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What it is . . .

Welcome! We are happy to report that The Mythical State of Jefferson is most definitely alive and well. We bring you stories, up-coming events, history and spotlight articles on the Mom & Pop Shoppes, businesses, artists, musicians, inns, eateries, recreational opportunities and community organizations proudly operating here in the Heart of The State of Jefferson: Rugged & Beautiful Siskiyou County.

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HISTORY OF YREKA

Yreka's Carnegie Library - 1915

by Claudia A. East

Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California. Feel free to read and follow Claudia on her blog at: <http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com>. -Editor 



Pictured above is the former Carnegie Library that served Yreka for 55 years. Currently this fine building is home to the Yreka Police Department. However, other than the signage out front, the exterior of the structure looks just like this historic image. An addition was made to the rear of the building in later years, sometime after 1939, but the architectural style was kept intact. This wonderful building has stood in the same place since 1915 - at 415 Miner Street.

The Carnegie Library "story" is an interesting one if you aren't familiar with Andrew Carnegie (1835 – 1919) and his magnificent gifts to the American people. Carnegie emigrated from Scotland with his parents as a small child and is often regarded as the quintessential self-made man; he was one of the richest men in the world at the height of his success. He built Pittsburgh's Carnegie Steel Company along with several other steel companies. As a child he learned to love to read and became self-educated because he was able to borrow books. This eventually lead him into one of his many interests in philanthropy and education. One of his notable projects was providing grants to cities (often focusing on smaller communities) for library buildings. His grants were clever in many ways, they not only provided money for the buildings but part of the grant requirements were that the city or community had to submit or earn a portion of the money needed, as in purchasing the land and books, etc. It gave the communities a great resource and the incentive to make it work!

According to information from the files of the Siskiyou County Library, on March 14, 1913, a letter with a promise of \$8,000, from the Carnegie Corporation to pay for a building to house a public library was received in Yreka. In June of 1913 the City of Yreka acquired property on Miner Street for this new library. The Yreka Improvement Club donated \$100 to be applied to the purchase of the lot, at a later time the Yreka Improvement Club donated additional



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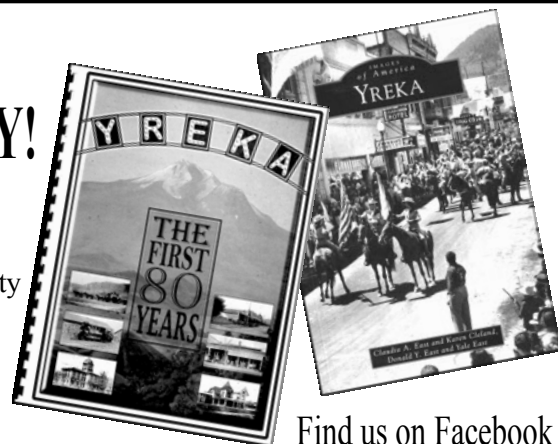
funds. Many of these local funds were raised by giving dances, card parties and the like. It is noted in this information that on October 21, 1915 the Grand Opening of the Yreka Carnegie Library occurred.

It may be of interest to note that this Carnegie Library was not Yreka's only library! There were several early libraries, including the Yreka Ladies' Library Association in 1857, and the Siskiyou County Library established around 1910. For many years there were two libraries serving the community. The Siskiyou County Library and the Yreka Carnegie Library were merged (by consolidation agreement) into one institution officially in 1968.

There is a copy of the 1915 photo (on Pg 2 top right) in our *Yreka, Images of America* book on Pg 63, and another on Pg 124 showing the building in the background during a drill exercise of the 10th Regiment of the California State Guard in 1942. There are also photos of the Siskiyou County Library on Pgs 64, 65 and 66 in the book as well. ♦

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Discovering The State of Jefferson

Historic Jacksonville, Oregon by Gail L. Jenner

Follow along with Gail each month and enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas found scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

-Editor 



In 1966, Jacksonville, Oregon was the first town in the United States designated a National Historic Landmark and since then has grown into a tourist and history buff's idyllic destination. Jacksonville's pioneer cemetery is one of the oldest in the Pacific Northwest and contains more than 4000 grave sites. It is still in use.

More than 100 buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Jacksonville Inn, the McCully House Inn, the Beekman House, the U. S. Hotel, and others. The U.S. Hotel housed many notables over the years, including President Rutherford B. Hayes and his wife and General Sherman, in 1880. Other buildings of interest include the Orth Building, the Beekman Bank, Redman's Hall, the Bella Union Saloon, the First Presbyterian Church, and many others.

Jacksonville is also home to the famous Britt Music Festival, which runs from June to September each year. From its location in the Rogue Valley, visitors can also travel to nearby attractions such as Crater Lake National Park, the Oregon Caves, or the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.

The Jacksonville Inn, located in the heart of downtown Jacksonville, Oregon, was built in 1861-1863. An elegant structure that remains the centerfold of Jacksonville's downtown, its interior walls were built of locally quarried sandstone. It has been renovated, but has never lost its Victorian charm, and owners Linda and Jerry Evans are dedicated to preserving its rich and unique history.

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by Gail L. Jenner - continued . . .

townspeople dressed in costume, lights, tree ceremonies and caroling. In addition, the Jacksonville Inn Wine Shop offers more than 2000 wines, which represents the largest collection in the region. It was awarded The "Best of Excellence Award" by Wine Spectator, one of 600 in the world.

The McCully House, located in the heart of Jacksonville, was built in 1860 for Dr. John Wilmer McCully, following the discovery of gold in southern Oregon. Wilmer was Jacksonville's first doctor and later served as Justice of the Peace. Opened officially for business in 1993, today the McCully House Inn provides accommodations, including private baths, for 10 guest rooms and 3 guest suites. Two of the rooms are named for the McCully family and feature beautiful Victorian antiques. The Library Suite has its own private entrance.

