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Folks that are in the old car hobby often hear stories of that classic car just sitting in a field. Well that is exactly the case with Jim and Jan Henson's 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air sedan. This car was sitting in a field in Tehama County when Jim was told about it. The fellow who owned it had taken it apart and had the body painted. However the paint job was so poor the owner just

abandoned the project. He had collected many new parts to complete the restoration but was so disappointed in the paint work that all the parts went into storage. That is when Jim came into the story and purchased the whole project along with an extra 1957 Chevrolet station wagon as well.

After many hours of color sanding on the "poor" paint job.... the result was a shiny and smooth all black near perfect finish. Next came the tedious job of assembling the car to near stock condition with one exception - an overdrive transmission. Jim intended this car to be driven. And drive it is what the Henson's do, including CHVA National tours to Florida and the Rocky Mountains.

We, the Siskiyou Branch of the CHVA (Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association) are honored to put this Chevy on our T-Shirts for this year's Fathers Day Car Show and Pancake Breakfast.

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What is unique about our event is that at each rest stop we offer educational components and/or ranger/historian led talks highlighting the history, geography, environmental issues and geology of the area. All routes are light on traffic and have mostly flat terrain, which is great for early season cycling.

Saturday we offer a Century (100 mile), Metric Century (62 mile), 45 mile, 20 mile mountain bike route and a 25 mile family friendly route. Access the Ride with GPS route maps on our website. All routes for our AOS SATURDAY RIDE pass through the Lava Beds National Monument, which has an unparalleled volcanic landscape with towering cinder cones, expansive black lava flows and more than 700 lava tube caves. The park also has a rich cultural history, containing thousands of petroglyphs and pictographs, as well as the major battlefields of the Modoc Indian War.

New for 2018—we added another day to our event. AOS SUNDAY RIDE offers GRAVEL GRINDER MIX routes of 74 mile, 53 mile and 8 mile family friendly. Ride along the flat lands, by the Butte Valley wildlife area and up to lovely Juanita Lake. Continue through the scenic valley with majestic views of Mt. Shasta all along the way. Pass by several historic sites and agricultural farms and ranches.

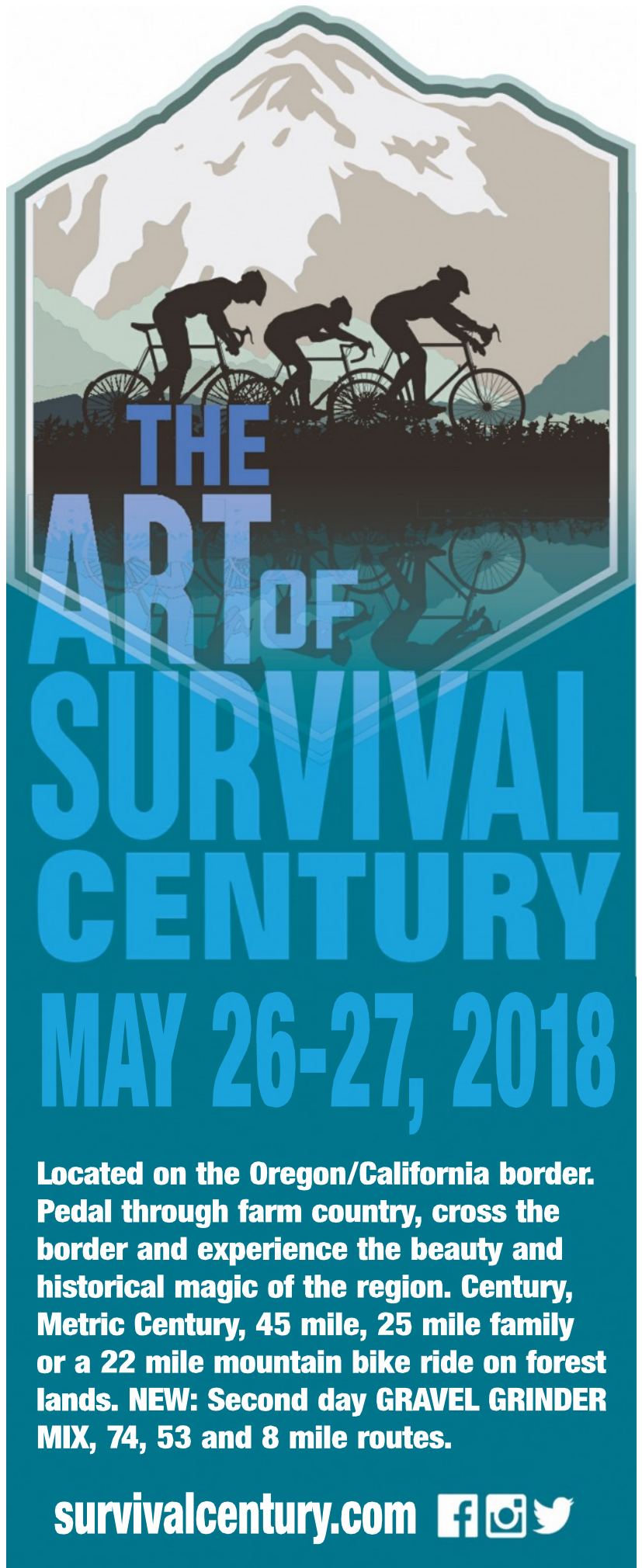
Juanita Lake is in The Goosenest Ranger District, Klamath National Forest. Elevation 5100'. The 55 acre lake is regularly stocked with trout and has a bass and catfish population. JC "Jim" Stevenson built the first dam to create the lake in the 1940s when he owned the Meiss Ranch. The lake was named for his wife Juanita Stevenson.

Goosenest Mountain is a shield volcano with a cinder cone on top, resembling a goose's nest. Elevation at the top is 8,280 feet. The scenic trail is 2.4 miles round trip.

Highway 97 through Butte Valley is part of the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway All American Road. The byway begins near Crater Lake National Park in Oregon and ends at California's Lake Almanor, near Lassen Volcanic National Park. Butte Valley (approximately 130 square miles) is considered high desert plateau with an elevation of 4,250 feet.




Whether you ride a bicycle, or not, there will be activities for you and your family at our event on both days, May 26th and 27th. Our Honored California Highway Patrol will again host a Bicycle Rodeo event on both days for the children to learn bicycle safety. Last year 50+ children participated, so bring your children and grandchildren, their bicycles and helmets on Saturday to the Tulelake Fairgrounds at 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday to the Butte Valley Community Center in Dorris for this fun activity.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5, 2018 Lake Shastina Community Yard Sale, Lake Shastina, California. See Page 6 for more info.

May 5, 2018 Friends of the Fair Community Yard Sale, Yreka. See Page 35 for details.

May 11, 2018 Siskiyou County Sheriff Search and Rescue Dinner, Yreka.

