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Angdahl Memorial Award winners announced

By Linda Lopez & Connie Bradley, Volunteer Coordinators

Park hosts at three coastal parks were honored as the 2001 Gen Angdahl Memorial Host Award finalists in a September 27 ceremony at South Beach State Park. **Bill and Barb Moe** of Cloverdale, California, hosts at Beverly Beach; **Bob and Betty Cedergren** of Redlands, California, served at Honeyman, and **Bob McKee** of Ellensburg, Washington, volunteered at South Beach were named the award's fifth annual recipients.

The five finalists, who were among 14 nominees for the award, received special 2001 Outstanding Host signs for their campsites as well as commemorative wristwatches. The names of award recipients are engraved on a permanent plaque displayed in the Salem office lobby.

Beverly Beach Team Leader David Newton nominated the Moes in recognition of their creative contributions as well as maintenance efforts and helping lead the park's Junior Ranger program and naturalist activities. Barb created a variety of items sold in the park's gift shop while Bob applied his woodworking skills in making 100 hot dog roasting sticks adorned with custom burned-in designs requested by park visitors. Bob and Barb have served as hosts for seven years.

Honeyman Park Ranger Kathy Wagner nominated the Cedergrens, also in their seventh year serving as park hosts. Besides helping with construction projects, cleaning yurts and performing other maintenance chores, Bob and Betty planned and managed this year's Fourth of July campground parade, one of the park's most popular annual events.

The entire South Beach crew, led by Team Leader Dave Weisenback, nominated Bob McKee for his work at South Beach



and the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse. He painted and cleaned the interior of the lighthouse, helped install low-voltage trail lights and assisted in major construction projects involving the park's yurt additions and activity center. Bob also has made many host signs including his own Outstanding Host 2001 sign. "He didn't know he was making it for himself," says Linda Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator.

The annual award, named in memory of a long-time park host from Salem, recognizes volunteer hosts' outstanding contribution to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Before Gen Angdahl's death in 1997, she and her husband, Cliff Angdahl, donated more than 10,000 hours performing tasks ranging from hosting, RV shows and testifying before the legislature. Cliff continues to volunteer at Fort Stevens, at RV shows and for the Salem office.

The other nominees for 2001 were Don and Jan Markle (Fort Stevens), Jim and Liz Rottinghaus (Fort Stevens), Dick Harper (The Cove Palisades), Wanda and Richard Davies (Fort Stevens) and John Emmons (Heceta Head Lighthouse). 🍌

Volunteers help make "Lake Billy Chinook Day" a success

By Connie Bradley, Volunteer Coordinator

OPRD staff welcomed many visitors and volunteers for the annual clean-up and celebration during Lake Billy Chinook Day on September 22, 2001. Registered clean-up volunteers received one night free camping at The Cove Palisades State Park.

Community volunteers—both individuals and groups—showed their support by picking up trash and debris on the shoreline, in boats and on the shoulders of the roadway. During the opening kick-off, visitors and volunteers were treated to a touching flag ceremony performed by Madras High School ROTC Flag Guard. "The people in the area are very patriotic, and it seemed appropriate under the circumstances," says Paul Patton, Visitor Service Leader and event coordinator.

Most volunteers stayed and enjoyed the afternoon celebration of the natural, cultural and recreational resources of Lake Billy Chinook. Since its inception in 1994, the Lake Billy Chinook Day celebration has been a unique event combining aspects of environmental stewardship, education and cultural awareness.

Primary sponsors of the event—Portland General Electric, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Oregon State Parks—also worked closely with more than 50 other partners to make the event happen. For the sixth year, Lake Billy Chinook Celebration joined with "Clean-up the World," Ltd. of Sydney Australia, a worldwide clean-up effort. 🍌



Mark your Calendar!

MARCH 7 & 8, 2002

2002 Visitor Service Training Meeting

Champoeg Visitor Center

Park Managers, Visitor Service Leaders, host coordinators and volunteer supervisors are invited to attend the annual session and special workshops to learn of new developments at OPRD, receive valuable volunteer management training, share experiences and network with peers and volunteers.