A Continental breakfast is included with every reservation and is served in the dining area. The inn also features an art gallery and a garden of more than 85 varieties of Jackson & Perkins roses. ♦

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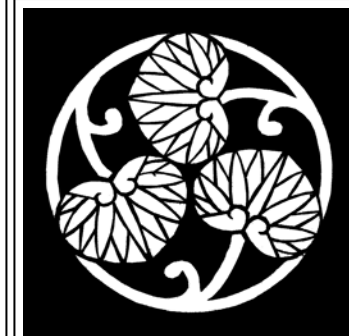
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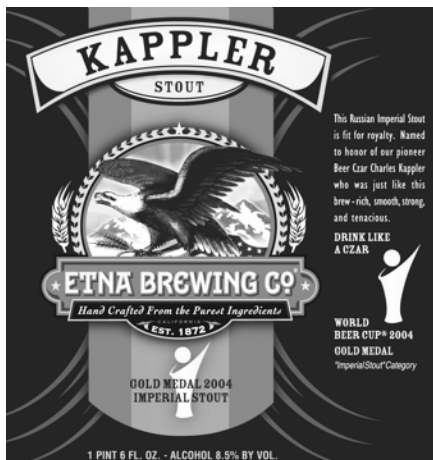
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Dining in Siskiyou

By M. Fain



We have one of the coolest brew pubs in the entire region, conveniently tucked away in our own beautiful town of Etna, California.

Recently, Ralph and I went over for dinner and a beer and boy did we leave there happy! No, officer, we did not leave there "drunk-happy" ha ha, but totally happy and warm with the excellent food, the brews, the music, the atmosphere and the yummy dessert too!

I tried one of their specials of the night: a Reuben sandwich and seriously, never having tried a Reuben sandwich before, I gotta say it was incredible! I love hot pastrami, sauerkraut and melting Swiss cheese anyway, and the way they put it all together with the dressing and the delicious bread, well I will be going back and eating it again!

Ralph tried their Rancho BLT which has a huge pile of perfectly cooked thick bacon, lettuce, tomato, red onion and a special layer of seasoned cream cheese on cracked wheat sourdough bread! Man, as I am writing this I can totally remember how scrumptious it tasted since I, of course, stole a few bites of his sandwich too!

There is something for everyone at Etna Brew Pub, from salads to wraps to chili to sandwiches to burgers. Some of their most incredible meals are their Smokehouse Dinners on Friday and Saturday nights! You get your choice of tri-tip, beef, pork or chicken along with salad, roasted garlic potatoes, house made copper carrots and fresh Bavarian rolls! Absolutely wonderful tasty delicious local food. And beer. (smiling!)

Desserts are all sorts of masterpieces from homemade giant fresh baked cookies, their specialty brownie sundaes, these crazy chocolate cupcakes filled with chocolate ganache and caramel, and something I intend to go back to try ASAP: their Crazy Stout IceCream Float! My goodness, I am drooling. Ooops, don't forget one of the coolest bevs you can enjoy at Etna Brewing is their very own strong old fashioned Root Beer!

And now, I saved the best for last: the Brews! As far as beers go, I always seek out the darker non-bitter Porters, Stouts and Ales while Ralph loves the Hefeweizens and Reds. Etna Brewing Company definitely has something for both of us.

I love bringing our Growler in and having it refilled with their tasty Blackberry Blonde which has a delicious and delicate natural blackberry flavor. (see artwork at top left)

Some beers we have on our list to sample soon are their Kappler Stout, Sno-Wookie and Club Foot.

I learned recently that the Sno-Wookie Stout, a specialty beer brewed for the holidays, is named in honor of a local snowboarder, using real espresso. It will be ready by Christmas for you to enjoy during the holidays! Git over to Etna to grab a taste and enjoy a hearty meal while you're at it!

Thanks Dave and Marilyn Krell who bought the brewery in May of 2001. They started The Pub in July 2001 and it's been growing steadily ever since. This is one of our most favorite State of Jefferson destinations. See for yourself. ☺

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Free Kids Dogsled Rides Day - December 18th

Bundle up the kids and grandkids for an experience they'll never forget. Kids ages 3 to 10 can climb aboard Dogsled Express for a free dogsled ride at the Siskiyou Snowdog Sporting Association's 4th annual Free Kids Dogsled Rides Day, this Dec. 18th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each year, the SSDSA gives around 100 free rides to kids from all spectrums of lifestyles - this exciting, educational opportunity is made possible by the SSDSA volunteers and by Pat Campbell, musher and owner of Dogsled Express, who brings his highly trained sled dogs for the rides.

This year, musher friends Bino Fowler of Sun River, Oregon and Barbara Schaffer of Grass Valley, California will be giving rides with their dog teams to help share the sport with as many kids as possible. Rides are first come first serve. A parent or guardian must be willing to sign the release form, no exceptions.

DIRECTIONS: Travel East on Hwy. 89 to Ski Park Hwy. Take a left onto Ski Park Hwy. and follow the road shortly past the Nordic Center to Dogsled Express - The rides will begin from Dogsled Express between 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, December 18th. Special thanks to the Yreka Kiwanis Club for generously underwriting the expenses of this event along with Dogsled Express Winter Sled Dog Tours.

Plan to buy a T-Shirt or two for Christmas Presents - all proceeds go to the Siskiyou Sled Dog Races to be held on Jan. 22 and 23rd.

For more about the Free Kids Dogsled Rides Day and the Siskiyou Snow Dog Sporting Association or the Siskiyou Sled Dog Races visit www.siskiyousnowdogsports.com or call 530-926-3641, 530-467-3009 or 530-598-0466.



Photo by John Diehm



Siskiyou Sled Dog Races - Jan. 22 & 23, 2011

The Siskiyou Snow Dog Sporting Association invites you to gather family and friends and head to the winter wonderland at their 4th annual Siskiyou Sled Dog Races on January 22 and 23rd, 2011. Enjoy an exciting two days of sled dog racing events and, musher demonstrations. Teams from across the continent and Alaska will compete both days in a variety of categories from the 27 mile open-class race with teams of twelve dogs or more, to the eight-dog, six-dog, and four-dog team sprint races, plus skijor races (skiers pulled by dogs).

Free Parking. The Lake Shastina / Weed Kiwanis Club will be offering hot food, beverages and snacks both days. 2011 Race T-Shirts will be available along with shirts from past events will be available at the warming hut. Musher demonstrations will be held each day.

For complete race weekend event information, the racing schedule, musher bios and photos of past events, and more, visit www.siskiyousnowdogsports.com or call 530-926-3641, 530-467-3009 or 530-598-0466.

Siskiyou Sled Dog Races are project of the SSDSA, a federally recognized non-profit organization. The races are held under a Special Use Permit from the U.S. Forest Service on a non-discriminatory basis.