May 13, 2018 Butte Valley Summer Shootout in Dorris, California. Call 530-313-8927 for info.

May 19-20 Civil War Event in Yreka. See bottom of this page.

May 19, 2018. Quilt Show, Scott Valley. See Page 19.

May 26, 2018 Dunsmuir Pie Social. See Page 13 for details.

May 26-27, 2018 Art of Survival Century, Malin/Merrill, Oregon & Tulelake/Dorris, California. See Page 7 for info.

June 2-3, 2018 Valley Wide Antiques & Collectibles Auction in Fort Jones. See Page 6 for details.

June 2, 2018 Klamath River Flea Market, Rummage Sale and Craft Fair. See Page 5.

June 3, 2018 Holy Ghost Festival, Hawkinsville. See Page 11.

June 8-10, 2018 Railroad Days in Dunsmuir. See Page 36.

June 9, 2018 Celebrate World Wide Knit in Public Day in Bandon-by-the-Sea. See Page 14.

June 16, 2018, Kids Fishing Day at Juanita Lake in Butte Valley area. See Butte Valley Chamber Page 28.

June 17, 2018 CHVA Father's Day Car Show and Pancake Breakfast. See Page 4 for story and info.

June 22-July 21, 2018 Weston's Fiber Arts Show. See Page 9.

June 23, 2018 Rockin the Green concert in Dunsmuir.  
Call for info: Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens.

## VETERAN EVENTS & INFO: SEE PAGES 21 & 25

### CIVIL WAR EVENT May 19-20, 2018

The whole community is invited to visit the camps and view a Civil War skirmish.

Saturday May 19 battles noon and 3 pm.

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# “MODELING A CABIN”

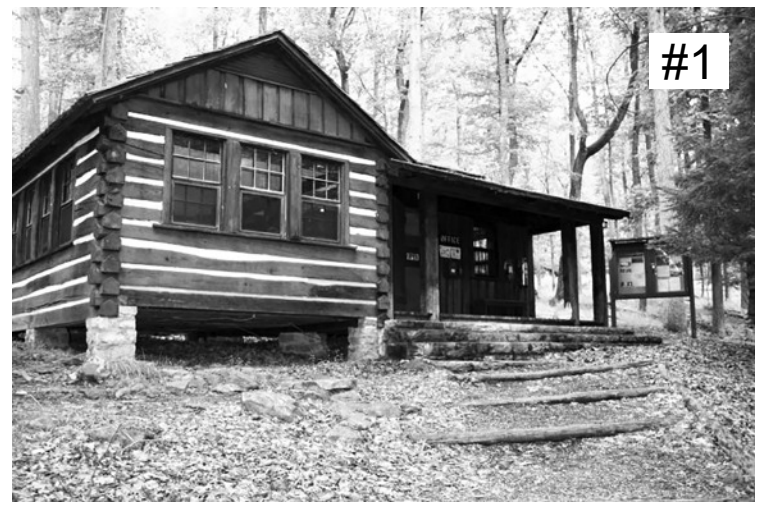
By Duncan Crawford

*Duncan Crawford is a long-retired project engineer and engineering services manager, with a background in physics, nuclear engineering, and technical management.*

*Unfortunately his more sensible wife retired four years after he did, leaving him alone during the day without adult supervision to develop a severe tool and new technology addiction. His favorite mantra is “Never saw a new tool or technology I didn’t like.” He dens in his Maryland shop, emerging now and then to scratch and blink in the daylight.*

This is a tale of a volunteer project done for Catoclin Mountain Park in Thurmont, Maryland. You can read all about the Park on their website, [www.nps.gov/cato](http://www.nps.gov/cato). It’s a relatively small park, but packs a lot of fun into a small area. These days it’s perhaps better known as the home of Camp David, aka “Camp 3” on its sign along Park Central road.

The Visitor Center has a “Kid’s Discovery Room” with numerous hands-on materials and displays designed to introduce children (and parents/adults) to the flora, fauna, history and special features of the Park. These include pelts of the native animal species, full-scale flight profiles of the various birds that might be spotted on hikes, leaves of the native trees, and much more. Making those bird profiles was another fun project, but a tale for another time. One item that’s been missing is a model demonstrating the design of the logs cut and assembled into the cabins at Camps Misty Mount and Greentop by the WPA in the 1930’s. Recently one of the Interpretive Rangers asked if I could make them a model, one that kids could use and that the rangers could incorporate into various educational programs.



The Misty Mount office building, Figure 1 (above) is representative of the 60 or so rental cabins in the Misty Mount and Greentop areas. Note the two-height support piers. The height difference translates into the spacing between logs. That space is then chinked with rolled chicken wire and cement. The cabins are ten logs high.

All of the cabins have the same style of log ends, and all of the original cabins were made from American chestnut trees from the park, killed by blight around 1900. The tops and the bottom V notches have a nominal 120 degree included angle, as shown in Figure 2 (right). The triangular portions each comprise about one third of the squared log height. Actual cabin logs in

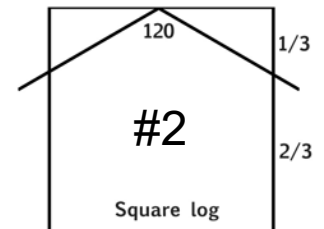


Figure 3 (below) are roughly 8 inches square, although larger cabins may have logs of 10 to 12 inches. The first challenge for this modeling project was to figure out ways to make these “logs” in a cost-effective manner should the Park wish to contract with a commercial display vendor for several cabin model sets, or perhaps replace the one I delivered should it not survive ranger or kid-testing. The second challenge was to end up with “log” and roof structures that would be relatively kid-proof as well as not be too frustrating for



assembly by elementary school age children.

Three approaches to produce the V-notch logs were considered—purely manual, a hybrid method wherein separate end pieces would be glued and doweled to square “log” pieces, and a third more automated approach using a small CNC router and a laser engraver. The third approach turned out to be the most practical, and some time was spent designing appropriate holding jig fixtures. To avoid using small end piece “logs,” potential choking hazards, monolithic window and door assemblies were also designed.



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# 10TH ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL IN DUNSMUIR, CALIFORNIA



## PIES, PIES, PIES AT THE DUNSMUIR MUSEUM

Even though there will NOT be a **DOGWOOD DAZE** Celebration this year, The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society will still hold its 10th Annual **PIE SOCIAL** in the **AMTRAK** Parking Lot!!!