Volunteer management cycle • Group project coordination techniques

Volunteer recruiting tools • Host training and retention issues

Volunteers and special event planning • Junior Ranger program training

Interpretative programs and volunteers • Volunteer supplies and recognition

Volunteers In Action

By Cindy Vergari, Area 6 Coordinator

Exciting news from our parade department! Farewell Bend volunteer host Linda Burgess, her granddaughter Shalyn, and their dog Ty took top honors (first place) in the Novelty Division during the Old Time Fiddlers Parade in Weiser, Idaho. Dressed as Native American Princesses (the dog was a brave!) they drove in the battery-operated covered wagon that has become a familiar site at Farewell Bend. The parade honors the gathering of renowned fiddlers from all over the United States who compete in the small town of Weiser, Idaho every June. 🍷

What's Happening at the Oregon State Parks Trust?

By Sharon Leighty, Trust Program Manager

We've been busy! We've been bowled over by the generosity of private donations. Look at what we've received, all in the last six months:

- \$250,000 challenge grant for Vista House at Crown Point
- \$18,000 to preserve the Pete French Round Barn
- \$5,000 for building improvements at Emigrant Springs
- \$4,471 for restricted park projects
- \$100,000 for capital improvements at Tryon Creek.

A special thanks goes out to all those who have volunteered in our state parks. Over the past year, 38,000-plus participants have donated their time and efforts. We especially appreciate the momentum this volunteering creates. Indeed, we've discovered that volunteer hours play a critical role in encouraging private sector donations like the ones listed above.

As the holiday season approaches, please let your families, friends and park visitors know about opportunities to give through the trust. Here are some ideas:

- Gifts to honor a loved one—a special way to support the parks and show homage to friends or family;
- Gifts of stock—now may be one of the best times to consider a gift of stock;
- Bequests—a terrific mechanism to garner long-term tax savings;
- Volunteering—a fun way to give back to the parks.

If you'd like to find out more about ways to support the Oregon State Parks Trust, call Sharon Leighty at 503-362-1905 or visit www.orparkstrust.org. Remember, state parks are a big reason Oregon is a great place to live and visit. Together we can work to keep it that way! 🍷



Fort Stevens Hosts See Changes

By Betty Harwood, Volunteer Host

When we arrived at Fort Stevens State Park to begin our volunteer duties for July, we were greeted by a brand-new, modern visitor center and park office building. In the parking lot was a new restroom and shower building resting on a lowboy trailer. It looked like an elephant sitting on a footstool. We never did find out how they got it out of the lot and onto its intended site! All this, plus other, less obvious changes are occurring at Fort Stevens, thanks to an ongoing renovation plan.

Fort Stevens has a “village” of seven yurts clustered around a central compound and another eight yurts in loops M and N. Instead of having two host couples responsible for cleaning and maintaining yurts, Fort Stevens contracts out its yurt cleaning. The cleaning crew is supervised by just one couple—the yurt hosts, who are responsible for the fire pits and litter patrol around the yurts. These host duties are not hard, and hosts now have plenty of time to get the outside areas ready for campers.

Of special interest to hosts is the new “transfer station” just north of the intersection of the north and south sides of the park. No more dumpsters scattered throughout the park, drawing flies and marauding crows. The stench and 6:00 a.m. noise of garbage trucks making their rounds would have been enough to sway the

decision to try the transfer system. Now, campers separate the cardboard, newspaper, glass and cans from their garbage. Enough visitors are now participating that it does make a big difference. The transfer site area is kept clean and orderly by site hosts who help campers with their recycling. Some trash is still left in campsites and the restrooms, but overall the new system is working nicely.