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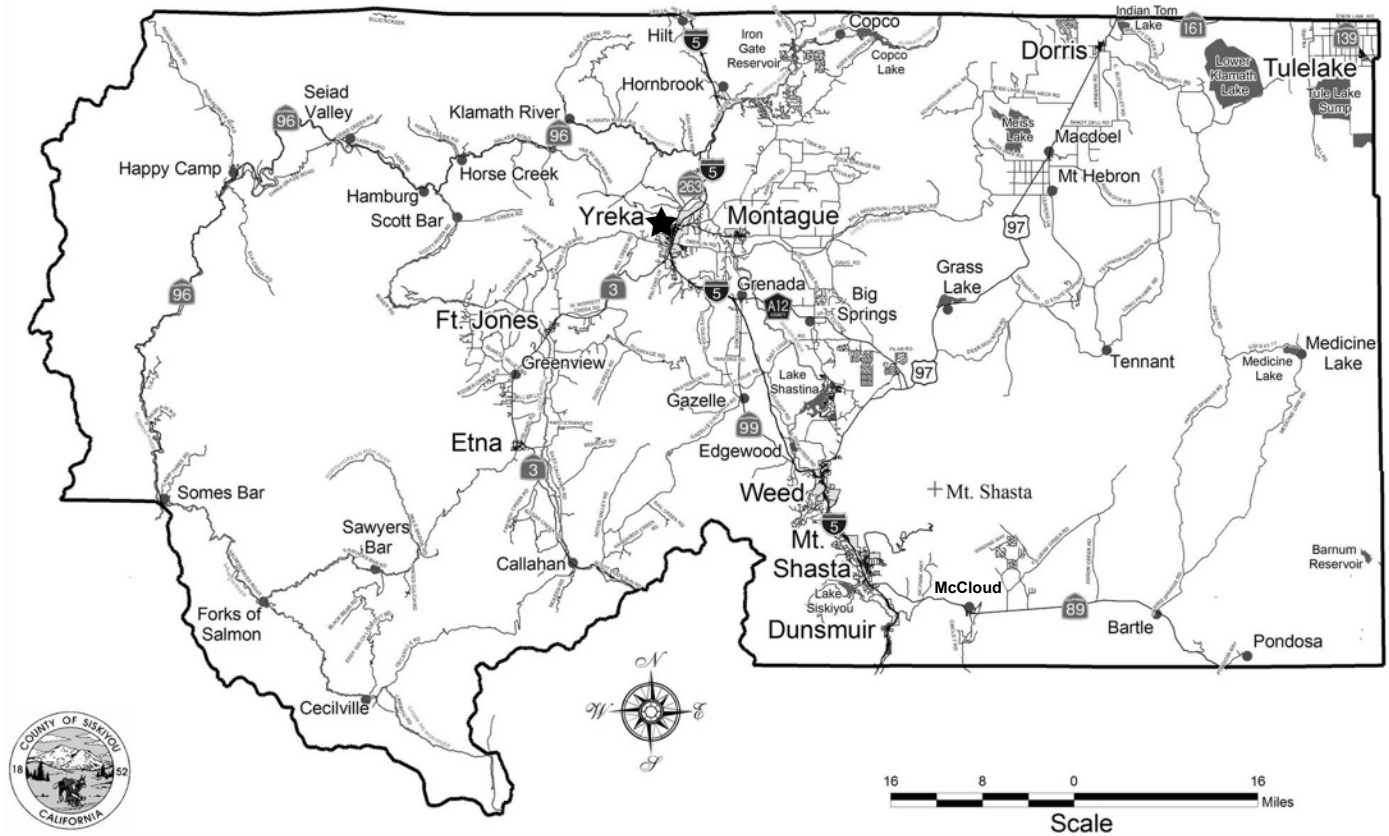
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Brookings, OR	301	295	103	138	83	338	289	276	312	205	186	3106	224	127	344	431	226	342	176
Coffee Creek, CA	172	197	132	106	289	268	144	131	147	39	59	2834	81	119	391	285	136	177	68
Crater Lake, OR	161	159	255	91	186	105	155	202	270	158	133	2949	151	79	247	332	89	299	130
Dunsmuir, CA	93	148	194	85	262	226	81	67	124	68	37	3069	16	96	368	222	95	155	46
Fort Bragg, CA	334	374	141	340	326	509	322	284	183	302	319	3308	299	329	547	318	378	130	328
Fort Jones, CA	154	194	182	58	234	238	127	113	181	11	23	3102	62	69	341	269	107	212	18
Greenview, CA	159	199	178	62	239	242	132	118	186	7	28	3107	67	73	345	273	111	217	22
Happy Camp, CA	196	251	122	97	192	280	184	170	238	72	81	3079	119	104	318	326	164	274	70
Hornbrook, CA	140	170	191	29	202	210	128	115	183	44	25	3071	452	37	309	270	98	214	15
Klamath Falls, OR	102	100	263	64	241	138	95	143	211	112	77	2982	91	76	279	271	29	242	81
Lakeview, OR	93	53	338	160	342	175	106	144	259	208	173	2999	186	172	350	226	124	298	183
Montague, CA	123	178	198	49	221	220	111	97	165	35	6	3090	46	56	328	253	89	197	7
Mt. Shasta, CA	89	144	201	81	253	217	77	64	132	59	28	3061	12	88	360	219	86	163	37
Redding, CA	104	143	140	140	312	277	91	53	73	120	88	3121	68	148	420	199	147	104	97
San Francisco, CA	319	359	280	356	464	493	305	267	171	337	303	3527	284	363	636	218	361	114	312
Seattle, WA	554	552	580	458	420	329	546	596	664	525	506	2590	545	446	173	720	479	695	496
Weaverville, CA	148	189	96	148	277	305	137	99	118	129	96	3149	112	155	428	242	191	148	105
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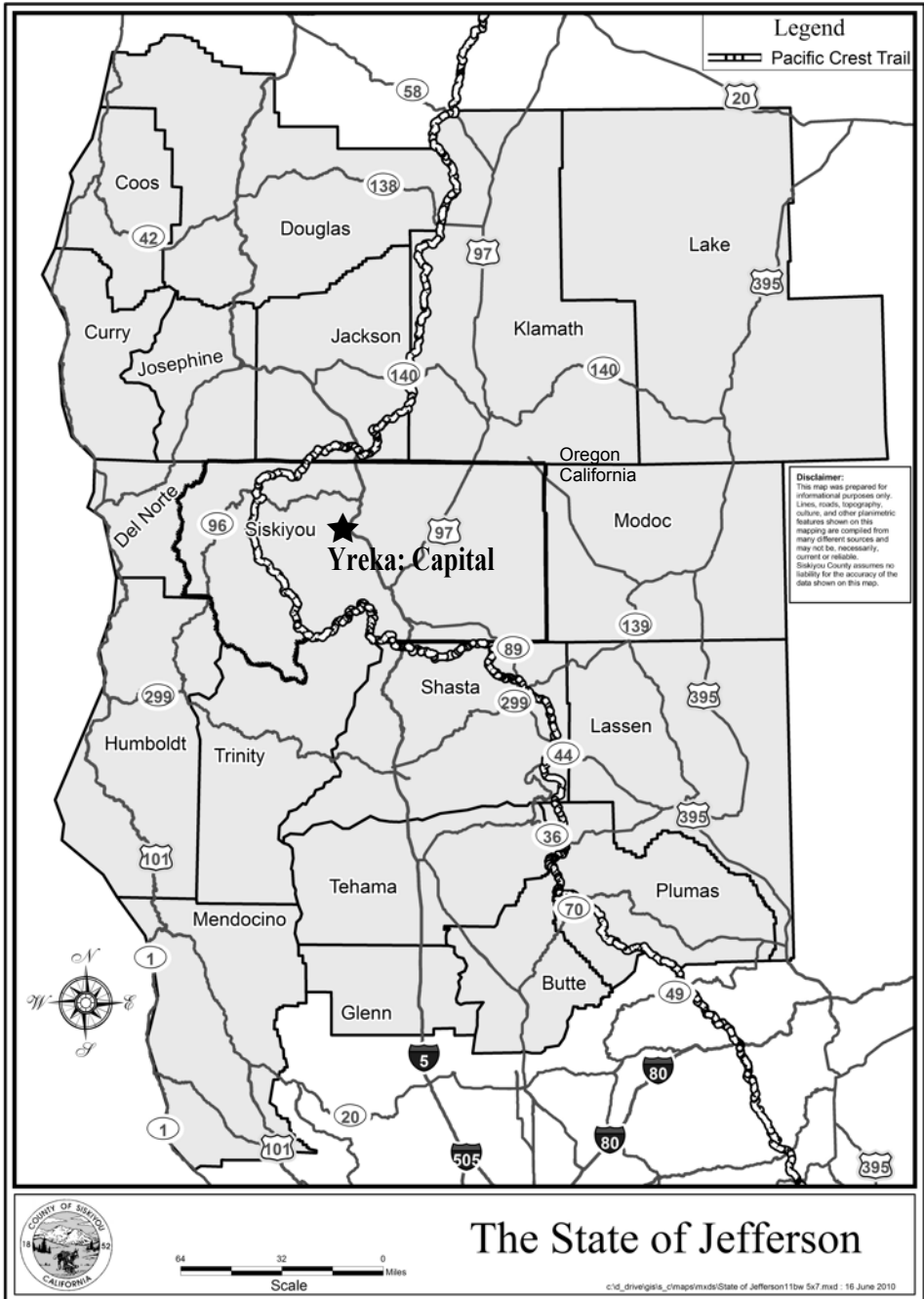
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Fort Jones Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, Parade, and Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday December 11.

