

Retirees newsletter

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Retirees' 2002 Northwest Retreat

by Ken Bielman

Forty-six people attended our fourth retirees retreat held in Eastern Oregon September 5 - 8, 2002. For those of us fortunate enough to attend, it was a supercalifragilistic experience! Arlen Borgen, a native of the Baker City area, spearheaded the event with assistance from several fellow retirees and Judy Mueller/CVO, who provided the important logistics support. As extra guides and helpers, Arlen also enlisted the help of his daughter, Heather (Seattle); and from the Baker City area, his sister, Marilyn (County Nurse), nephew Kerry and his wife, Kari, and their two daughters. Kari is the publisher of the local daily newspaper.

Our welcoming dinner Thursday evening and farewell breakfast on Sunday morning were held at the historic, ornate and newly restored Geiser Grand Hotel in Baker City, an establishment that in former years had a reputation for activities not appropriate for a lady to talk about. (Gracious!) Between those two events, our time was chockfull of sightseeing in the Wallowa and Blue Mountains. So we could share camaraderie on these explorations, Arlen arranged for a comfortable tour bus with driver. Among other sites, we visited the Oregon Trail and Hells Canyon Interpretive Centers; Oxbow Dam Park; the Old West cattle town of Halfway; Hells Canyon Dam; Snake River Canyon; Anthony Lakes ski/camping area; the historic ghost town of Granite; and the gigantic gold dredge at Sumpter. We even took a ride on the steam driven, narrow gauge railway that skirts the river rock tailings of the dredge.

Of course, one can't be expected to do all that touring and breathe all that fresh air without gaining hearty appetites! We enjoyed breakfast at the Anthony Lakes Ski Lodge, a box lunch (set up by Arlen's relatives) at Oxbow Dam Park on the banks of the Snake, and a Western dinner at the Haines Steak House in (where else?) Haines, OR. Our most memorable meal, however, was the fantastic BBQ we enjoyed under the pine trees in Kari and Kerry Borgen's wooded yard. We not only *chowed-down* on

perfectly done steaks, but we left few leftovers in the salad bowls, baked bean casseroles, potato foils, and pie and cake tins. After our meal, we were treated to a short discourse on and demonstration of timber handling and processing by Kerry, who sawed a sizable log into boards using his one-operator portable sawmill. When we left Baker City that morning, it was 27 degrees. Brrr! At two PM it was 80-ish. Pant, pant! On return to Baker City it was '40-ish. Brrr! Many of us had forgotten just how many stars, are visible when not dimmed by city lights. It was a time to remember.

So, who attended our get together? Besides the retirees and spouses in the Northwest region, there were:

Ken and Shirley Wengler from Florida. Leroy and Velma Taylor from Arizona (Roy retired from BOI) Jerry and Kullaya Knapp, Dick and Mary Morgan, and Harry and Adrienne Young from California and, Warren and Chloe Edgley from Alaska. On the next page are some pictures taken by "staff photographer," Judy Mueller, and others. These photos were picked at random. Those of you who receive the CH2M HILL HILL newsletter, "Unlimited," can see these pictures in color. Our Webmaster, Gus Pantazi, has put together more detailed information about the retreat. If interested, check the CH2M HILL HILL Website at <http://www.alumni.ch2m.com/retreat>.

Ver-r-r-y INTERESTING

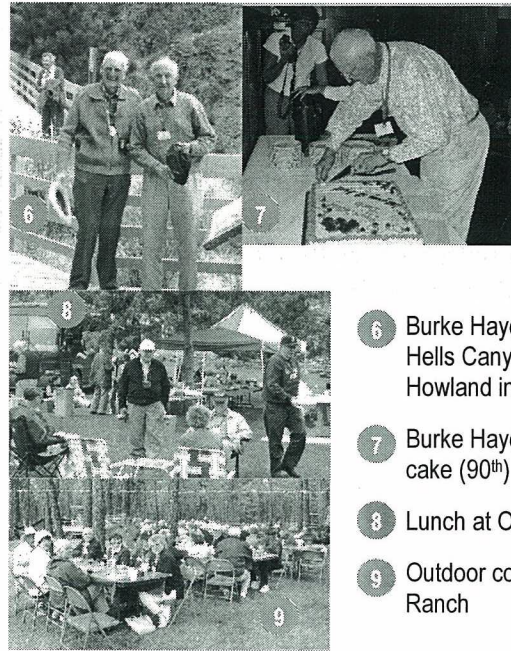
An unquotable quote found in the "body" of an engineer's out-of-date resume, "While with the Washington State Highway Department, he worked on the designing and drafting of the new *brides*." Penciled lightly in the margin: "Boy, how do you get a job like that???"