Despite the changes, Fort Stevens has not forgone its time-honored practice of welcoming their visitors with guided tours and plenty of kid-friendly activities. Volunteer hosts feel welcome and appreciated. Hosts are treated to a comprehensive group orientation class, a potluck or two and an ice cream social! Combined with the general beauty of the area and an interesting port town nearby, Fort Stevens is one of those choice parks for volunteer duty. 🍌

Collier Memorial State Park & Logging Museum

By Larry & Gail Hultin, Volunteer Hosts

“We have been driving by this place for many years on the way to . . . *somewhere else* . . . and never have stopped before now. This place is wonderful.” This is the most often-heard statement by the volunteer hosts in the Information Center Gift Shop. After visitors stop and look around, they’re hooked, and spend most of the day enjoying the park.

Located at the confluence of Spring Creek and the Williamson River just 30 miles north of Klamath Falls, Collier Memorial State Park and Logging Museum is a beautiful, relaxing spot for casual visitors and history buffs alike.

The park exists thanks to the Collier family. In 1945, Alfred and Andrew Collier donated the 150 acres to the state of Oregon as a memorial to their parents, Charles Morse Collier and Janet McCormack Collier. Alfred “Cap” Collier owned and operated Swan Lake Moulding and Lumber in Klamath Falls. His brother Andrew was a banker, and owned and operated Klamath Ice and Storage. Both were board members of local banks and active members of the community.

Today, visitors enjoy the day-use areas along Spring Creek (with good fishing!), a 68-site campground, Pioneer Village and the state’s finest logging museum. The museum highlights rare and antique logging equipment. A tour through the spacious 45-acre museum gives visitors a glimpse of how logging evolved from using horses, oxen and felling axes to modern diesel tractors and trucks. Railroad buffs enjoy learning about the significant role the railroad played in early-day logging.

The park draws on quite a variety of volunteers. Gail and I have been hosting in the museum for more than seven years. We come each spring to help set up things, and return in the fall and stay until roughly the end of

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Ask A Ranger/Host

Q *My wife and I would love to come to Oregon and try volunteering in the parks. After reviewing the information you sent, we are slightly afraid of working in the bigger parks our first time out. What smaller parks would you recommend for new hosts to work in? Or, are new hosts better off going to bigger parks? What kind of training do volunteers receive before they begin working in the parks? Sorry for so many questions—just want to make sure we can handle the job. Thanks so much.*

A Here at Fort Stevens, which is the largest park in the system (we have 600-plus campsites), we love all our volunteers—new to Oregon, experienced, inexperienced—we're just happy to have volunteers.

Each park trains and relies on its volunteers a little differently. But all parks are required to have job descriptions for their hosts, and all (or nearly all) have one main employee who communicates with and guides the volunteers. Often it is a Visitor Service Leader, and he/she is an easy resource for questions. Many parks include the volunteers at crew meetings to keep them informed and answer questions.

At the large parks, it's true that you have more to learn (including just finding your way around) but you also have more staff and volunteer "colleagues" to learn from. You also learn more things faster, in all likelihood, which would serve you well at other parks if you find you like the experience of hosting.

I encourage you to read about the park that has piqued your interest, and even better, go online to www.oregonstateparks.org and take a virtual tour. You can also call either of

our two statewide volunteer coordinators toll-free at 1-877-225-9803. They can help find the best park match for you.

**Barney Riley, Park Manager,
Fort Stevens State Park**

Q *I've been hosting for a couple of years now and was wondering what this new "module training" is about? Seems like a lot of extra work for the park staff to retrain hosts over and over again, and most of the things we are being trained for we've been doing for years.*

A Great question! You volunteers are a great resource for our parks, and we value your personal safety. In 1996, OPRD formed a task force of managers and field staff to look at our safety record and processes.

A review of statistics showed that volunteers and seasonal employees experienced much higher injury rates than full-time employees. Volunteers and seasonal employees are often new to the park system and have a steep learning curve. We know that many of our hosts are skilled in various areas but we also realize that each park location has different safety requirements, and that equipment varies from park to park.

The task force proposed a safety module training system used in private industry. OSHA and SAIF partnered with OPRD to oversee the program development. Task force members researched and developed each module as it related to specific park job duties. Individual parks are allowed to modify the modules to fit their particular equipment and operational requirements.