Pancake Breakfast will be held from 7 to 11 am. The Parade will be taking place at 1 pm, on Main Street, Fort Jones. The Fort Jones Christmas Craft Fair, going on from 9:30 am to 4 pm, will be held at the Scott Valley Junior High School. Lots of unique hand-crafted gift items available, as well as specialty food items. Call Marble Rim Gallery 468-5442 for more info.

Snow Ball Dinner and Dance, McCloud December 11, Dinner at 7 pm, hors d'oeuvres at 6 pm. Cost \$30. Place: McCloud Mercantile Hotel on Main Street. Call McCloud Chamber at 964-3113 for more info.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS Concert with John Doan, Harp Guitarist on Sunday December 12 at 3 pm in Etna, California. Please see AD on Page 15. Call 530-467-5815 for more info.

McCloud's Olde Fashioned Christmas, December 18, Main Street, McCloud. Caroling, open houses, special entertainment and more. Call McCloud Chamber for more info: 964-3113.

Free Kids Dog Sled Rides Day, Sat. Dec. 18 from 11 am-2 pm. Bring your kids ages 3 years to 10 years to Dogsled Express Tours Trailhead at Ski Park Highway, 1/4 mile below the Mt. Shasta Ski Park parking lot for a free sled dog ride. See Article on Page 7 for more info and contacts.

Santa Stops at Mt. Shasta City, Saturday Dec. 18, 5:30-8:30 pm, Mt. Shasta City Hall. Santa and his elves will surprise all the children throughout the city limits. Santa will be passing out chocolate marshmallow Santas to all! Call Mt. Shasta Chamber for info at 926-4865.

Wayside Grill New Years Eve Party, Friday December 31, in Mt. Shasta City. Please see AD at left on this page.

Mt. Shasta Ski Park New Years Eve Party, Friday December 31, Skiing until midnight, fireworks, torchlight parade, live music and more! Call 530-926-8610 for info.

2011 Siskiyou Sled Dog Races, Jan 22-23, 2011. Please see Article on Page 7 and AD on Page 13 for all the facts and information on this amazing fun Winter Event!

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Watershed--Part 2

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(In Part 1, Barbara and I decided to backpack into Taylor and Paynes Lakes in the Russian Wilderness, despite my recent open-heart surgery.)

Beyond Etna Summit the Sawyers Bar Road began its long, sinuous descent toward the Salmon River. We watched for the turnoff to Taylor Lake on our left. In no more than a half mile we encountered a narrow, single-lane gravel road slashing steeply up the brushy mountainside.

Encroaching branches squealed against the van until the forest opened. The path started steep and grew steeper. After crawling through the first few curves, the road improved, with asphalt laid down in the steepest segments to prevent spinning wheels and erosion. It was obviously a well-traveled route. In two miles, at a steep hairpin turn, we arrived at the Taylor Lake trailhead (N 41° 22' 04.4", W 122° 58' 29.0", 6444 feet). It sported new asphalt with freshly striped parking slots. Bulldozed into the hillside were an information kiosk, a picnic table, and a pit toilet, complete with a blue-lined handicapped tow-away zone. Very modern.

The half-mile trail into Taylor Lake was wide and smooth enough for a wheelchair. It contoured through a fir forest above Taylor Creek, gaining only 150 feet, and petered out at a rather shabby campsite behind a thick screen of shoreline alders, willows, and azaleas. We set up camp there for the night (N 41° 21' 50.0", W 122° 58' 14.2", 6601 feet).