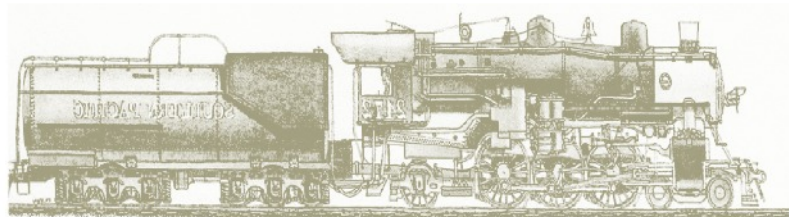
It is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 2018 beginning at 10 a.m. and goes till the pies are sold out. The Dunsmuir Museum/Depot parking lot is turned into a **Pie Bakery!**

Come and enjoy a slice of your favorite pie(s) and a free cup of coffee with your neighbors and friends.

Last year 41 different kinds of pies were baked by 55 Bakers for a total of 132 donated pies! Each pie maker receives a **Pie Maker** ribbon with the Society's thanks. There's still time to call Phyllis at (530) 235-0839 to donate a pie or pies. Proceeds benefit the Dunsmuir Museum.

For your information, starting on April 7, the Dunsmuir Museum will now be open on the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Museum will also be open for Dunsmuir's Annual **RAILROAD DAYS** – June 8th 1-4 p.m., June 9th 10-4 p.m., and June 10th 1-4 PM. See you at the Dunsmuir Museum/Depot – **AMTRAK** Parking lot for **PIES!**



# WORLD WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY

Saturday June 9, 2018 from 10:30 am-3 pm in Bandon-by-the-Sea, Oregon

Join us At the Glass Picnic Building  
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Bring your knitting, crocheting or spinning wheel  
and join us!

Gift Basket Raffle, & Door Prizes  
Bring a snack to share. We will have beverages.

For more info call:  
Kelly Oney at (541) 347-3912 at The Wool Company

World Wide Knit in Public Day was started in 2005 by Danielle Landes and takes place on the second Saturday of June each year. It began as a way for knitters to come together and enjoy each other's company. The Knit in Public Day is unique, in that it's the largest knitter run event in the world.

The Wool Company is not registered with the World Wide Knit in Public group but there is a website to find hosts near you.

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**See Pages 9, 18-19 & 20 for More Quilting & HandCrafting Info.**



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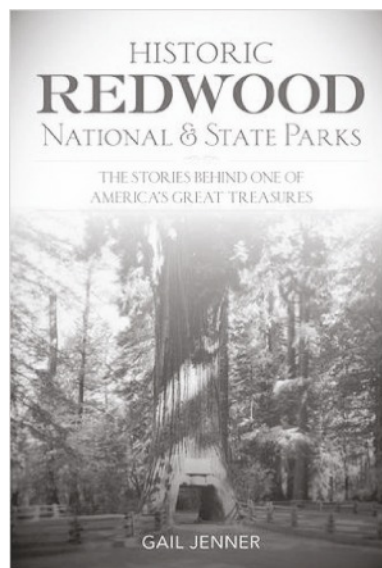
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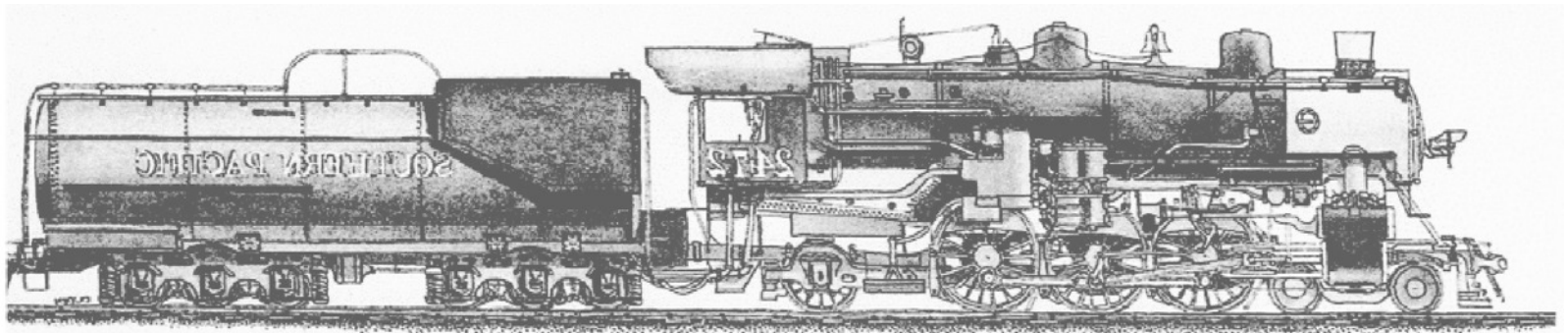
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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

## PIES, PIES AND MORE PIES AT THE DUNSMUIR MUSEUM

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society's 10th ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL is scheduled for May 26th at the Dunsmuir Museum/Depot on Sacramento Avenue. The event begins 10 a.m. and continues til the pies are sold out.

Pies are an American tradition. The Depot Society's first Pie Social for 2009 RAILROAD DAYS had 46 pies baked, donated and sold out. Last year 132 pies were baked, donated, sold and enjoyed. Build-a-pie is back this year too.

Dunsmuir's Pie Lady, Phyllis Skalko, continues to add pie bakers to her list. Give her a call at (530) 235-0839 to donate your favorite pie(s). Pie bakers receive a Pie Makers 2018 ribbon and the Society's many thanks. The PIE SOCIAL benefits the Dunsmuir Museum and Depot.

Come and enjoy a slice of your favorite pie(s) and a cup of coffee with your neighbors and friends.

Looking ahead, the Dunsmuir Museum will be open as follows for RAILROAD DAYS: June 8 1-4 pm, June 9 10-4pm and June 10 1-4 pm. Be sure to purchase a ticket on the Quilt donated to the Depot Society by the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild Members Bev Loper and Christine Engdahl. Drawing October 20th; winner need not be present to win.

See you May 26th at the Dunsmuir Museum/Depot for PIES!



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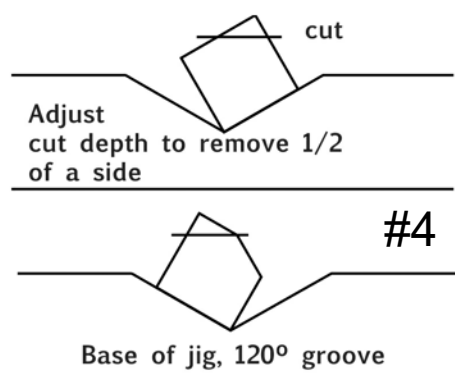
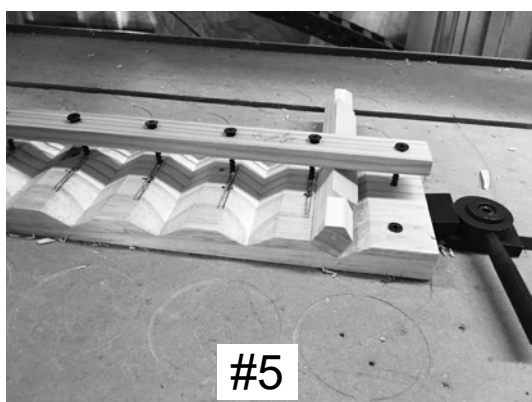
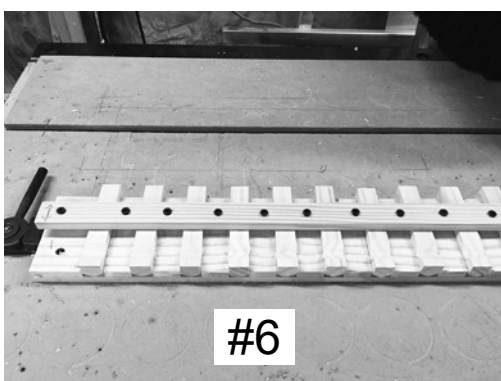