Safety is becoming a part of the work culture in our parks. No job is important enough to risk injury to any member of our work group. The best

way to be safe is to be armed with knowledge. The modules not only give us the knowledge, but they clarify expectations and standards for performing tasks. For many of us this seems to be a whole new way of doing business. As with any new training system there is a period of adjusting to the new practices. The goal of the program—personal safety—is number one. So, be careful out there!

**Brent Siebold, Ranger,
Valley of the Rogue State Park**

Q *When we showed up for our hosting assignment this August, we were asked for our driver's license numbers for a driver record check. Is this something new? Why do hosts need a driver check? We generally don't use state-owned vehicles.*

A OPRD's policy for checking employees' driving record applies to both paid staff and volunteers. If a volunteer position requires the use of a state vehicle to accomplish assigned duties, it is necessary to use the same criteria used for park staff.

Some parks do not allow volunteers to operate state vehicles. Other parks require hosts to use state vehicles. The majority of those positions are long-term caretakers and maintenance hosts. Most campground hosts use gators within the park to complete their assignments and do not require a driver record check. Both gators and state vehicles require a training session on their safe operation.

For Oregon residents who volunteer at state parks, the procedure is the same as for a new employee. OPRD can order the DMV records. We realize that many park hosts are out-of-state residents and this policy will require them to bring a copy of their driving record with them to each hosting assignment.

**Jim Neifert, Safety Officer
Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept.**



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Volunteer Hosts Make Summer a Success

By Connie Bradley, Volunteer Coordinator

As the leaves begin to fall and the warm sunny days disappear, so too do many of our volunteer hosts. Hosts will return to Oregon next spring to volunteer through the summer, and some will stay for the beautiful fall color but, as soon as the wet weather arrives, hundreds of hosts leave Oregon and head south for the winter.

This yearly migration of full-time RVers—aptly described as “snowbirds”—reminds us that now is a good time to extend a huge thank you to them. On behalf of both Volunteer Coordinators, Team Leaders, Park Rangers and Park Managers, I want to thank all hosts for another successful camping season. There is not enough room in this newsletter to list the many services, projects and special contributions that you make.

And lest I forget—thank goodness, we can still find a few weather-weary hosts that will continue to serve in year-round park locations, greeting visitors in the beautiful Oregon “sunshine” during Discovery Season.

All hosts are a tremendous value to Oregon State Parks, and without their dedication and support, OPRD could not offer the many interpretive and visitor services that help make Oregon parks so very special.

Again, thank you! We look forward to seeing many of you back for another successful camping season in 2002. 🍷



Youth Service Award Winners

By Connie Bradley, Volunteer Coordinator

Oregon youths continue to contribute to the community by becoming involved at many Oregon state parks and in the Salem office. Youth Service Awards (YSAs) have been awarded to the following outstanding youth volunteers:



Brittany Bergmann, age 17, Champoege State Heritage Area volunteer, assisted with the Junior Ranger program this past spring and summer. She also helped with several Champoege special events, including Earth Day, State Parks Day, Free Fishing Day and the Bluebird

Festival. Brittany helps organize the J.R. supplies, checks them periodically for replenishing, and photocopies forms when needed. Brittany has also dressed up as J.R. Beaver in several campground presentations and helped with many award ceremonies. "Brittany is an excellent leader and is working into a teaching role with the J.R. program," explains Tom Leisy, Interpretive Ranger Aide at Champoege.

Tyler Christopherson, age 8, volunteered his time at LaPine State Park during his summer break, from June through August 2001. Tyler helped park staff with maintenance projects and recycling efforts. He also helped staff build and install a self-guided nature trail at the park. "He [Tyler] has been an incredible asset to the park by helping with chores and volunteering his time at least

three times per month," says Heather Clemons-Porter, Park Naturalist. "Thank you, Tyler, for a great job at LaPine State Park. We hope to see you next year!"