Taylor Lake is a lovely alpine lake, long and narrow, filling a rough granite cirque. Manzanita grows on the upper slopes, and pockets of tall timber try to climb out of the basin. It was a splendid destination, particularly in light of the short hike in.

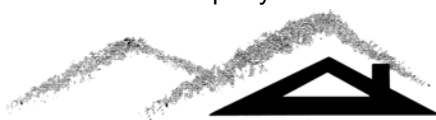
We began our hike out of Taylor Lake basin at ten the following morning and soon found a use trail meandering up the ledges of bedrock and scree toward a prominent cleft in the eastern wall. The steep arroyo looming above us looked to be a reasonable route up to the ridge and the PCT. The scramble up the canyon was steep and scary in places, but easier than attempting to pierce the thick manzanita that bearded the sheer cliff face. A maze of tracks crossed and recrossed the loose rock and talus, which seemed to be tumbling down in frozen motion. We became a part of the geological process. One step forward, place weight on the upper foot, then drag the talus and

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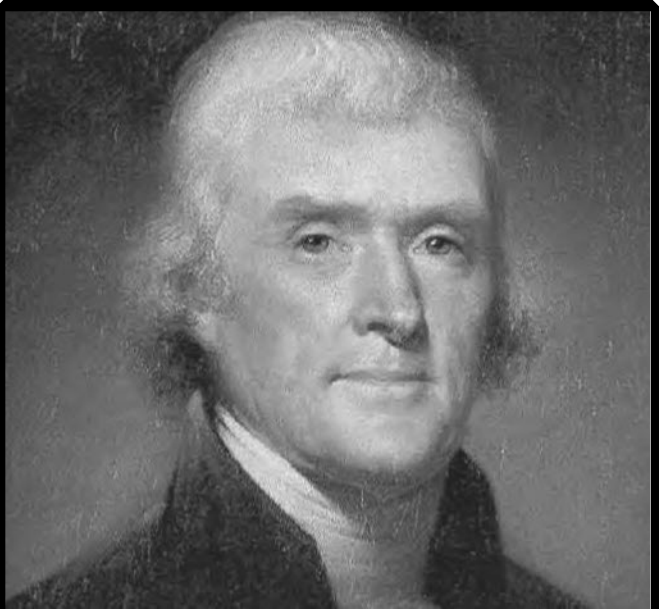


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Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the “second half” or “northern mines” of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states. Moreover, the region was easily overlooked after the gold rush, since it continued to be less populated and more rural than the remainder of the two states.

Because the people who have settled along the northern boundary of California and the southern boundary of Oregon have always been of an independent nature, it seems fitting that this region has attempted, on numerous occasions, to create a new state, not just in name or principle, but in reality as well.

Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries. It's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of the region called The State of Jefferson.

Much is taking place with regard to the State of Jefferson as a destination for tourists. More and more communities are realizing and embracing the history and fun associated with the whole delightful and meaningful concept .

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Siskiyou County is one of those places where almost anywhere you look, it's gorgeous. Heck, that's why we live here, yes? Siskiyou County is also one of those places where you can hear about a "spot" for years and just not get there to check it out because there's so much heaven right in your front yard.

Tashi Choling, a Buddhist Retreat Center tucked carefully away in the back hills of Hilt, California is just one of those places. I'd been hearing about it for years..."There's a big Buddha statue there...open to the public". One day, with my Japanese friend Shin in tow, we ventured forth to see if the rumors were true.

Tashi Choling can be found just West of Interstate 5 at the Hilt Exit, the last exit before the Oregon border, if you're traveling North. It's about an 8 mile journey down a peaceful, winding road, as you follow the signs to Retreat Center. Traveling down into the valley, you'll pass a number of historical landmarks, so many you could almost swear you had ridden here in a stagecoach. This area is charming and feels very protected. A quote from their brochure reads, "Tashi Choling provides a place of spiritual refuge and an established program of study and practice in order to preserve the authentic living tradition of Tibetan Buddhism for the benefit of all beings."


Suddenly you will come across a magnificent row of tall flags (see photo below) announcing the entrance of the center. Here you make a right and proceed up the driveway. After a short distance you will come across the sculpture garden. It is here that the students and monks have erected the Vajrasattva statue, a truly humbling sight. Standing thirty-five feet high,

this statue contains sacred relics and has been blessed by auspicious visitors ever since it was built. Surrounding the statue are other, smaller deities, as well as rows of prayer wheels and flags.

Even if you are not a Buddhist, you can appreciate the attention to detail and the care that has gone into this shrine. It's as though this statue were placed to let the wind behind it blow blessings not only down into the valley but to the rest of the world from this protected valley, that's how strong the energy is here.

If you continue up the hill from the sculpture garden, you will come to the main building which houses the ceremony room. We were given permission to peek inside and it's like an instant trip to Tibet just to do so. This temple is authentic down to the last detail. The floors above contain a library, dormitory, kitchen and dining areas.


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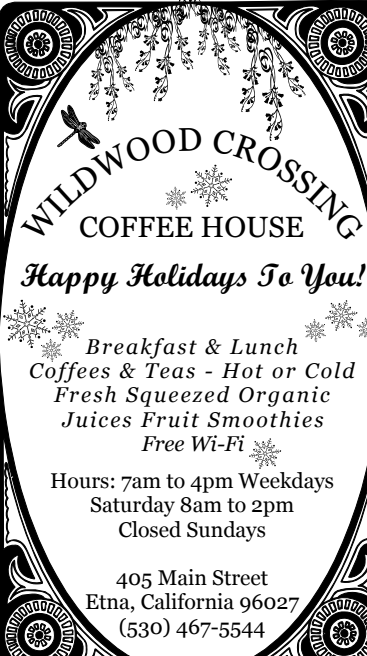


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Iron Kettle

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Don will be submitting articles and recipes each month. Stay tuned! The Old Camp Dutch Oven is still cooking very well. Let's talk about its history . . .

Netherlands in the year 1600: a foundry owner from London visited a foundry in Amsterdam, Netherlands which was doing a different type of casting. As he watched the foundry at work he said, "I think I can do better than that." He went back to London and did just that. He created a better way of casting.

The first Bake Oven (Dutch Oven) with feet was a quality item and it was placed on the market. Over the centuries, the Bake Oven changed very little. Paul Revere made the last changes and what you see today is his handy work.

In the early 1800's, the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery carried the Dutch Oven to the Pacific Coast and back. The Dutch Oven made a big move in the 1850 Western Great Migration. The method of food cooking went from the camp fire to the fireplace then to the cast iron wood cooking stove. The Dutch Oven also changed. It lost its legs, the lid became domed and they called it a Kitchen Dutch Oven. The old three legged Dutch Oven was set aside.