Figure 4 (left) shows the geometry of the hold-down jig for the slant cuts. For this model the “stock” for the logs is a nominal 3/4 inch square clear pine and the jig stock is scrap 1x4 pine, but all dimensions could be adapted for

other desired log sizes. The stock is held to the jig with a screwed-down top clamp. Given the shallow depth of cuts needed to ensure minimal splintering, it turned out that no side wedges were needed in the angular gaps. After one face is cut to depth, the stock is rotated as shown, re-clamped, and the second face is cut. Stock is then reversed end for end, and that process repeated for all logs. Figure 5 (right) shows the slant-cut jig mounted on the router table, with a cut sample end in place. Three passes were used on each face cut.



To add a bit of rough-hewn realism, the square “log” blanks were ripped on a bandsaw with a thin kerf re-sawing blade. The two original faces of the logs, e.g., the smooth tops and bottoms off the original board, ensure angular alignment. For the cut depth, pieces don’t need to be perfectly square, just all be the same width after any edge trimming.



This allows log stock to be made in a single production step and any issues (knots, splinters) addressed before adding any more labor. The V-grooves in the jig were cut with a 120 degree router

bit and can accommodate ten “logs” at a time. The slightly irregular amount of material removed by bandsaw edge cuts also allows a useful side clearance for loading and unloading the bottom V-groove jig, Figure 6 (left). Those jig slots are cut to the full size of the base log stock to a nominal 1/2 of the log stock thickness.

The V-groove tool path is then placed so that the inside edge of the V will align with the shoulder of the slant cuts on the opposite face.

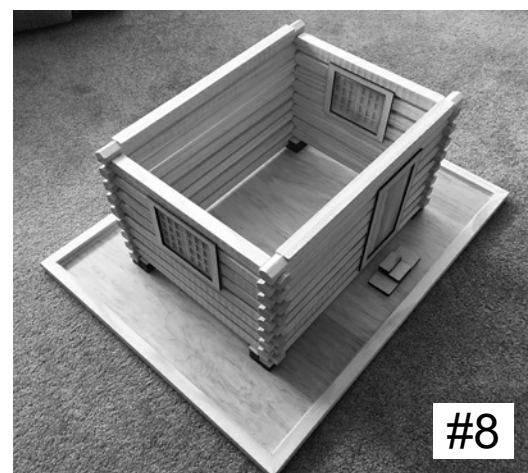
Although the completed logs can stack on any table top, the Park cabins are set on rock piers. To help maintain that look for



the model, a 20 x 24 inch assembly base, Figure 7 (left) was constructed with with laser-cut “piers” of 3mm Baltic birch pieces glued together and pin-nailed in proper place.

Two 16 inch long bottom logs, the only two without bottom v-grooves, sit on the low side of each pier. These two logs also have a laser-engraved identifier: “Bottom log, front or rear.” Once 12 inch cross logs are placed on their tops, the whole cabin structure is square and remains stable as the build continues.

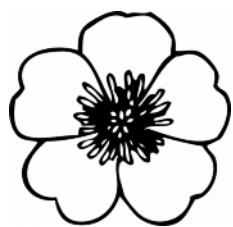
One of the possible build arrangements is shown in Figure 8 (right) ready for the roof structure to be placed on top. A “front step” assembly is in front



of the door; two were provided (one spare) but are not nailed to the base since the door can be placed at either end of a long wall. There are two window assemblies and one door. Windows are three logs high, the door six logs. Windows have laser engraved “panes” with left and right-hand gradient shadows, the door has a top “screen/window” border and a doorknob. All are reversible, so that the door can be made to appear to open from the right or the left, and can be set to the right or left of center in the front wall. The windows will allow the kid (or Interpretive Ranger) builder to show the cabin in “sunlight” from either the front or the rear. In addition the window “panes” are symmetric top to bottom, so there will be no “right side” for the builder. Sufficient number of all four sizes of the “logs” were provided so that the cabin can be assembled in multiple ways: no doors or windows, with or without roof assembly; one door and either a right side or left side window with/without roof, or one door and two windows with/without roof. With all the parts combinations there are around twelve ways a cabin can be built— so hopefully there is something to appeal to all ages.

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# Stitching in the Ditch

Stories by Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild [www.ShastaLily.org](http://www.ShastaLily.org)



## "More Project Linus"

A 10 year old girl in Mt. Shasta recently went to the Emergency Room. She was hurting. She was scared. A nice nurse brought her a colorful blanket, a quilt really. The little girl was so happy with her new quilt. She did not hurt as much. And she was no longer afraid. She took that blanket home with her and now carries it everywhere.

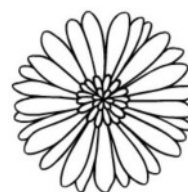
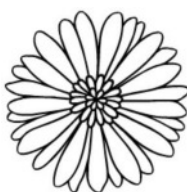
When the mother looked at the quilt label, she recognized the quilter even though she had only written her first name: Marlene. You see, the mother was a physical therapist and Marlene was her patient.

The serendipity is unmistakable, as is the warmth of good will. But variations of this story recur every day.

On April 21, blanketeers from Southern Siskiyou County met up with their counterparts from Klamath County at Klamath Community College. Our purpose? Turn 100 kits into quilts. We don't exactly complete the task there, but we make a good dent in the process. That's all relative to the speed at which we sew and the amount of time we spend flitting around visiting or shopping. Just so you know, I tend to spend more time flitting than most. Big surprise there. It's both a fun day and a productive day, besides the end result being another potential 100 blankets for distribution to the children that we can reach in the two counties. Of course we also reach beyond our geographical area in emergencies or as the need arises.

My task at the moment—well, one of my tasks—is to collect quilts from our Guild members, organize them, and then distribute them as needed. I also sort donated fabric and organize "cutting parties" for making kits. That's happening this month—along with a potluck, of course, to add another dimension to the working day. Project Linus has obviously been on my mind recently, especially given the state of the world even here in our area. Each day the necessity for comfort grows. And sadly there are children that we cannot reach, no matter how many Linus blankets we sew.