Mikaela B. Burton, age 12. Mikaela began volunteering at OPRD in 1999, before we had an official YSA program. She began filling orders from requests for information—she's a grand envelope stuffer and teaches her siblings how to volunteer, too! In October 2000, Mikaela began coming into the Salem office on school "in service" days and vacation days. Several members of the Financial Services and Public Services Divisions kept those little hands busy. Mikaela especially enjoys copying projects whenever she can find them!

Mikaela is cheerful, smart and extremely determined to give high-quality volunteer time to all the projects she's involved in. She volunteers and helps with fundraising for school, church and community projects. "She is a joy to have around and she is always willing to pitch in whenever and wherever needed," says Linda Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator.

The Youth Service Award program was designed to encourage and recognize youth volunteer work in state parks. The award is open to volunteers between 8 - 18 who complete 25 hours or more of pre-approved volunteer service for OPRD. For more information contact the park of your choice or call a Volunteer Coordinator at 1-877-225-9803. 🍪

Programmed for Fun!

By Cassandra Shewmake, Volunteer, Joseph Stewart State Park

"How many of you know the answer to this week's riddle? The riddle is, 'The man who invented it doesn't want it, the man who bought it doesn't need it, the man who needs it doesn't know it.' Well, it looks like we have only one winner this week. Jessica had the correct answer for the riddle. If you'll come forward, Jessica, I have a prize for you."

The riddle above is an example of how we at Joseph Stewart had some fun this past summer. Each week, on park program flyers that list activities, we included a riddle for campers to try to solve. As a volunteer, one of my responsibilities is to come up with extra activities like this for campers of all ages to enjoy. Some other activities include introducing



weekend guest presenters, conducting Junior Ranger programs, leading hikes, bicycle rides, volleyball, frisbee games, snail bicycle races, scavenger hunts and more.

Fred and Lavon Ramsey from Grants Pass formed the volunteer organization called Re-Creation Unlimited 20 years ago. They recruit college students (like me) and adults who are trained by Re-Creation Unlimited and then assigned to various state parks in California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Volunteers work as program hosts for nine weeks during the summer. The college students help obtain sponsors who contribute to a Community Service College Scholarship fund as a part of the program.

How do I feel about my summer "job?" It's both challenging and fun! Joseph Stewart State Park is a beautiful location with great rangers to work with. I'm also enjoying working with the campers and getting acquainted with the various campground hosts.

By the way, the answer to the riddle for those of you who are still reading is a **coffin**. 🍪

Don't forget the water!

By Roy & Ester Conklin, Volunteer Hosts, Goose Lake State Park

Q: What is the most abundant chemical compound on earth that is necessary to all living organisms?

A: Plain, ordinary WATER!

Most health caregivers agree that most Americans don't drink enough water. The human body loses eight to ten cups of water every day, just through normal activity. This information is important to park volunteers. Even picking up litter at a leisurely pace for a couple of hours on a warm day can use up most of your water reserves. Moderate water depletion can cause headaches and fatigue, worsen arthritis and decrease digestive efficiency.



Over an extended period of time, depletion of water can escalate into irritated kidneys and an overworked heart.

Prevention is simple: sip water continuously during volunteer activity. Consumption of water needs to be spread out over the day. Chugging large amounts only causes the body to excrete what it can't use. A good rule of thumb is to begin hydrating before volunteer activity and then plan on half to one cup every twenty minutes. If the activity is strenuous, you might consider a sports drink that contains electrolytes such as sodium and potassium to help the body absorb fluids.

Next time you're ready to begin your volunteer activities, slather on the sunscreen for the outside and then make sure you take along plenty of water for the inside. 🍹

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October to help close up the gift shop. The gift shop is open seven days a week during the spring and summer and is operated by the Friends of Collier State Park and staffed by volunteer hosts from May through October.

Campground hosts are responsible for greeting visitors and answering questions such as "Where is the phone?" or "Where is the bathroom?" or "Where do I pay?" Occasionally, hosts find time to rake pine needles—ha! Some of the hosts devote their time to restoring artifacts in the museum. They can take an item, neglected for years, and make it look new again. Then, they have the pleasure of demonstrating "their" items during special events in the park.