Tule Lake Pot Roast

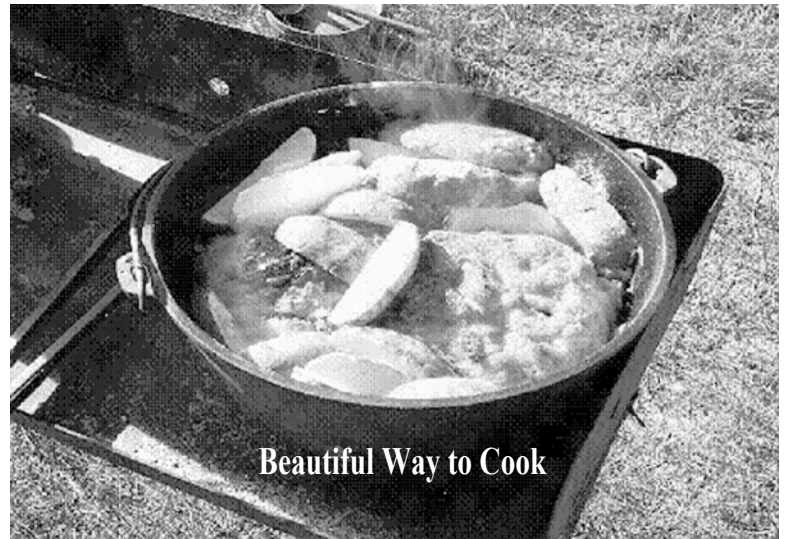
Ingredients:

- 1 2 to 4 lb Chuck Roast (bone in or out is OK)
- 1 8 oz jar of Tule Lake Old Fashion Horseradish*
(*Do not use the creamed stuff)
Potatoes (1 per person, peeled or skins on, cut into wedges. Add more if you like fried potatoes with eggs in the morning!)
- Carrots - 2 per person - rough chopped
- 1 Large Onion, rough chopped
Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- 3 Tablespoons Virgin Olive Oil

In a #12 Dutch Oven, brown all sides of the roast (15B) in olive oil. Remove and drain grease. Pack all of the horseradish on the roast top, sides and bottom. Return to the Dutch Oven and place the roast on a rack. Add potatoes, carrots and onion. Roast at 350 degrees (15T - 9B) until the internal temperature reaches your desired degrees. Remove and let rest for about 10 minutes. Remove all vegetables and add 2 cups of water and make gravy using corn starch or flour.

PS: Let me explain what (15T - 9B) means in the recipe above. 15 charcoal briquettes on the top of the Dutch Oven lid and 9 charcoal briquettes under the Dutch Oven. The briquettes are placed in a ring on the top and around bottom sides of the pot. Do not place charcoal directly in the center bottom or food will burn!

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Today in the State of Jefferson and all over the country, the old 3 leg pot is making a huge come back. People are finding out how easy it is to cook in the old or new Camp Dutch Oven. ♦

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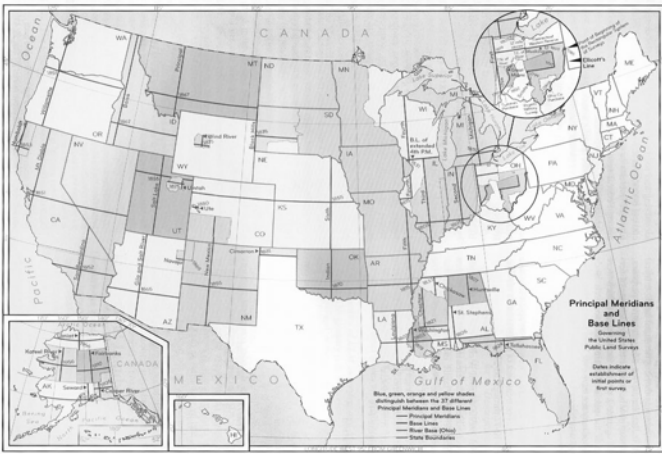


Figure 1-1. The principal meridians and base lines of the Public Land Survey System.

Map of the United States showing the Principal meridians and baselines of the Public Land Survey System from the Manual of Surveying Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands of the United States - BLM



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Join us in welcoming Harry Frey with his very interesting and informative articles on how the land eventually became our beloved State of Jefferson. There is much to learn about how America acquired the land to begin with and also how all the original surveyors established the very grid that exists today, assisting us with our property acquisitions, large and small. Great history lessons! 

This is the first of two articles dealing with the survey and demarcation of the Public Domain and the State of Jefferson. During the period 1776 thru 1853 huge territories of the North American continent were acquired by the U.S. Government. A partial list of the major acquisitions follows:

1781- 1802 Seven of the original 13 colonies ceded their interest and title to the area between their western boundary and the Mississippi River to the Central Government. The area comprised 237 million acres and did not cost a dime. 1803 Louisiana Purchase from France. 523 million acres for less than 5 cents an acre. 1846 Oregon Compromise with Great Britain. 181 million acres at no cost. 1848 Mexican Cession, also known as the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. 335 million acres for less than 5 cents an acre. 1850 Purchase from Texas 79 million acres for 20 cents an acre. 1853 Gadsden Purchase from Mexico. 19 million acres for 53 cents an acre.

These acquisitions established the continental boundaries of the United States. Another purchase from Russia in 1867 for Alaska consisted of 366 million acres for 2 cents an acre. Russia has regretted that sale ever since. The land acquired totaled 1.8 billion acres, that's billion with a B and was called the Public Domain. Thirty one of the lower forty eight states were created from the Public Domain.

One of the earliest issues facing the new U.S. Government was the appropriate development and disposition of the Public Domain. The issue was addressed in the U.S. constitution under Article IV Section 3, Clause 2 which provides..."Congress shall have the power to dispose of and make all Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other property belonging to the U.S."

Prior to the Constitution's adoption in 1788, and while the Articles of Confederation were still in effect, Congress passed the Land Ordinance Act of 1785. This Act established a system for surveying and demarcating the Public Domain. The system for surveying was known as the Rectangular Survey System, following the method of survey by the original 13 colonies and not the metes and boundary method of survey practiced in the Confederacy.

