

# COLUMBIA RIVER VOLKSSPORT CLUB



Next meeting May 14, 07 @ Good Samaritan Hospital in the Wistar Morris Room.

7PM get together for socializing

7:30PM meeting

New Members Welcome :)

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## Letter from the Editor

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Hello walkers,

It has been a busy time since the last newsletter.

We met on April 9th for a group walk instead of our monthly meeting. My windshield wipers were on high as I drove to Good Samaritan Hospital to start the group walk. It wasn't looking so great for a 10 km walk through NW Portland in the rain. I was all set to show up and say I'm not doing the walk. There were 8 of us in the lobby. 2 bowed out and 6 of us stepped outside and started walking. The rain just stopped. We had a great time.

I did travel to Arizona to attend a writing workshop given by Natalie Goldberg. The workshop was wonderful and if anyone is a wannabe writer I would highly recommend her books and workshop. She's also a painter. She is probably one of my favorite authors.

While staying in Sedona I did the only YR volkswalk in Sedona and then I did the 2 YR walks in Flagstaff. The route 66 walk went down South San Francisco Street which is where I lived during 1979 through 1983. 2 of the houses I rented were still there but one had been torn down and replaced by the widening of Butler Ave and a little urban strip park.

I did the woodland trails walk in Flagstaff. It followed the Urban Trail System from the Ramada Inn (startpoint) to Fort Tuthill county Park. What I remembered about Flagstaff is still true. Once you step into the forest there are dirt roads and trails that seem to be everywhere begging to be ridden or walked.

From the number of stories I've received from fellow club members we've all been busy walking and traveling this month.

And then there was the Discovery Walk Festival on April 28 and 29th. Many of our members volunteered for the Festival. Romana Paynter was the volunteer coordinator working with over 300 volunteers. Bert Paynter was working the event too. I really want to thank all of the volunteers. The volunteers put in a ton of hours to make this event so successful.

My parents came to the Discovery Walk last year and this year 9 members of the club they're in (Rogue Valley Walkers) participated in the event. I think they all plan to do it again next year. They are a fun group of people to be around.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. Maybe it will inspire you to travel or write about your next great adventure.

If you have any submissions please contact me at [scoutpjwriter@msn.com](mailto:scoutpjwriter@msn.com)  
Pat



Picture I took from the Uptown Sedona volkswalk Az in April 07. PJ

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WE WALK FOR



View towards the San Francisco Peaks from the Woodland volkswalk in Flagstaff Arizona. PJ



(Submitted by Dick Koonce)

(Above picture on the right is a plaque where the four counties meet.)

Early in April Eric Glosenger and I hiked to a really unique place. It is unique because it is the only place in Oregon where four counties meet. A person can stand in four counties at one time.

The trail begins at a pull-off off Highway 26 at about mile post 40. The trail follows a creek back into the forest for 3/4 of a mile to a marble plaque set into the rocky ground. For geocachers, there are 2 geocaches at this location.

There are numerous trails in the Tillamook Forest but this one is unique.

The four counties are Washington, Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook.



(Submitted by Karen Kelly)

Joe & I took a 5 day trip up to Mid and Eastern Washington at the end of April for the 4+ Fool Hardy walk/hike up Steamboat Rock (4+) and another less difficult event in that same area (3).

Friday we stopped in Kennewick for the YRE then continued our journey on to Grand Coulee (some beautiful scenery along the way) where I booked us a room at the Grand Coulee/Center City Inn. When we got there, it was about 9:00 pm at night and we were ready to get some rest for our big event the next morning. We opened the door to our room and it was about an 8x9 room filled with a queen size bed and 1 end table. The TV was mounted on the wall (because there was no other place for it). Oh, yes, there was a bathroom with a shower too. We had to take turns going from one spot to the other and we found the light switch to the bathroom over our bed (hmmmm).

Saturday, we met up with Bob and Becky Forsythe and Sharon Shockley for our trek up Steamboat Rock... The day was fairly nice with a few clouds and some rain. We climbed up loose rock in a couple of places, but once we got to the top, we had spectacular views of the area. We saw a couple of herds of mule deer .

Then we did the other hike into an old homestead area. After we finished our walks there, we drove to Omak (52 miles) for the YRE in town. We ate some good Mexican food and then back to our closet room.

