live. This also moves me closer to my son and family who live in Fort Wayne, IN.

Gary Hodges (email to Bob McQ)

I think Jim List told you that we are living south of Waldport and really enjoying the community. I have just recently "pulled the pin" on all work, except for chores that Jeanetta assigns, so have been doing a little fishing on the Alsea and just recently spent some time on the Deschutes trying to catch one of those darn Browns. Thanks so much for your note and the invitation to the lunch. I sure will try to make it in the next couple of months. I did get in touch with Ed Kentner and we are looking forward to visiting with them. Thanks for all the work you do on Oldsmokeys!

John & Dorothy Dell

Dorothy and I are in Italy serving a two-year mission for our church (Latter-Day Saints). We have eight months to go before returning home to Tucson, Arizona. We enjoy reading the newsletter on-line with our handy little lap-top. You folks do a good job putting it all together. Glad to hear my old Fire Boss Bob Tokarczyk is serving as President again... he's one of the best.

Being missionaries is kind of a new adventure for us, but it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives.

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John Dell (Cont'd.)

We are the only senior missionary couple in Northern Italy at this time. Our mission headquarters is based in Milan...one of three missions in Italy. The other two are in Rome (central Italy) and Catania (southern Italy, Sicily, and Malta).

We are working with an American military branch serving the Aviano Air Force base. It is the largest LDS military branch in Italy... with lots of young service families. These are hard times for many of them because of frequent deployments to Iraq that split families up for sometimes months at a time. So we do a lot of surrogate "parenting" along with our "missionarying". Being involved with these families helps us from missing our own sons and daughters and twelve grandchildren. It's great!

A few months ago I met a young Forester by the name of Ferruccio Cirandi, based at the regional office for the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Forest Service. They administer forest lands in this region...located in the far northeast corner of the boot, bordering on Austria and Slovenia...and right up against the Carnic and Julian Alps. He invited me to their R.O. to speak to their staff about fire management in the western U.S. They were particularly interested in the use of prescribed fire and vegetation management for forest protection...my old specialty in R-6. It was a good opportunity for spreading a little international goodwill...and Ferruccio and his family are even investigating our church (something we missionaries are always alert for).

This is a beautiful area of Italy. The nearest city, Pordenone, is at the base of the Dolomites, one of Italy's most spectacular mountain ranges. Our mission zone covers from here to Trieste, and from the Austrian Alps to the Adriatic Sea...lots of area and lots of ecological diversity from coastal plain to foothills to Arctic Alpine life zones.

Give our very best to our old friend Gail Baker, whom I had the honor of serving with in R.O. Division of Fire when I first got to R-6 from the Riverside (California) Fire Lab in 1966. He was a great help to me those first few years and he's a wonderful person to know. I'll be there for your centennial Gail!

My best to all the many friends I made in the 15 years I worked out of the R.O. in Fire Management. These were definitely the highlight years of my FS career. I looked at your photos and you're all looking great! A little snowy on top perhaps, but very distinguished. If any of you get down in the desert to dry out...look us up in Tucson. Dorothy will be returning to her job as costume designer for the U. of Arizona's Opera Theatre...and I am returning to continue working in the adult education program at Pima College...doing study tours and (on the side) guiding wilderness hiking trips throughout the west.

We always welcome e-mails. Ciao! And arrivaderci!

Dean Cullens

I just received your request for address changes. I have moved again! I'm now living in Kentucky near my son (Ben) and his family. Quite a change, but nice to be near a part of my family. (Ed. Note: Ben Worthington is Forest Supervisor on the Daniel Boone NF in R8; see new Directory for Dean's address)

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Zane & Betty Smith

We moved to town from our McKenzie River property a couple of years ago, before Zane fell off the roof or out of a tree and ruined his ski life. We still live near the McKenzie River in a great neighborhood, but without all that goes with keeping up a country property. Consequently more time is available for travel and some of the fun things yet to do.

Our big demands come from Zane's position on the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission, American Forests volunteering and Betty's PEO and volunteering. We had a month of celebration in August four our 50th anniversary with family in a variety of places in Montana, Oregon and British Columbia. Amazing how 50 years fly by!