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## Timeline

**May 19:** Scott Valley Quilters Quilt Show, Fort Jones Community Center, contact Michele Estrada, 598-2444.

**June:** Row by Row Experience begins. Theme: Sew Musical. Go to [www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com).

**June 22:** Fiber Arts Show at Snow Creek Studio, juried, entry deadline June 2. Information at Weston's. See Page 9.

**June 23-24:** Ocean Waves Quilt Guild Show, Dana Grey Elementary School, Fort Bragg—Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4.

**September 1-2:** "Quilting Around the Mountain," Mt. Shasta High School Gymnasium: Featured Quilters Mickey Weston and Diana Fogle, Quilts, raffle baskets, boutique, silent auction, and vendors. Contact Vicki Melo, 926-2447.

**September 1-2:** Mountain Quail Quilters, McArthur Fairgrounds

**October 6:** "Bloom'n Quilts," Pacific Flyway Quilters, Colusa County Fairgrounds, Colusa, Special exhibit of miniature quilts from Lake County, 10-4

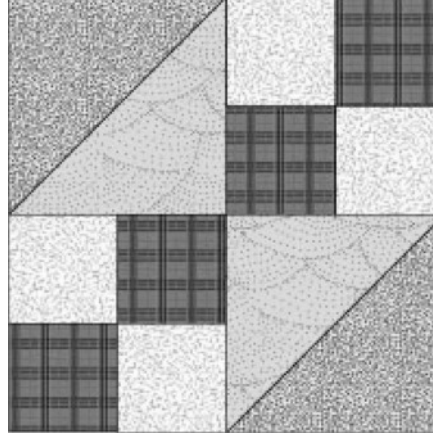
**October 20-21:** Ridge Quilters Quilt Show, Elks on Clark St., Paradise

**October 27-28:** Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Show, Municipal Auditorium, Oroville

## And Then There is This

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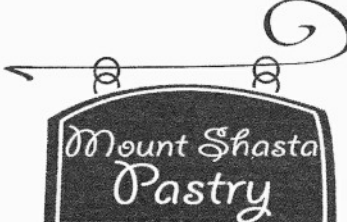
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## Quilts of Valor



Guild Members Christine Engdahl and Sandra Tye present a quilt to John Brennan, LCDR. CEC, United States Navy. Photo credit Malou Shannon.

The "Welcome Back Vietnam Veterans" Day celebration was a resounding success. Organized by the Siskiyou County Veterans Leadership Council, the event included speeches and an address by Congressman Doug LaMalfa and an appearance by a representative of State Assemblyman Brian Dahle. The program concluded with the playing of Taps and a bagpipe rendition of *Amazing Grace*. Following that, Quilts of Valor were presented by Judy Sartor and Chris Sellman.



Honored Veterans with their Quilts of Valor. Photo credit Malou Shannon.

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May 16th 11am- 1pm is the 8th annual VA2K Walk & Roll in Upper Greenhorn Park, Yreka. Public invited to participate as well as vets which promotes health and wellness & assists homeless vets of Siskiyou County. The Walk & Roll is coordinated by volunteers of the Yreka VA medical office. Call 841-8500 for more info.

May 19th at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds the annual Siskiyou County Armed Forces Day will be held from 9am until 2pm. Its sponsored by the Siskiyou County Veterans Leadership Council & includes lunch, entertainment, a resource fair and military programs and presentations & is open to the public to attend. Call (530) 841-1846 for info.

May 20th the Yreka Masonic Lodge, located on the corner of Miner & Third Street there will be a community all you can eat breakfast in support of the Siskiyou County Veterans Commission to raise funds for the Evergreen Cemetery Veterans section which is a long time and ongoing project of the Vets Commission. Breakfast is upstairs in the lodge dining room from 8am until noon & is \$10 for adults & \$3 for children.

The public is invited to attend Memorial Day presentations on Sunday May 27th at noon in the Veterans Section of Evergreen Cemetery in Yreka and at the Living Memorial Sculpture Garden situated on Highway 97 just north of Weed at 2pm.

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# Northern Klamath County Oregon History & Events

By John C. Driscoll  
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Bunkhouse before burning - Photo by John c. Driscoll

Building engulfed in flames. Photo by Don Kearney.



## Burning to Train:

### Crescent Fire Districts Bunk House Burn Down

After years of service, the Crescent Fire District bunkhouse performed its final task for the department's fire fighters. It went out in a blaze as the center piece for a series of training exercises in which 39 firefighters from three counties and nine fire departments participated.

Preparation by the Crescent Rural Fire Protection Department (CRFPD) began two months prior to the day the Bunk House Burn Down was commenced. During those months the CRFPD developed and planned search and rescue exercises, mayday scenarios, hose handling drills and other exercises to hone the participants' skills. Several weeks prior to the Bunk House Burn Down (Burn-To-Learn), crews from CRFPD and Central Cascades Fire & EMS took a National Fire Protection Association 1403 (Live Fire Training Evolution) class which prepared them to plan and conduct the burn-down. Part of this training, was preparing the building to for burning. This preparatory phase involved removing materials and stripping it down to lessen the quantity of items that were to burn.

The participating organizations were Crooked River Ranch Fire, Bend Fire, Redmond Fire and Rescue, Alfalfa Fire, Outback RFPD, Central Cascades Fire & EMS, Chiloquin Fire & Rescue, Keno Fire, Department of Public Standards and Training, and Crescent Rural Fire Protection District.

The building that was burnt down was a District owned residence that was condemned in 2013 due to mold growth. Prior to that, the District utilized the building as a "bunkhouse" to provide sleeping quarters for volunteers and on-duty crews. The main station does not have the space and amenities for the billeting of personnel.



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The Bunkhouse was no longer a habitable residence. The District determined it was not financially feasible, with everything else the CRFPD needed to fund, to put the money into the structure to bring it back to livable standards. Moreover, the District had stopped having a need to use it since the purchase in 2013 of the Administration building in Gilchrist. The new building provided the CRFPD with sufficient space to adequately house staff as well as room for offices and a training room.

Regarding the exercise, said Dylan Webb, Fire Chief for the CRFPD:

*“Overall the burn-to-learn was a tremendous success. Safety was the number one priority for all participating personnel. We focused our objectives on observing fire behavior, hose handling and increasing experience for personnel. We had several individuals who were experiencing live fire for the first time. This allowed us to provide sign offs on open task books. Further, we were able to improve interoperability between agencies. This is essential for our Region as many of us rely on each other for mutual aid response.”* ■



Exercise participants receiving briefing.  
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Hose crew in action. Photo by Don Kearney.