Every year, Father's Day is also celebrated as "Living History Day." It is the highlight of the year for the museum, with equipment demonstrations, chainsaw carving, dancers and folks dressed in period clothing. The pioneer village cabins are open, and local "storytellers" from the community come and recount the past and compare it to today.

So, next time you are driving along Highway 97 around the Chiloquin area and you see a large wagon wheel announcing "Collier Memorial State Park Logging Museum," just look for a large steam tractor at the entrance and stop! You'll be glad you did!

If you are interested in being a part of a great group, contact Barbara Lakey at 541-783-2471. See for yourself just how fun and interesting this place can be. 🍹

From The Mailbox . . .

Dear Oregon State Parks,

I need to write and let you folks know how we feel about Beverly Beach. The park looks great. It gives a wonderful first impression. We were particularly taken with the information sign at the ancient root by the beach, new host signs with shingles, plexiglass holders for flyers, orange squares on the 10 mph signs, new paint, and the clean, mowed and trimmed appearance.

The park staff, both in the booth and the "out and abouts," are courteous and kind, and they all work hard to be very helpful to us as hosts and to park guests. I've noticed that problems are taken care of immediately and in a professional manner. We've been told that people feel safe here.

We personally wish to thank you for seeing to it that our site was not only cleaned up after the electrical project, but that the trenches were taken care of the day after we arrived and then topsoil was spread to keep the dust down and to make it look nice. You spoil us!!

Rachel Andrew [*host coordinator*] has worked hard to come up with a schedule that is not only amicable with the hosts, but is extra efficient for all. We appreciate this.

I am so glad you hired a naturalist (Rebecca Zaklin). The children and parents have particularly expressed their gratitude for the clever and innovative programs, plus, it's exciting to be part of the fun on Wednesday and Thursday. I enjoy sharing the park's wonders with the kids.

Bill and I thoroughly feel appreciation for being a part of your working community.

Barb Moe
Volunteer Host

Friends of Yaquina Lights: Heritage garden yields harvest

By Linda Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator

Fourth and fifth grade students from a Newport elementary school recently harvested their first crop of “heritage” vegetables and flowers from the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse garden. Thanks to an ongoing partnership formed by OPRD’s Mike Rivers and their teacher, the students picked some 135 pounds of fresh produce, a result of plantings made last spring. Lincoln County Food Share was the recipient of the harvest, with the exception of a 39-pound pumpkin that was transported to the teacher’s classroom. Seeds from the pumpkin will be planted in next year’s garden.



Yaquina View Elementary School teachers, students and parents have joined forces with OPRD and the Friends of Yaquina Lights. The cooperative effort has been helping to maintain the lighthouse garden since 1997. Originally planted in 1994, the garden replicates a small garden planted by early lighthouse keepers and their families, partially as source of self-sufficiency. The Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust of San Francisco and an anonymous local source help fund the program.

To see photos of the harvest and the delivery of fresh food to Lincoln County Food Share, visit the the Yaquina Lights, Inc., website: www.yaquinalights.org 🍷

Pioneer Farmstead Day At Champoeg

By Ann Snyder, President-Elect, Friends of Historic Champoeg

More than 800 people enjoyed the afternoon at Champoeg’s first annual Pioneer Farmstead Day on Saturday, September 1. Visitors tried their hands at pioneer crafts and skills such as rope-making, butter churning and wheat processing. They learned about farm life in the 1860s in Oregon. Children made wagon dolls and collection bags to take home and won prizes playing old-time games.

The Donald Manson Farmstead, which includes the restored 1862 barn and Heirloom Garden, was an authentic backdrop for the event. Volunteers and staff in period costume helped visitors step back in time to the days before machines did most of our work. People were welcomed to the event with live music by the Old Time Fiddlers. The Butteville General Store was on hand to serve



up barbecued chicken and ribs. The effort was the work of the Living History Action Group—an *ad hoc* committee of Friends of Historic Champoeg (FHC) board members, garden volunteers and park staff.