Only one international program remaining which is a Siberian tiger habitat project in southeast Russia. We have enjoyed the many times we've been to Russia, but are pleased with a little more concentration at home in the US with the travel difficulties. We made lots of friends in Russia and Mongolia and have a particular appreciation for the struggles they face.

Hope to see many friends and colleagues at the Portland 2005 USFS reunion in September. As we look back on three generations of our family retired from the USFS and son, Tim, with 20 some years in public land management, we are sure proud of what has been done and still is being done by those still active.

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Notes with dues payments:

(written 11-03) Now we can watch a "quiet" TV. Hope you are all happy with the outcome of people and measures in the election. Enclosed check for two more years---think I will be around that much longer. **Bob Reindl**

We have a granddaughter, Jeannine Davis, who has worked on the LaGrande Hotshot Crew for the last five years. Guess fire-fighting still runs in the family. **Al & Myrna Kreger**

Great idea! The bill for collection – **Walt Bennett**

Thanks for all your good work – **Roger Stamy**

Thanks for all the work you do keeping us all together and up to date – **Darlene Sprinkel**

More R6 Updates—Nov. 11

United Community Partners of Halfway, Oregon is this year's recipient of the National Rural Community Assistance - Community Spirit Award, according to Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The award is given by the Forest Service National Rural Community Assistance program to recognize outstanding examples of rural communities working in conjunction with the Forest Service to implement community-led projects.

Since 1993, the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has helped local communities receive nearly \$2 million RCA grant dollars to support over 60 projects. (Courtesy of Angelica Johnson and Judy Wing, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest)

MEMORIES

By Dave & Jane Kolb

F. Leroy "Roy" Bond

F. Leroy Bond of Albuquerque, NM died 10/08/2004, at age 83. He was a PNWFSA member. Roy was born in Junction City, OR 8/16/1921. He attended school in Glide, OR, and after graduation worked for the USFS and attended OSU Forestry School. He entered the Army in 1942, and served as a Field Artillery Officer in Europe, ending up in Czechoslovakia. After returning home he continued work with the USFS and completed his education with a BS in Forestry. His first professional assignment was on the Umpqua NF at Tiller, OR. Other moves took Roy to New Mexico, Georgia, and the WO, where he retired as Deputy Chief of Resources. Survivors include his wife, Thelma; sons, Bill and Bob; daughters, Linda Gundiler and Jerry Brown; 6 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Kathryn Cliff

Kathryn Cliff, wife of Ed Cliff, late Chief of the Forest Service, died 8/07/2004. She was a PNWFSA member. Kathryn grew up in Logan, UT, where she met Ed when they both attended Utah Agriculture College, now Utah State U. They were married 4/02/1931. Her introduction to FS life Kathryn called "A honeymoon on horseback" because as Ed worked they camped out for weeks and rode horseback in an area 25 miles from Logan. Later that year he accepted a position in R-6 on the Wenatchee NF. Other moves to Portland and Lakeview eventually ended in Washington, DC.

Kathryn is survived by her daughter, Jane Cliff, a USFS employee in R-9.

Charles H. Gansel

Charles H. Gansel died of cancer 11/04/2004, at age 77. He was born 10/17/1927, in Alma, WI. Charles received his BS degree from the U. of Montana, an MS degree from U. of Idaho and did other graduate work at NY State U. at Syracuse. He married Laura Rashe 7/3/1954. He worked for both the BLM and USFS as a forest geneticist and retired as Manager of the Dorena Tree Improvement Center on the Umpqua NF.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Lelyn Gansel, Karlyn Ang, Lynda Gansel, and Cheryl Gansel; brother John; sister Alice Gansel; and 2 grandchildren.

Lynn A. McCall

Lynn A. McCall died 10/17/2004, at age 89. He was born 5/22/1915, in Silver Lake, OR, and served in the Army during WWII. He was a PNWFSA member. Lynn spent his entire USFS career of 30 years on the Deschutes NF working on road maintenance and in the Forest Equipment Shop. He married Florence Godsey in 1945, and she is his only listed survivor. They moved to Portland last summer.