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## "Greenhorns and Downhill Logging"

Any resemblance to real people in these stories is incidental and names have been changed to protect the innocent. Names of the gullible may or may not have been changed. The places and the stories are authentic, based on the my recollections. None are intended to cast ridicule on hard working men and women who started out on a wing and a prayer, and through hard work, diligence, perseverance, and discipline over time, became successful. Their productivity and motivation spawned some major companies from the ground up, enriching communities, providing revenues and employment opportunities for many along the way.

I have a lot of respect for the Gyppos logger. Immediately after World War II it was possible to purchase heavy duty military surplus trucks which, with some imagination and "forest road engineering," could be converted to logging trucks. You could also get Dozers and road graders at affordable prices. Most of these conversions turned out to be immensely successful out in the woods. The major bulwark was hard work, integrity, and "blood, sweat and tears."



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It was an era of change, an embryonic phase of transition in the woods from steam-power to gasoline and diesel, along with the emergence of chainsaws and heavy machinery with hydraulics. All that was to transform the timber Industry. The Gyppo logger, over time, had a lot to do with those changes. Of necessity— think money in hand— they figured out ways to "cut-corners" and do it faster and more efficiently. The Pacific Northwest and its vast timber lands was fertile soil for trial and error. This was also the era of Begat and By Gosh where one new idea led to something better.

Photo: Early post-WW II donkey engine



Back when I was but a 13 year old aspiring fly fisherman, my Uncle Fred Cooper had hauled me off to the the Daniel Creek Gyppo logging show. Blackie Trumain, the grizzled and often times cantankerous Boss, was yarding logs downhill. One day he asked Uncle Fred if it would be okay to "use the kid" for a few days, seeing as how he was short a hand. He told Fred— as an afterthought— "Don't worry, Fred....I'll keep an eye on 'im!"

I was a tall, strapping lad, skinny as a rail, but wiry and robust, and feeling my oats. I hustled, tripping over my own bootstraps. It was a peckerwood show of second growth. At first Blackie had me stand on a stump and relay the hand-signals from the brush and the rigging crew to the Donkey puncher—they didn't have an actual whistle cord hooked up, since that was in some sort of perpetual state of repair. For some reason or another I kept getting the signals mixed up. Blackie finally took over and put me out with the rigging crew where I could learn the ropes, working with the rigging crew setting chokers.

Chokers were those cantankerous steel-wire cables around the logs which snugged up tight when the hook from the yarder took a strain to haul them out of the woods. That second growth Douglas fir was as straight and tall and symmetrical as ships masts. If things weren't bad enough, what with an underpowered gasoline-powered donkey, and poor lift angles, it was broken-up ground and steep as a cow's face to boot. We were pulling them in tree length, guts, feathers and all to the base of the spar where a "Cat" was waiting to skid them the rest of the way to the landing to be measured, bucked into logs, and loaded onto a logging truck.

On paper, or more likely conceived over a tall glass of cool beer and scribbled on a bar napkin, the plan seemed like it was a good idea! The concept was to double your efforts and do it twice as fast! But, out in the brush where reality hits the dirt road, it seldom worked out the way you wanted it to, certainly in terms of efficiency and productivity. Half the time you were either fighting a "hang-up" or running for your life!

Once the choker was in place on a log I was to scamper to high ground as the rigging tightened and the logs crashed downhill towards the landing. Sarge, the hooker, took pity and told me not to fret... "You'll catch on... don't worry... but remember... if you fall down, always fall towards your work!" Those were indeed words to live by. In later years, when I was learning to work as a feller, the similar wisdom often heard was "Always stay on the high side of the stump!" Of course, back in the bunkhouse, when tales were told around the wood stove, old embarrassments would sometimes surface. Some things you just never live down. Bruce Sussinger, an old friend of mine and fine artist, drew the cartoon which sorta captured my earliest experience, although he set the scene about twenty years later when I was a feller— no matter, I was still equally confused. ■