“It was a dream come true seeing all those folks enjoying the Farmstead,” said Park Manager Dennis Wiley. “We had no idea this many people would attend, but thanks to the foresight of our volunteers and staff, we were ready for them.” Dennis added that the partnership between Friends of Historic Champoeg and the park to make this event happen is a model on which to build future events.

Pioneer Farmstead Day cost FHC less than \$300 to produce. What we earned in smiling faces, good will and new friends is priceless! 🍷



Volunteer Program Updates, Changes

By Connie Bradley & Linda Lopez, Volunteer Coordinators

A committee of park staff and the two volunteer coordinators are reviewing the final draft of the Volunteer Management Handbook's first revision since it was introduced in February 2000. The updated manual will include sample job descriptions, copies of all the operational policies dealing with volunteers, sample orientation checklists and a new "tips from the field" section. Look for a copy in the mail to each host coordinator and Team Leader by the end of this year.

This was a big project, and it unearthed a need to completely revise the policies and procedures of volunteer supplies and recognition. We are trying to make things easier for park staff to order and receive their items in the most efficient manner possible.

Another related project is revising and updating all the volunteer forms. We have updated every form known to the program! We will be sending each park all volunteer forms on CD, along with a hard copy for your permanent files. For those with access, the updated forms will also be available on the "R" drive. Once you receive the new forms, please destroy all old versions.

Once last change: Jan Braden in Public Services has moved into the role of volunteer program support. We are looking forward to working with Jan on changing some of our procedures to help streamline processes whenever possible. 🍷

A Tribute to Claude Emmert

By Michael Carrier, Director

Last week was marred by the tragic loss of our friend, volunteer and co-worker, Claude Emmert. Claude died in an accident at Silver Falls November 21. Our hearts are heavy over this loss, and our sympathies and thoughts are with his widow, Glenice, and his family. We also feel the sadness of the Silver Falls staff that worked closely with Claude and Glenice for the past 12 years. This unfortunate loss is a poignant reminder of the strong bond that exists between staff and our volunteer corps.

I hardly knew Claude Emmert before his death. However, after talking to Glenice about his life and listening to remarks at the memorial service held for him November 27, I believe I know him much better now. Through all the stories, remembrances and testimonials about Claude, one very clear message emerged about his life. He could not sit still for very long and he channeled that energy toward a life of service. He devoted his life to serving his family, country, church, state and friends.