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Eddy R. Gory

Eddy R. Gory died 11/24/2004, in Otis, OR, at age 89. He was born 6/03/1915, in Prindle, WA, and graduated from Stevenson HS in 1933. Eddy studied Forestry at U of WA and Landscape Architecture at OSU. Summers he worked on the GPNF as a lookout. WWII interrupted his schooling and he served in the South Pacific with the 81st Infantry Division. He married Mary in 1942. Eddy went to work for the USFS at Hebo RD, Siuslaw in 1956. He retired in the 1970's.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; sons, Edward and Tom; brother Joe; 3 granddaughters and 6 great-grandchildren.

Floyd Hanna Hall

Floyd H. Hall of Riddle, OR, died 10/16/2004, at age 74. He was born in Buffalo, WY, 10/25/1929. Floyd served in the Air Force after graduating from high school in 1949, and married Jennette Strunk in 1951. He attended the U. of Idaho, received a BS degree in Forestry, and started working for the USFS in Oregon. Most of Floyd's career was spent in range management working on the W-W, Fremont, Ochoco and Deschutes NFs. He later moved back to the W-WNF and retired in 1985. Floyd and Jeanette divorced after 25 years. He moved to Canyonville, OR in 1990, and married Verma Robins on 7/4/1991.

Survivors include his wife Verma; 3 daughters, Pamela, Sharla, and Della; 2 sons, Alan and Neil; and 2 step-children; 19 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Stephen E. McDonald

Stephen E. McDonald died 9/12/2004, at age 64, in Glen Rose, TX. He was a PNWFSA member. Stephen was born in Orofino, ID, 4/25/1940. Dr. McDonald received BS and MS degrees in Forestry from the U of Idaho and a PhD in Forestry from Colorado State U. His USFS career spanned all 3 branches, i.e. NFS, Research, and S & PF. He was a Program Manager at PNW and worked with Universities and R-6 Staff to implement the NW Forest Plan. Stephen left PNW to become Director of Coop Forestry in the WO, the position held at retirement. He was a prolific writer and widely published in Forest Research and Management. In retirement he wrote and published 2 novels about the USFS. In 1997 he married his wife, Shirley.

Survivors include his wife; son Bob; 2 stepsons, Kirk Medlyn and Paul Medlyn; and 7 grandchildren.

Donald H. Morton

Donald H. Morton died 11/04/2004, at age 78. He was born in Coalville, UT, in March 1926. He was a PNWFSA member. Don served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and graduated from Colorado State U. He started his USFS career in Ogden, UT in the 1940's and worked on several R-4 forests. He also worked in Denver for the FS Internal Audit and in Fort Collins for FS Research prior to moving to R-6 as DRF Administration. In 1980 Don became the Deputy Director for the USDA Office of Information at the Fort Collins Computer Center.

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Memories-Don Morton (Cont'd)

He retired from that position after 40 years of Federal Service. Don married Kaye F. Mower in 1947.

Survivors include his wife; son, Kerry; daughters, Kathy Taylor and Connie Leonetti; 10 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

John Plesha

John Plesha, who lived in Clark County the past 18 years, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, in Vancouver. He was born March 21, 1918, in Minnesota. John was District Asst. on the Lewis River RD in the 1950's and also worked on the Wind River RD, GPNF. He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy. Survivors are daughter Cathy Winston; son Rick; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Evelyn "Trudy" Russell

Evelyn "Trudy" Russell, 52, a former Clark County resident, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, in Bend, OR. Mrs. Russell was born March 4, 1952, in Pendleton, OR. She had been an information assistant for the USFS and owned Trudy's Touch Massage Therapy, both in Vancouver.

Survivors include two daughters, Stephani Kmetova and Angela Kmetova; three sons, David, Richard, and Bradley; one brother, Robert Moore; four sisters, Daisy Lydy, Lila Romp, Betty Rayl, and Dorothy Zinter; and three grandchildren.