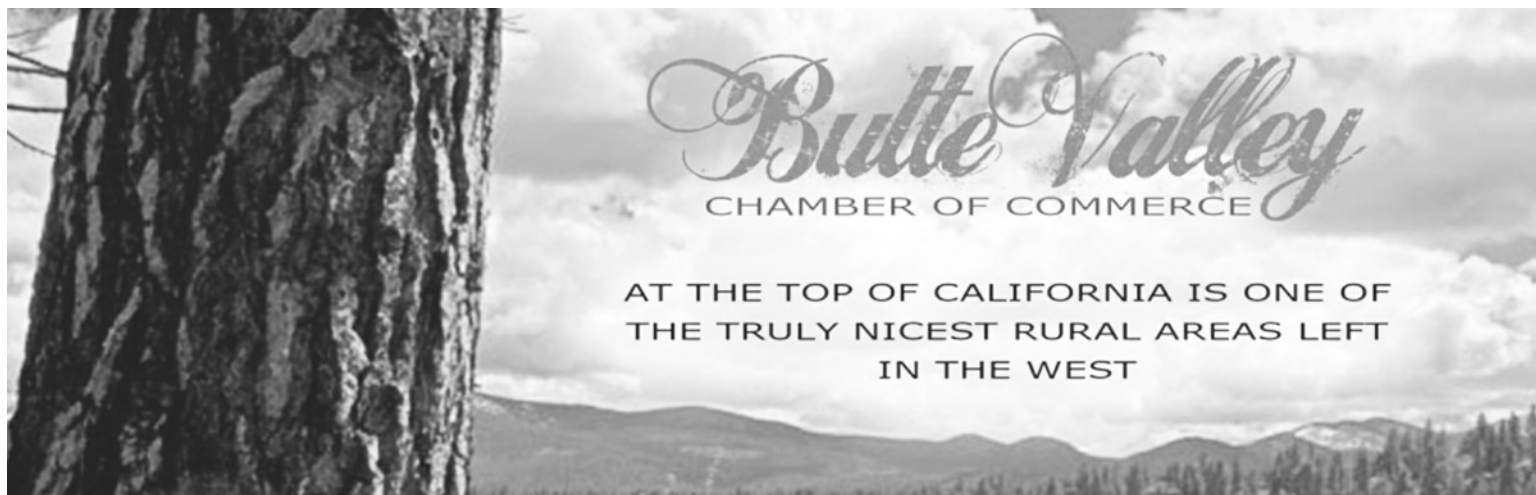
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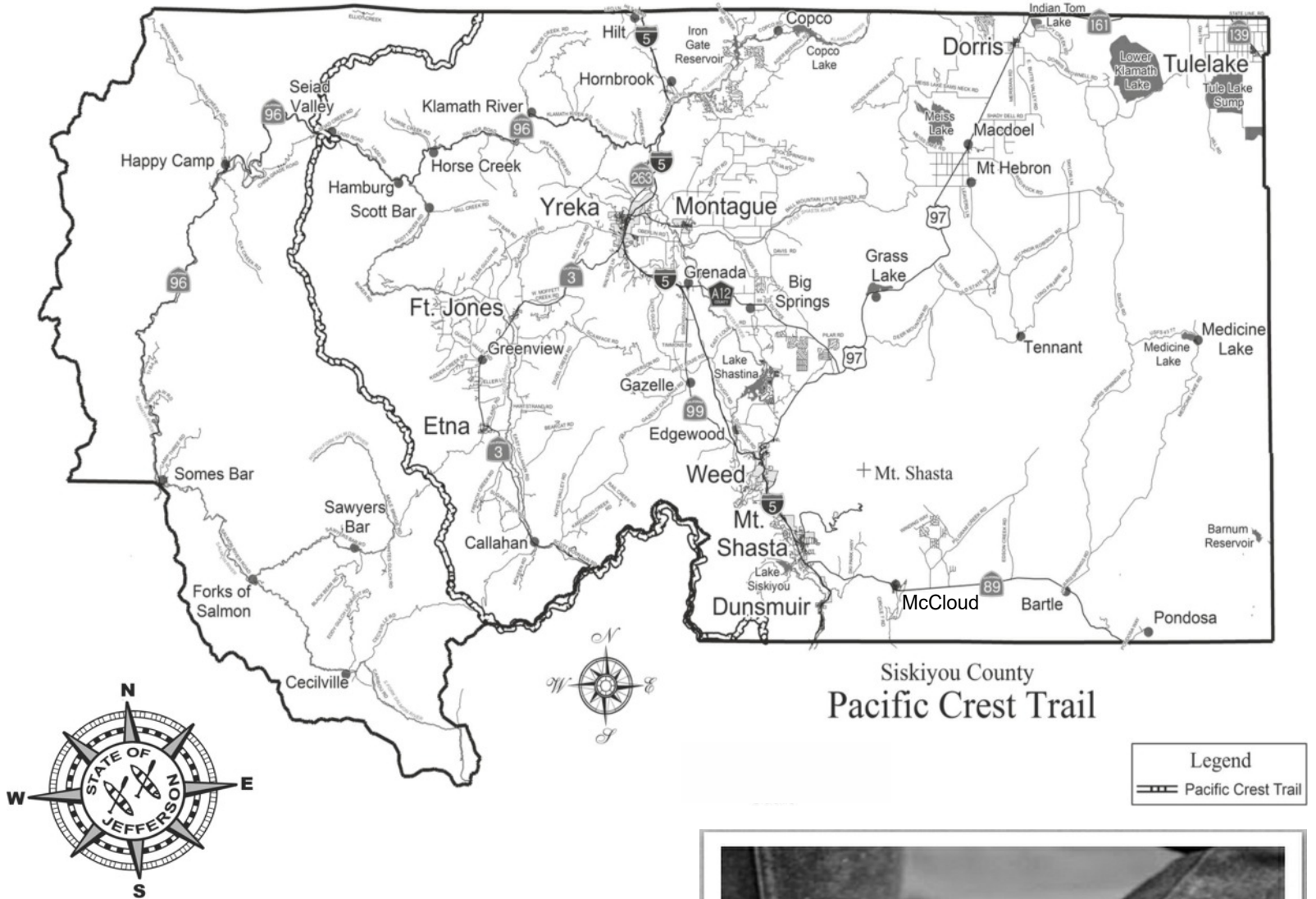
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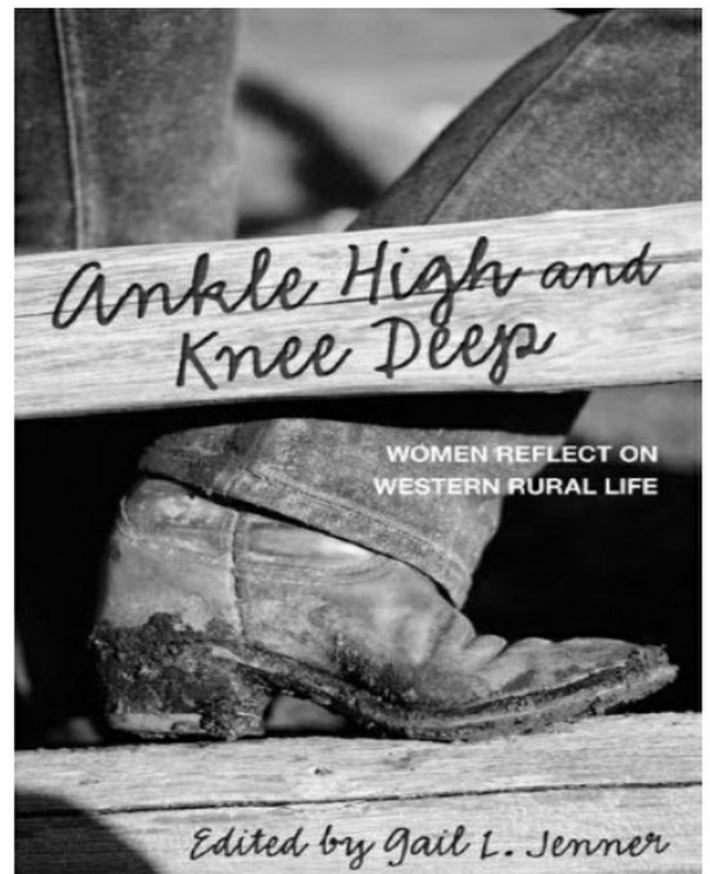


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The first thing that happened to him is our female LGD thought he was a predator, looked like a bald eagle to her, and she chased him. She caught him, had him in her mouth and was ready for the kill when I got there. She dropped him and I scolded her and told her he was not a threat. He disappeared and came back a day later. He's been here ever since.

Where did he come from? Why did he leave whoever he belonged to? And, after his experience with Allie, why did he come back and stay? He thinks his home is with the rams. He stays in and around them at night. I have not fed him on a regular basis. He finds plenty of leftover bits of grain from the grain hay. He must find bugs even in this cool weather. He is always looking at the ground and finding something.

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# Our Historic State of Jefferson Regional Map

19 COUNTIES IN SOUTHERN OREGON AND  
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OUR STATE OF JEFFERSON REGION



A Brief History of The State of Jefferson  
Written by Gail Jenner

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.

The principle is not a new one, however, but has its roots in the area's history. In 1852, a bill to create a new state died in committee. On Dec. 19, 1853, THE DAILY ALTA OF CALIFORNIA of San Francisco suggested that Northern California and Southern Oregon could both benefit if a 'new state' could be created. Some suggested it be called 'Klamath.' Others suggested the name "Jackson."