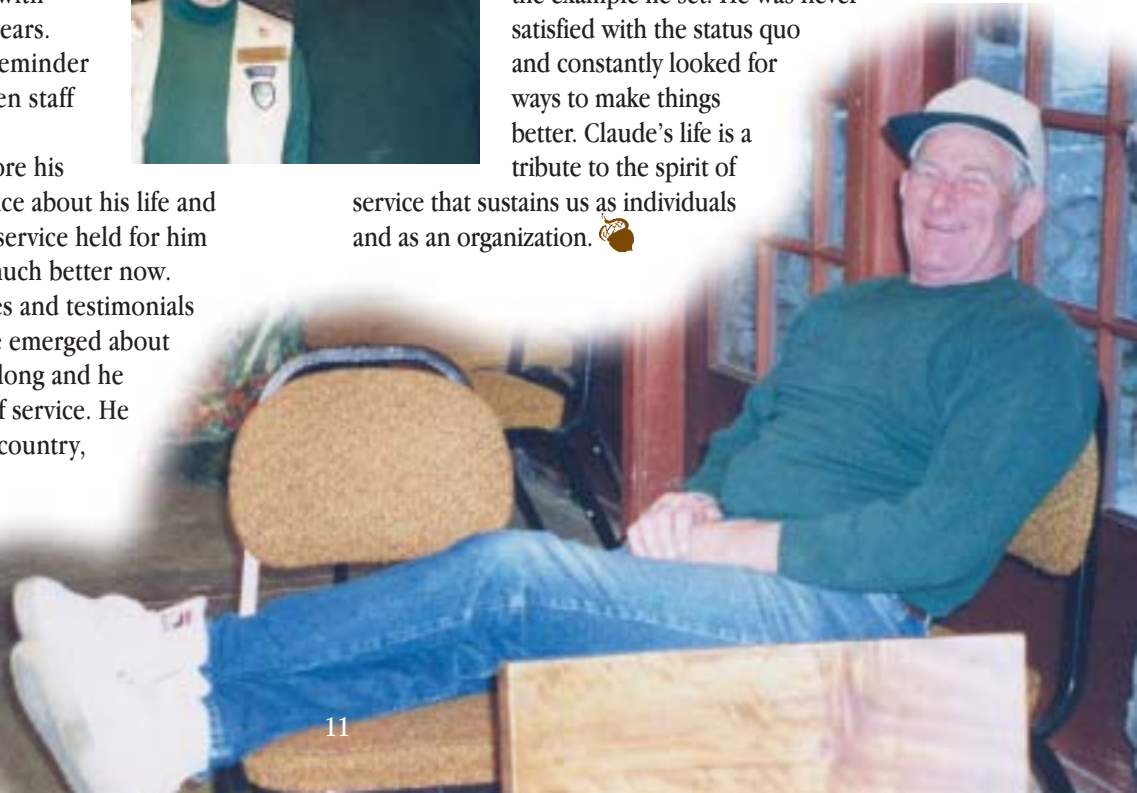
Claude served in the U.S. Air Force. He completed a 25-year career with the Oregon State Police. As a volunteer worker



at Silver Falls during the last 12 years of his life, he did any job that needed to be done and pushed everyone around him to do the same. On seeing what needed to be done, he was the first to pick up a tool and go to work.

We are indebted to Claude Emmert; not only for the work he accomplished, but also for the example he set. He was never satisfied with the status quo and constantly looked for ways to make things better. Claude's life is a tribute to the spirit of

service that sustains us as individuals and as an organization. 🍷



A Call for Whale Watching Volunteers

By Connie Bradley, Volunteer Coordinator

“**W**hale Watching Spoken Here” focuses on migrating gray whales, usually peaking in numbers in late December and March. Mike Rivers, OPRD Team Leader, Alsea Bay Historic Interpretive Center, has been coordinating this outstanding volunteer-driven statewide event since 1993. Mike has been the driving force behind the development and involvement of over 20 different sponsors for the annual event.

Last year was the most popular winter whale watch week in the history of the program. We had over 19,000 visitors at 29 active whale watch sites from December 26 through January 2. Volunteers logged 1,556 gray whale sightings over those eight days and their daily notes reflect a growing enthusiasm about the whales and the many whale watching visitors.

Volunteers interested in helping with the winter or spring whale watch weeks (December 26-January 2 and March 23-30, 2002) are invited to one specialized training session (see next panel). Free camping for training weekends and watch week dates are available for pre-registered volunteers. For more information and a training enrollment form contact Mike Rivers at 541-563-2002 or visit www.whalespoken.org or email Mike at mjriver@teleport.com. 🍌

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SCHEDULE:

DECEMBER 8-9, 2001
Hatfield Marine Science Center
Newport

FEBRUARY 2-3, 2002
University of Oregon Institute of Marine Biology
Charleston

FEBRUARY 9-10, 2002
Best Western Oceanview Resort
Seaside



2001 - 2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2001
Nov 29 - Dec 31 Holiday Lights, Friends of Shore Acres

2002
March 7 - 8 Visitor Services Meeting
April 6 SOLV's Spring Beach Clean-up
April 20 Earth Day
April 21 - 27 National Volunteer Week
April 26 - 28 National Youth Service Days
May 14 - 17 Host Rendezvous/Safety Training
May 18 SOLV's Down-by-the-Riverside Clean-up
June 1 State Parks Day
September Volunteer Recognition Month
October 26 National Make a Difference Day



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