Sunday, we decided to go to Davenport and discovered the pharmacy was closed (startpoint for the walk) so we went to do the Ritzville YRE. I've always liked Ritzville, there's so much history there. On to Pullman for the YRE. We then went to Lewiston/Clarkston. Walked in Lewiston and spent the night in Clarkston at the Motel 6. There were an unusual amount of dogs there and we discovered there was a big dog show in

town. We didn't sleep very well that night. Talking and motors running all night long. In the morning we did most of the YRE but needed to get going to Enterprise Oregon. We took hwy 129 over the Wallowa Mountains What a beautiful area.

Monday we were in Enterprise Oregon. Enterprise sits in a valley surrounded by the Wallowa Mountains. We did the YRE with great views of the mountains and a visit to the Forestry Center and Museum. We then drove to Baker City to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center for that YRE. It was a very nice day, Joe and I visited the center and did the Oregon Trails walk. It gives you a wonderful perspective to be able to walk in the foot-steps/wagon ruts of the pioneers. What a tough way to go.

We spent the night in Baker City before we drove to LaGrande. While in LaGrande, we were told by Bob and Becky about this great little 50s ice cream parlor. They have the best milk shakes. The name of the place is Hought's. Becky was right...the first milk shakes Joe and I have had in many, many years. We loved it even though we were a little sorry later.

On our way home, we stopped in Pendleton for the new YRE. The day was warm with blue skies. We walked the walk along the river walkway. We visited the RR museum along the way. It's amazing the history in the eastern part of our state.

We were tired and glad to be home but what a wonderful trip.

(Submitted by Eric Glosenger)

We left Washington, DC for home on the day they received close to 2 inches of rain. Fortunately, that was the only day it rained during our visit to the area. It was cool and windy while we were there.

We stayed in Alexandria and rode our hotel shuttle to the Metro (the best way to travel). We spent the whole day walking, looking and learning. The cherry blossoms were out and I was able to take my coat off in the afternoon.

It would have been easy to spend a lot more time in Alexandria but we had plans to visit Harper's Ferry the next day. It was the start of the driving portion of our trip.

On the way down to Charleston, WV we stopped at Manassas to walk around the battlefield. A ranger who once lived in Charleston wanted to know why we wanted to go to Charleston since there was nothing to see. I told her I wanted to see and walk in the capitol. She shrugged.

The capitol is quite impressive as it sits near the Kanawha River (Ka naw'). On the way to Harrisburg, PA we stopped to spend a couple of days at Gettysburg. It was really something to stand at the 'High Water Mark' where Pickett's Charge finally was halted, then look back at the broad expanse of field they walked across. The following day we looked at the same field from the other side and I couldn't imagine being willing to walk across that open field in the face of all that fire. Impressive.

From there it was on to Harrisburg and Lancaster, PA. Of course, there was a stop at Hershey, PA. I've never seen so much chocolate in my life. One could gain weight just standing around sniffing. After Hershey it was on to the Amish country and Intercourse, PA. We were surprised at how fast those buggies move along the roads. We even saw one buggy with turn signals mounted on the front. On the back roads to Dover, DE we passed by Three Mile Island. It was really nice to drive through the countryside with the added bonus of not needing a nightlight at the end of the day.

The capitol of Dover, DE does not draw attention due to its size. It's the smallest and least intimidating of the capitols we've seen. Lou couldn't go inside because she had no ID. From there it was on to Annapolis, MD. Since there is no direct route, we again took back roads and enjoyed seeing the countryside of the central DE valley. Annapolis has a rather small capitol building but the old town was an easy place to spend time in. From there it was back to Alexandria which has an interesting old part of town. We even saw the area of the ancestral home of our own Dick Koonce. He must have had a good time running around the hills and woods of the area as he grew up. Even though our trip was during a period of unseasonably cool weather we agreed it was better than the heat, humidity and crowds of summer.

Jackson Bottom Walk: June 10 is the date of the club Pre-walk.

This is a chance for the workers of the walk to get to see the route and check out the area. It's a fun opportunity to get to meet members and walk.

We're looking for new members to work the walk along with old members. This is a great way to gain experience in working at events. And it's fun.

**Don't forget the next meeting is Monday May 14th at 7:30 PM. 7 PM for a social time before the meeting. New people are always welcome too.**