Virginia Elaine Sullivan

Virginia E. Sullivan died 7/13/2004, in Prineville, OR, at age 79. She was the wife of Les, retired Forest Supervisor of the Ochoco NF, and a PNWFSA member. She was born 10/30/1924, in Tacoma, WA. Virginia held BS and MS degrees in Education. She married Lt. Leslie J. Sullivan in 1944. As she moved with his USFS career, she taught in Bellingham, WA, Juneau, AK, Portland, and Prineville, OR. In 1971 she was named Crook County Teacher of the Year.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Christi Sullivan and Leslie Martin; 7 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Carl W. Swanson

Carl W. Swanson died 10/05/2004, at age 81. He was born 4/01/1923, in Bellingham, WA. After graduating from Blaine, WA High School in 1940, he joined the CCC at a USFS Camp in North Bend. He went into the Army in 1942 and served in southern France and Germany with 103rd Infantry Division of the Seventh Army. Returning to Washington, he entered the College of Forestry at UW. He married Dorothy Lieu on 3/07/1947. In 1949 he received a BSF degree from UW and later an MS degree in Public Administration from the U. of Alaska. Carl worked for the USFS in Washington, Idaho, Utah and Alaska, retiring in 1978. Dorothy preceded Carl in death.

Survivors include; a son, Carl W.; 2 daughters, Violet Thetford of Forest Grove, OR and Karen Woolf of Falls Church, VA; 2 sisters; 1 brother; 7 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

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Laurie Elaine Ystad

Laurie E. Ystad died 11/01/2004, at age 55. She was born 10/09/1949, in Portland and was a current USFS employee in the RO Administrative Support Group. She lived alone and had not been in good health. When she didn't show up for work, her supervisor and a co-worked went to her home. They called the police when they got no response and she was found dead. Laurie had worked in Engineering as a computer technician prior to the consolidation of Support Services in the RO. Survivors include her 3 sisters, Janet Childers, Mary Curran, and Patricia Ystad.

Anyone having information about the following persons, please contact Dave Kolb:

Grace Bernard - Grace died 8/25/2004. We have no further information.

Margaret Sleizer - We had word that Margaret passed away late in 2004, but no details.

NAFSR in Action

I am often asked what NAFSR has accomplished over the past few years, and sometimes it is hard to answer with definitive examples because so much of our effort is in the areas of building relationships, and providing information. The following message from Chuck Hendricks, NAFSR Director in the Rocky Mountain area, provides an example of NAFSR success in these areas. Here is Chuck's message:

"Yesterday's Holiday social at the Region 2 office was attended by 61 retirees. This is the largest group of retirees to attend this function for several years. That number does not sound big for groups like R6, but it is big for R2 retirees.

Regional Forester Cables made specific reference to the large number of retiree attendees and he also mentioned that he had attended the Western Governor's conference on the Endangered Species Act, along with 3 other RF's. He specifically mentioned the attendance of Al West as representing NAFSR, and went on to say that NAFSR has been a strong influence on important issues concerning the National Forests over the last several years.

I was pleased to hear this reference to NAFSR, and told him so after the presentation. I think this is a change from the past, and hope the trend of paying attention to NAFSR work will continue within the Forest Service." *Chuck Hendricks*

We can use more retiree wisdom and energy. If you want to get more involved with NAFSR, contact me. *John Marker (email, phone, etc. in Directory)*

More R6Updates—Dec. 16

Rec fees You may be aware that the recreation fee language in the 2005 Appropriations Act extends recreation fees over the next ten years. There are not a lot of details available at this time but expect more to come out soon once the federal agencies covered by the provisions meet and begin to plan implementation.

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

October 7

Human Resources Moving - The decision is final -- the Forest Service will centralize its Human Resources organization in Albuquerque, NM. "With project phasing and the expectation no employees will be relocated prior to 2006, we have time to look thoroughly at impacts and options and to build on the solid work already done....", said Regional Forester Linda Goodman. The decision to consolidate work at a single HR center in Albuquerque, NM is expected to standardize service delivery, agency-wide consistency, lower cost, and simplify and speed up HR processes. The new HR organization will be phased in. Implementation of workforce changes will begin in FY 2006.