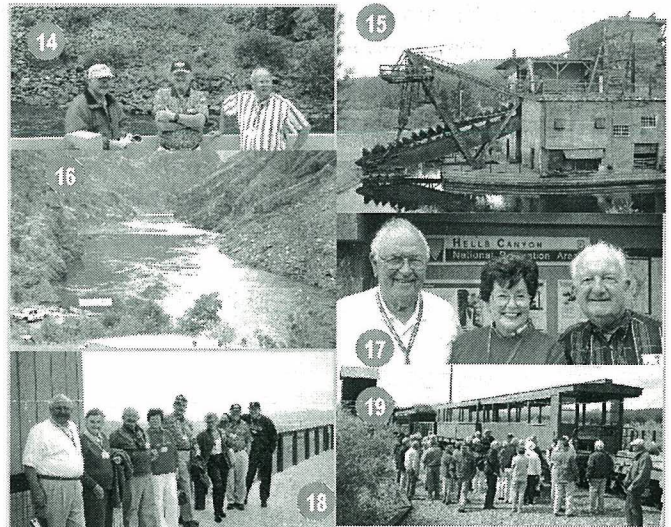
- 1 Burke Hayes and Bill Waters chat with Harry & Adrienne Young
- 2 Lunch at Oxbow park
- 3 Breakfast for Gus Pantazi, Arlen Borgen, and Judy Mueller
- 4 Judy Mueller and Arlen Borgen raiding the doughnut box.
- 5 Picknickers Bill Avolio, Earl Reynolds, Marilyn Avolio, and Sue Silkworth



- 10 Kerry Borgen explaining the fine points of lumbering
- 11 Don & Bennie Daly at Oxbow park
- 12 Mary Adams and Dorrie Harem enjoying picnic lunch
- 13 Bill & Marilyn Avolio, Earl Reynolds, and Jim Howland check out covered wagon supplies in the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center



- 6 Burke Hayes and Jim Howland at Hells Canyon Overlook. Ruth Howland in the background
- 7 Burke Hayes cutting into his birthday cake (90th)
- 8 Lunch at Oxbow park
- 9 Outdoor cookout at the Borgen Ranch



- 14 Don Daly, Arlen Borgen, and Roy Taylor at Hells Canyon Overlook
- 15 The historical gold dredge at Sumpter, OR
- 16 A great view of the Snake River
- 17 Ken & Julie Bielman and Early Reynolds at Hells Canyon Dam
- 18 A group enjoying togetherness at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center entrance
- 19 Getting ready to board the Choo-choo at Sumpter

Burke Hayes Returns to Dredge

by Jim Howland

It was 50 years ago that Burke first set foot on the gold dredge at Sumpter, Oregon, one of the interesting stops on the Retirees Tours in connection with the retreat last September. For those of you that have not seen a gold dredge of this type they are awesome things; three stories high and a couple of hundred feet long. They float in a pond they usually create that moves along with them as they work slowly up a gravel filled valley. In the front is a massive endless chain bucket arrangement that brings up the rocks and, hopefully, the gold. In the back is a conveyor that deposits the gravel in ugly hummocks. In between is all sorts of clanking machinery, and a very secure room where the gold is kept and packaged.

In the 1950s Burke was heading the appraisal work the firm was doing for the power company serving the dredge. The dredge company was suing the power company for furnishing low voltage electricity. The power company asked Burke to see what he could figure out that would help them. First he observed that the critical motors were synchronous, thus the voltage had limited effect on the speed. Between the power company officials and Burke they thought maybe the dredge company was not selling all the gold they produced to the U.S. Government at a fixed low price which was then the law. In the trial the dredge company president was on the stand, and was asked about where they sold their gold. A recess was called, and the dredge people withdrew the suit.

The dredge is now a State Park and no longer runs. The State had recently recovered some of the motors and Burke was able to tell them where they should be located. This was greatly appreciated by the Parks people.

Remember Baker City Retreat

by Bob Adams

Hard to beat the combination of good travel scenery, historic information, barbecue, and other good food. The bus travel kept us together to renew acquaintances and fellow workers from the "old" days. The "weather" was well planned and accommodations fun. I'm sure we would enjoy similar kinds of things "California" style.

Looking Forward to Retreat 2004



The next retirees retreat will be hosted by the Southwest region. Bob Harding has volunteered to head the task of organizing and planning this reunion. Preliminary information is available now.

Dates: Last week of September or the first week of October 2004. Two full days of programs plus one day for arrival and one day for departure.

Location: Base of gathering will be Redding.

Golfing: Either on the day of arrival or on the day of departure.

Sightseeing and Visits: May include a tour of Shasta Dam and Powerhouse, Shasta Lake Caverns, Sierra Pacific Industries headquarters and state-of-the-art sawmill, Turtle Bay museum, and a new-staid cable pedestrian bridge over the Sacramento River, Lassen National Park, and if you're in the mood to do a little gambling, the Win-River Casino is only a few miles south of City Hall.

Please send your suggestions, offers to help, and other comments to Bob at 8706 Knobhill Circle, Redding, CA 96001, or e-mail to HRDH70@aol.com.