The Rectangular Survey System describes Township and Ranges. Townships are numbered either North or South from the initial point and Ranges are numbered East and West from the initial point. Beginning at the initial point, Township and Ranges are numbered starting with Township 1 North (T1N) or Township 1 South (T1S). Ranges are numbered Range 1 East (R1E) or Range 1 West (R1W) and consecutively thereafter. A Township consists of 36 square miles called Sections. Each Section is subdivided into quarter sections

The unit of measure for the Rectangular Survey System is the chain. A chain is 66 feet long. It is divided into 100 segments called links. Each link is 7.92 inches long. There are 80 chains to the mile. (80x66 ft=5280ft) Ten square chains to the acre is another important unit of measure.

The Rectangular Survey System began at an Independent initial point on the North bank of the Ohio River, near where the river leaves the western boundary of the State of Pennsylvania. The following procedure is used in the Rectangular Survey System. Independent initial points are established and locally named. Principle meridian (North and South lines) and baselines or lines of parallel (East-West) lines are established from these initial points. There are 31 initial points in the contiguous lower 48 states and 5 more in Alaska. There are three principle meridians within the State of Jefferson.



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In California, the Mt. Diablo meridian originating on Mt. Diablo, a prominent point in the bay area is the primary meridian. It runs 48 Townships North to the California/Oregon State line. It also runs South until it reaches the San Bernardino principle meridian in Southern California. It was established in 1851.

In Oregon, the Willamette meridian originates at the North end of the Willamette Valley near the Columbia River. It runs 41 Townships South to the California/Oregon state line and North to the Canadian border. It too was established in 1851. Where the Willamette meridian crosses the crest of the Siskiyou there is a road side rest area. This rest area is approximately 3 miles West of the Mt. Ashland Ski Bowl parking lot along forest service road #20.

The third principle meridian in the State of Jefferson is the Humboldt meridian. It was established in 1853 and covers a relatively small area in the extreme Northwest corner of California. It begins at an initial point in the vicinity of Humboldt Bay near Eureka California. It runs 19 Townships North to the California/Oregon state line and runs South to where the meridian reaches the Pacific Ocean.

Baselines, also known as lines of parallel, run East-West from initial points at right angles to meridian lines. The Mt. Diablo baseline runs East to the Eastern boundary of Nevada and runs West to the Pacific Ocean. The Willamette baseline runs East to the Oregon State line and West to the Pacific Ocean. The Humboldt baseline runs East for 8 Ranges where it bumps into Range 12 West of the Mt. Diablo meridian. It too runs West to the Pacific Ocean. The meeting point between the Humboldt and Mt. Diablo meridians crosses Highway 96 approximately 2 miles West of Fort Goff campground between Seiad Valley and Happy Camp, Ca.

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Photo of the Pacific
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stone back down half a step. Repeat. And repeat again. Slowly, carefully, so we would not create an avalanche, nor stumble and pitch over backwards down the rocky chute.

Obsessively I monitored my heart, climbing slowly, trying always to stay within my breathing. Barbara labored steadfastly beside me. We stopped often to catch our breath and watch Taylor Lake recede into its glaciated bowl.

In a grove of gnarled mountain mahogany we finally topped the ridge. The Pacific Crest Trail lay out before us like a dusty doormat straddling the divide (N 41° 21' 50.2", W 122° 57' 51.0", 7029 feet). On the horizon to the east, Mt. Shasta greeted us.

Exhilarated, I gazed across the Scott Valley to Shasta's snowy pyramid, drawing in the long, deep breaths of a healthy animal. My heart thumped rapidly, but not abnormally. I had climbed an impossible slope with a forty-five pound pack on my back without bursting a single artery. I had crossed a divide back into a familiar world. My vigor had not faltered. My stamina had not betrayed me. Robust! Alive! At the top of the world, I was *alive*! I wanted to beat my chest like King Kong.

The Pacific Crest Trail had been blasted into the nearly vertical east face of the Russian Peak Pluton. This was a landscape of towering spires and varnished vertical cleavers, of jagged white rock faces and deep alpine lakes, stretching from Bingham Lake in the south all the way to Taylor Lake in the north. But for the few trails gouged into the rock, this was a land utterly inaccessible to the casual cross-country hiker. Impressive and exposed, the PCT here had been chiseled across a rugged escarpment of mesozoic granite. We pressed on toward Paynes Lake.

Read "Watershed Part 3" Next Month for the conclusion of our journey. ♦



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Within this Rectangular Survey System monuments and corner accessories are established and recorded in the surveyor field book. Monuments are marked using a system that provides ready identification of what that monument represents in the Rectangular Survey System. Today stainless steel pipe, 3" in diameter, with a brass cap on top is the common monument. At the time of the original surveys stones, mounds of dirt, stakes or even trees served as monuments.

Accessories consisted of bearing trees, bearing objects such as boulders, cliffs, permanent improvements, mounds of stone, memorials or pits. Any accessory should originally be within a distance of 3 chains from the monument.

For ¼ corners, two accessories are established, one for each section the monument represents. For section corners there are 4 accessories. Again, one for each section the monument represents.

In the State of Jefferson accessories for corner monuments are often trees. Trees are selected which are young and healthy. The tree is blazed, bark removed and bare wood exposed for a width of 4" to 6" and 16" to 24" long. The blaze faces the monument. A smaller blaze is made near ground level and a "BT" is scribed there. This denotes the tree as a bearing tree. Scribing is the removal of a ¼ wide line of wood made by a special tool. Each accessory blaze contains, in roman numbers, the Township, Range and Section number. A typical scribe would look like this....T IV IV N R X W S VII which denotes T44NR10W Section 7. As the bearing tree grows the blaze heals, covering the blaze with a layer of wood, preserving the information. To the trained eye, the scar caused by the heeled blaze is obvious when looking for bearing trees.