At a meeting held on January 7, 1854, in Jacksonville, Oregon, Lafayette F. Mosher spoke about a state of 'Jackson.' Unfortunately, as the son-in-law of General Lane, with well-known pro-slavery and anti-Indian beliefs, the proposed state's identity was tainted by prejudice and unfounded fear.


In 1854-55, the State Assembly tried to split California into three states: "Shasta" to the north, "Colorado" in the middle, and "California" to the south. But the Senate let the bill lapse. In 1877-78, some again pushed for "Shasta" in the north, but the U. S. Congress vetoed the proposal.

By the fall of 1941, most communities in and around the region were behind the idea of secession. In a contest held by the Siskiyou Daily News, the name "State of Jefferson" was officially born.

Several Oregon and California counties joined in. In order to garner attention, a protest was staged along Highway 99 near Yreka. Members of Yreka's 20-30 Club stopped cars and passed out a declaration and pledged to secede every Thursday until the State of Jefferson became recognized as a state.

The movement gained momentum and Stanton Delaplane won the Pulitzer Prize writing about the conditions leading up to The State of Jefferson's "official" secession. A gubernatorial race was held, complete with a parade and speeches and even a dancing bear, but then, on December 7th, 1941, the bombing of Pearl Harbor took precedence over the region's rebellion.

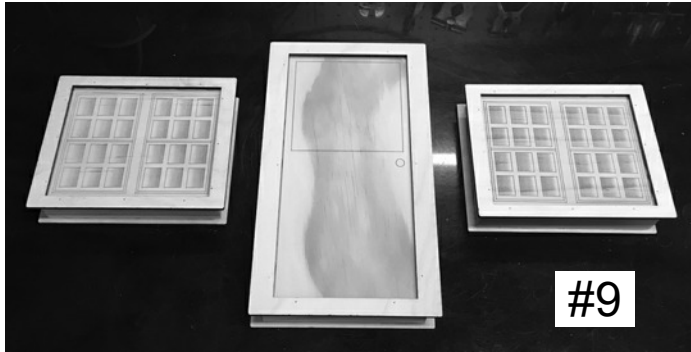
Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside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

But it's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we call The State of Jefferson. 



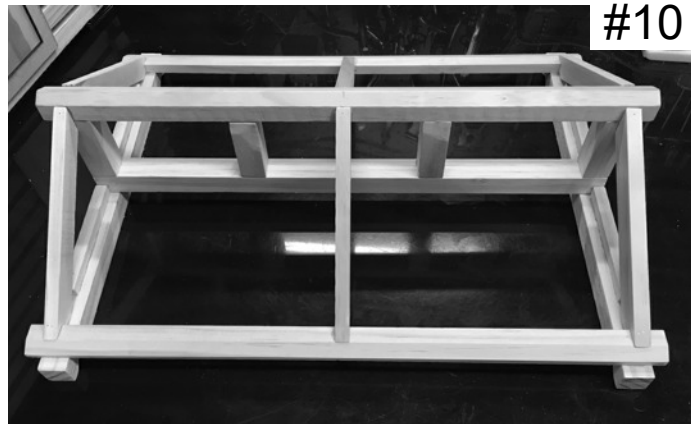
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Completed window and door assemblies are shown in Figure 9 (above). The frame pieces are 3mm Baltic birch, laser cut, glued and pin-nailed in place on both sides. They overlap sides about 1/4 inch. The top and bottom overlaps are intended to stabilize the parts vertically while they are stacked. The side overhangs capture and hide the adjacent log ends and provide a channel for the “chink spacers” plywood pieces glued and pin-nailed onto those ends. Logs can drop in from the top once the window or door is set into the desired position, and a cap log captured in the top overhang will lock everything into place.

Figures 10 and 11 (below) show the monolithic roof structure.



The truss assembly was designed to be able to hold about 80 to 100 pounds without collapse— think kid standing or sitting on it. It kinda-sorta resembles what’s actually in a real cabin. The roof “panels” are 3mm Baltic birch with a laser-engraved “cedar shake” pattern to replicate the look of the shakes on the park cabins. The rear panel stands slightly proud of the front for the same reason. End panels are also laser engraved— hey, when you have a big shiny hammer, everything looks like a nail. More to the point, when the assembled roof is sitting on the floor, the edges of the roof don’t touch so any “sitting weight” will all be held by the truss underneath.

Figure 12 (below) shows the “kit” as delivered. Assorted spare



logs of each size were included, along with some short log end stubs that could be passed around by a ranger for “show and tell” in a class. CNC files as well as documentation and assembly notes and hints were provided on a data CD.

The final cabin, currently in use at the Visitor Center and so far surviving, is shown assembled in Figure 13 (below). In all I spent about 80 hours in preliminary “cogitation,” actual design, fabrication and documentation. A fun project, well received by the end users. ■



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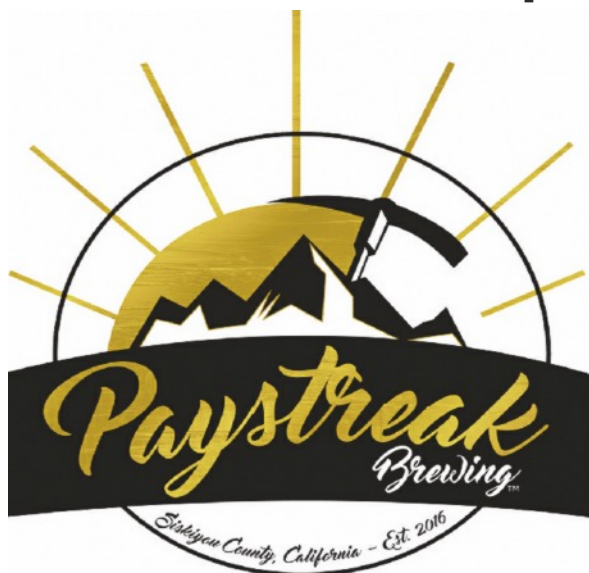
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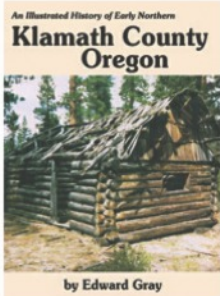
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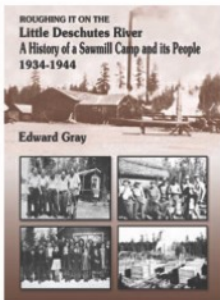
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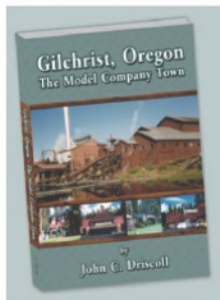
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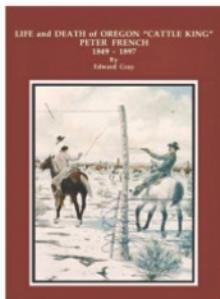
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