North Carolina Retirement

by Fred Berry

I was recently talking with Jim Howland about how we could get more retirees involved in the retiree outings, particularly those that have not retired in the West. After discussing a number of ideas we were unable to come up with any really great ideas, however, we felt that a starting point for maybe getting more involvement from those outside of the West might be to have some articles about the East Coast. Thus, I volunteered to write about Bonnie and I selecting a retirement location on the East Coast.

At the time of my retirement in 2001 I was working in the CH2M HILL Denver office but Bonnie and I did not want to retire in Denver because of the long winters (both of us like to play golf). However, we still wanted to enjoy the change of seasons and to be able to play golf most of the year. We had family on the East Coast from Florida to New York, so our search for a retirement location primarily centered on the East Coast. We ended up selecting the North Carolina town of Pinehurst.

Why Pinehurst? After having spent most of our adult life in large metropolitan areas (Houston and Denver) we were looking for more of a small town

that was near a large metro area, Raleigh is just an hour north of Pinehurst. We were also looking for a golfing area, which Pinehurst is with 30 courses within 15 minutes, and an area that had other retirees but was not totally a retiree area. The other key consideration was medical facilities. The Moore County Regional Hospital located in Pinehurst is a 400-bed hospital with 160 physicians and a profession staff of 2,600.

Bonnie and I selected Pinewild a golfing community in Pinehurst to build our home. Pinewild provided us with what we were looking for in a retirement area. This included: large wooded lots, we have an acre and half; good golf, we have two 18 hole courses, a 9 hole par 3 course and 3 practice holes; and an active golf community that would make it easy for us to meet people. After having lived in Pinewild for 2 years it has lived up to all we had hope for and then some.

The gem of living in this area is the Village of Pinehurst, current population 8,400. James Tufts a New Englander purchased land in what is now Pinehurst in the late 1800's with the idea of establishing a health resort. To this end in 1895 he commissioned Frederic Law Olmstead, the designer of such notable landmarks as Central Park, Biltmore Estate, Stanford University, Tufts University, Berkley University and Amherst College to layout the Village of Pinehurst. The result is a village that is reminiscent of a quaint New England town with winding tree-lined streets that has not change in over 100 years.

Pinehurst quickly moved from a place where people came to escape the harsh New England winters to ride horses and to pursuit other outdoor activities to a golf resort. Today, Pinehurst is considered one of the top golfing destinations in the world with a rich golf tradition including a number of courses rated in the top 50 in America. An indication of the tradition is that Pinehurst recently has played host to 2 US Women's Opens (1997 and 2001) and a US Men's Open in 1999. The Men's Open will return in 2005 and the Women's in 2008.

We have found that by living on the East Coast we can get to most places by driving. This is particularly a nice change from Denver where most of our trips required flying. Since moving here we find that car trips can be relaxing, informative and nearly as fast as air travel. The East Coast also

allows me to easily pursue another interest, the study of the Civil War with many battlefields within an easy drive.

It is also great to see that CH2M HILL continues to do well and expand its operations on the East Coast. For example, last week in the Raleigh paper there was a nice article about a study that we had completed on the Raleigh wastewater treatment plant. Maybe, one of these days we will have as many retirees on the East Coast as the West Coast. If any of you are traveling to this area please call us we would love to see you and show you around.

Welcome New Retirees 2002

(Note this list is for new retirees who are receiving retirement benefits)

Mike Anglea	Phillip T. Leech
Arline Beaumont	Frances E. MacPhail
Patsy O. Bigelow	Claire McDonald
Bob Charley	Wayne Earl McGhee
Gale L. Clemensen	Charlotte Misna
Odes Clements	Thomas W. Morris
Horace D. Crider	Paul Otter
Virgil N. David	John I. Parr
JoAnn E. Donovan	Harriet Plehn
Glenn Dukes	James E. Reichwein
Jerry W. Eggleston	Richard S. Reid
Dick Foster	Robert E. Richie
Jackson E. Freels	Larry P. Robinson
Curtis Fritts	John F. Ross
Edward F. Geiser	Sally Ruthstrom
Charles Hand	James Sparks
Raymond Hanson	Shirley Stanfield
Wayne Hanson	Shirlie M. Sweeney
Alan T. Hill	Joseph Truluck
Joy Hills	Sandy Ursan
Beverly J. Hoover	Nilo L. Villarin
Barbara G. Johnson	Emmette P. Waite
Judith P. Karle	Judith S. Warren
Herman Kaspereit	Dennis Weeks
Billy J. Kinsey	Judy G. Welch
Alton Lawson	Harry A. Wilburn
Ben Lazaro	Ellis Wood
Kathryn M. Lea	Roger A. Yorton
	Dallas W. Young, Jr.

In Memory

Francis Mlsna	Anna Kincaid
Finn Molvig	Myron King
Clare (Mrs. John) Shackelford	Maurice Manning
Oscar Frial	Steffen Plehn
Anton Groh	Judith Warren
	Robert H. Johnson