Return next month to read our next article which will describe how Townships are surveyed and subdivided into Sections and how sections are subdivided into aliquot parts, which can be used for property description when patents are issued and the land becomes private property. Note: Fractional portions of sections are aliquot parts. (The NE quarter is an aliquot part of that section.) ♦

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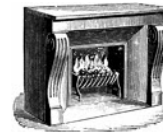
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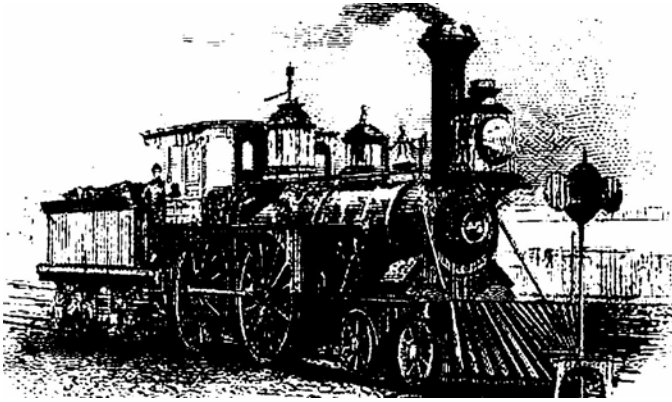
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Riding the Rails thru The State of Jefferson

By M. Fain



What an adventure, what a fun, relaxing and beautiful trip we just took a couple weeks ago. Yep, Ralph and I and our friends, Gregg and Kelly Oney of Adin, California, took the Amtrak Coast Starlight round trip train ride from Klamath Falls, Oregon to Seattle, Washington! Gregg and Kelly, with family and friends, own and operate "The Oney Frosty in Town" over in Modoc County, on the way to Reno or Alturas or Eagle Lake. See their AD on Page 22.

There is something utterly soul-satisfying about traveling by train. It brought back happy memories when my sister and I used to take train rides quite often when we were little girls, from San Jose to San Francisco, to meet our dad. What fun we had, flipping the seat-backs over and over and over, forward and back, scampering up and down the narrow stairway passages, giggling, bickering with each other as sisters do, and thoroughly bothering the poor commuters beyond belief, no doubt. As I chuckle to myself now, I guess no "bad guys" would have DARED to mess with us little unattended ragamuffins . . . what a sight we must have been. (smiling)

On our recent Seattle trip, we had a choice of boarding the train in Dunsmuir at 5 am, or waiting for the slightly more agreeable departure time of 8:30 am in Klamath Falls. Yes, even the 90 minute drive at 6 am from Grenada to K Falls was better than GETTING to Dunsmuir one hour before the 5 am scheduled departure time, gulp. Hey we have lots of early risers in the house, right?

One of the things that many people told us about taking this particular Amtrak route was that it is always notoriously late. Well we are very happy to report, it was not late a TALL! The train was perfectly on time (lucky for us!). We had nice rainy weather, gorgeous fall colors to gaze upon out the windows, plenty of room to roam around and stretch our legs in the various train cars, and the best parts were the observation and dining cars!

The people working on the train were delightful. There was a hilarious waiter on the train ride coming home from Seattle. We also met a young guy on the ride north who had





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worked in the crab fishing industry in Alaska. His stories were fascinating! My favorite people we met were the Amish folks with the little baby from Wisconsin who had been traveling by train all over the countryside for weeks. Really a charming benefit, meeting people.

This particular Amtrak route, the Coast Starlight, runs back and forth every day from Los Angeles, California to Seattle, Washington. One would have a little bit of a trickier time going south from our neck of the woods, as the train leaves Klamath Falls at about 10 pm. This means it would leave Dunsmuir heading south shortly after midnight. Hey, it's all do-able! It's all about The Adventure, right!?

One of the fun things we are planning to do next is take this same train ride to Portland. There is apparently some sort of cool "Brew Bus" which takes you and your friends all over the Portland area to visit breweries, taste beers and also taste unique foods and desserts. Heck, this sounds like a lot of fun!

Amtrak prices were very reasonable and the fun we had playing games, crocheting, reading, visiting, napping and even having a cocktail with dinner was the perfect way to spend time traveling with good friends and family. We could all just relax while traveling for a change, no messing with traffic and weather and crazy drivers . . .

We didn't elect to have a "sleeper" compartment and found it was sufficiently comfortable to just recline the seats and nap in our regular Coach seats. When (not "if") we take our next train ride, we will be thinking of heading out towards one or two of the National Parks. This would definitely steer us to paying for a "sleeper" compartment.

It's funny but now that we have broken the ice with this train ride, we have started looking into other train rides in the State of Jefferson. One of the most famous Steam Engines still running is the Skunk Train in Mendocino County. It runs back and forth between Fort Bragg and Willits, year-round. There are many different excursions you can take with your family and friends. See the photo below.

Trains formed and built pioneer life in our State of Jefferson, not to mention our entire United States of America. It is still one of the most romantic and heartwarming historical modes of transportation. I imagine there are trains operating in practically every country on Earth. What a wonderful and happy sound it is to hear a train whistle blowing, day or night, wherever you are.

Mt. Shasta City (as well as many other State of Jefferson towns) has the delightful influence of train whistles every day, and whenever I am in town, shopping around, enjoying the view of our beautiful Mt. Shasta, I always smile when I hear the train whistles blow. ☞



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And so December blows in winter to the State of Jefferson. Those of us who live in the Shasta Valley and particularly around Weed can attest that ol' Mark Twain was probably in the area somewhere when he spoke those words. Snow falling in Weed lands in Yreka, the storms channeling wind up the Sacramento River canyon then launching up, over and around Black Butte to crash into the Shasta Valley.

But with the winds come the storms, with the storms come the snow and with the snow comes the fun! We figuratively and literally have mountains of snow here along the Jefferson Backroads.

A couple of places come quickly to mind if you are looking for snow. The obvious are Mt. Shasta and Mt. Ashland with their traditionally heavy snowfall and ski parks. Snowman Summit between the city of Mount Shasta and McCloud has a great place to sled on the south side of Highway 89. On the Everitt Memorial Highway approximately 12 miles out of Mount Shasta is the Bunny Flat and Sand Flat parking area with 3 miles of marked cross country trails and unlimited backcountry access. The Mt. Shasta Avalanche Center is an excellent source for current climbing conditions and avalanche advisories, www.shastaavalanche.org or you can contact the Mt. Shasta Ranger Station (530) 926-4511. Callahan Summit and Etna Summit will have snow accumulations

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THE mountain of snow in Siskiyou County is Mt. Shasta! Rising to 14,179 ft. this volcano captures every storm that passes through the State of Jefferson, wresting snow from the sky before allowing the storms to pass. Taking full advantage of the bounty and to the benefit of all who love snow is Mt. Shasta Ski Park. Celebrating its 25TH anniversary this year, operating from 1985-2010, the ski park is going strong, providing enjoyment and employment to the surrounding communities.

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If you fail to find any of these snowy adventures to your liking, do as my editor and I did one snow filled night while living up McAdams Creek. Enjoy a hot toddy and drop into two feet of fresh powder and make butt naked snow angels!

I was just thinking, if it is really religion with these nudist colonies, they sure must turn atheists in the wintertime.

Will Rogers ♦



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