October 14

Healthy Forests reports available on line- Federal land management agencies have established a web-based reporting system for Congress, and interested citizens and groups to track the agencies' accomplishments. www.healthyforests.gov has a real time link to the accomplishment database so that anyone can access the latest fuels reduction accomplishments, by State. (*Courtesy of Rex Holloway, RO*)

Gary Paull honored—The National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) has honored Gary Paull, for his dedication to wilderness stewardship and innovative land management. Paull, wilderness and trails coordinator at the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie NF, recently received the 15th annual NOLS Stewardship Award. He is currently the Wilderness and Trails Coordinator for the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF where he oversees 1,500 miles of trails and 720,000 acres of designated wilderness.

More than 300 financial management employees will relocate to Albuquerque between now and October 30, 2005. In general, these are employees who spend 50% or more of their time performing work that is being transferred, or for whom that work is grade-controlling. Of these, a small number of budget and finance employees will move to Albuquerque under the umbrella of "Transfer of Function" (e.g., transfer of work from one place to another). However most of the remaining employees needed for the centralized organization will receive "Directed Reassignments."

October 21

The 15th annual 2004 Caring for the Land and Serving People awards were presented this week to Ochoco and Deschutes NF employees. Regional Forester Linda Goodman presented the award for environmental education to Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests employees for their work training future environmental leaders through a partnership of five Central Oregon non-profit groups.

The Olympic National Forest has begun a special arts project, coordinated by Arts Olympia, in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the US Forest Service. The art show at Forest headquarters, April 2-May 1, is part of an effort to encourage artists to visit, explore, experience, and celebrate the forest directly through their work.

(*More R6 Updates are scattered on pages 7, 8, 12 and to your left on page14*)

Bill for Collection for Annual Dues Payers --- Final Newsletter Notice

This is your Bill for Collection for 2005 Annual Dues. The dues are presently \$10 per year, and you can pay for one or more years at this time. See article on page 4 of this newsletter to see in full the NEW penalties for late payment. The penalty are to cover costs of the Association in dealing with late dues payers. After March 1, dues will be \$15. If not paid by March 15, your name will be removed from the mailing list for the Spring newsletter. Check your mailing label on the backside of this notice to see if your dues have been paid for 2005. They were due January 1.

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Make check payable to: PNWFSA and Mail to PNWFSA, PO Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228

Name: _____

Address, phone or email: (if different than in the new 2005 Directory)

Add a note here or take the time to write a longer letter for the newsletter:

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Book Order Blank for We Had an Objective in Mind

Mail this coupon and check to: PNWFS Assn., PO Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228-5583

Name: _____

Current address: _____

I wish to order _____ copy (s) of the book, We Had an Objective in Mind, The U. S. Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest 1905 to 2005, A Centennial Anthology.

Check one or the other of the two following options:

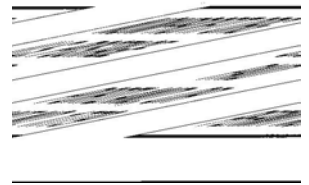
- 1. I wish to pick up my book at the Reunion _____ or other PNWFSA activity _____ (picnic?).
- 2. I wish to have my book mailed to the address above. _____

The book price is \$16 per copy. Add \$3 per copy for shipping and handling if you choose to have your book (s) mailed to you.

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

Lost Story: Does anyone recall the story about the lady, supposedly wearing a mink coat, falling through the rotten floor of a USFS outhouse. We must not lose this important tale of our exciting moments in the USFS. Send to me. *Wendall Jones*

Some Stats from 1904: When Pinchot was inventing the USFS The average life expectancy in the US was 47 years. Only 14% of the homes in the US had a bathtub. Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.



Happy New Year

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Winter 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**

Note: Your mailing label shows the year through which your dues are paid. For example, if your label shows "04", your dues are paid through 12/31/04

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Coming Events

Spring Banquet May 1
Summer Picnic July 8
Forest Service Reunion
Sept. 4—9, 2005