

Tunnel Echoes

Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach Community

A Newsletter

May 2017

Welcome to Spring in Arch Cape

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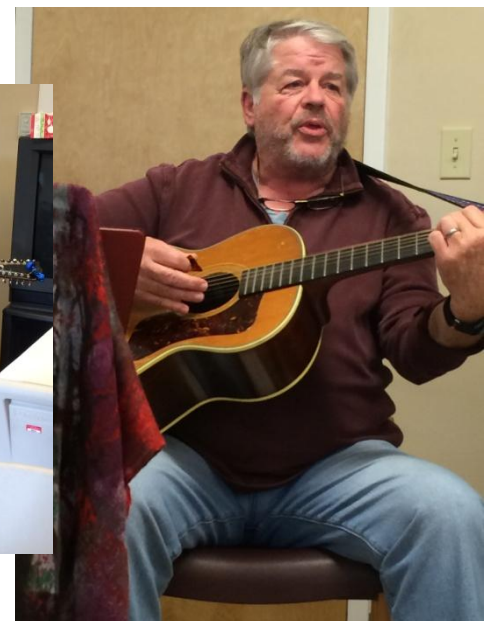
End of the (Calendar) Year Meeting

by John Piatt

We've had enough rain for the year, already! So we're hoping that our next community club meeting on Saturday May 20 at 6:00 pm will wrap up our club calendar year on a nice sunny spring evening.

This is our normal annual membership business meeting, where we will summarize what's been accomplished this past year, highlight any coming actions, give a snapshot of our financial

position, elect new board members for the coming year, and then relax with a little live music. Thistle and Rose will be performing including our own Paul and Margo Dueber. So bring a dish to share and come, enjoy a meal, music and friends.



Raymond Kruschke Brown

(1908-1998)

By Viviane Simon-Brown

Thanks for the opportunity to share some of the things I know about my Dad, Raymond Kruschke Brown (1908-1998.) He had some surprising family ties to our northern Oregon beaches. Dad's Aunt Emma was a chambermaid at the Warren Hotel in Tolovana Park.

When Dad turned 14, he joined her there, becoming first the chore boy, then their handy man. His Uncle Bill, a cigar maker dubbed the "Hermit of Falcon Cove" built the first cabin in Falcon Cove. (The pampas grass he planted can still be seen in the Cornelius yard.) Another favorite uncle was Uncle Ed of Ed's Candy Kitchen in Cannon Beach (Yep, Bruce's Candy Kitchen is in the same spot.) And if you have Anah Kruschke rhododendrons in your garden, Dad's Uncle Franz and Aunt Anah propagated them specifically for our coastal climate.

Dad was a worker, doing whatever needed doing in those tough economic times. He ferried guests and groceries from Seaside to Cannon Beach via the old toll road, then down the beach to the Warren. He provided all the daily seafood for the Warren dining hall, digging clams, harvesting mussels, fishing for pogies (perch), and crabbing. If he had a bad day, it wasn't on the menu that evening.

He cut the firewood for the kitchen, the cabins, and the great "walk-in" fireplace. He also cut wood for a local widow, getting 50 cents a cord for falling a tree, bucking it up, splitting it – sometimes with dynamite – and carefully stacking it. In the 30's, he worked on Hwy 101, connecting Cannon Beach with points south. Hauling the concrete for the bridge at the north end of Arch Cape, and creosoting the timbers for the tunnel were two jobs he told me about.

Logging came naturally after his early woodcutting experiences. I have a photo of the only time he rigged a spar tree. This involved climbing a 100ft+ spruce, limbing branches all the way to where he could top the tree.

This was the dangerous part since the last cut sometimes would whip the rigger right out the tree. Dad held fast, snugged the guywires, and finally shinnied back down. No more tree climbing for him.

After that, he drove log trucks for several gypos before ultimately driving for Crown. By the way, "gypo" isn't a pejorative term; it refers to a small company which usually sub-contracted specific jobs such as loading or hauling logs. Many Sundays, Dad would "let" me wash his truck in return for a horseback ride at Sea Ranch in Cannon Beach.



Dad was a great driver, but he loved to fly. Most coasties who knew Dad, remember his weekly leisure flights in his 1949 Luscombe Silhouette, but that was a modern plane by Dad's standards. After all, he learned to fly in a 1929 American Eagle bi-plane! Most of his planes were open-cockpit: a Tiger Moth, the Student Prince (manufactured in Portland – only 15 made), the low-wing Ryan PT 22.

He mostly crop-dusted wheat fields in eastern Oregon. In his more daredevil moments, he would fly low enough to spin his wheels on the top rail of a fence – think about the implications of that for a minute. In his longest trip, he flew a Stearman across the United States to spray DDT on a spruce budworm infestation in New Brunswick.

Sometimes he'd land on roads to ask for directions – no radios back then. During WWII, he was recruited by the Canadian Air Force to be a pilot instructor, but ended up as an A&P mechanic for the US Air Force in England.

Back in Oregon, in his version of a Sunday drive, he'd fly to an out-of-the-way beach (like Cove Beach), land (legal back then), dig a limit of clams, surf-fish for flounder and perch, and catch some crab. He'd cook the crabs on the beach, then fly back to the airport, snacking on fresh-cooked crab all the way.

I wonder what people thought when crab legs would float down out of the sky.... Late in life, he was honored as an OX5 Pioneer Aviator and for being a Beaverton Outlaw (google it).

Inevitably, he and my stepmother Margie, built their home a few lots away from Uncle Bill's at Cove Beach. It was easy to recognize the place – a 6ft wooden propeller hung over the garage.

They, along with the few other residents, became "first responders" whenever something needed to be done: trees blocking the road, potholes to fill, ditches to clear, lawns to mow, houses to check when the temperature dropped below freezing.

They also monitored and maintained our water supply for many years. Joanne Cornelius ordered Watermaster business cards for Dad; he delighted in handing them out.

One last thing: Dad always introduced himself as "Raymond." Most folks called him "Ray." When the county asked residents to rename our roads, neighbors on Second St suggested Ray Brown Rd.

It's a lovely gesture to a man who was a good neighbor, but I've always wanted to add "mond" to the Ray. Maybe someday I will.

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A slide closes Highway 101 south of Cannon Beach

The Associated Press

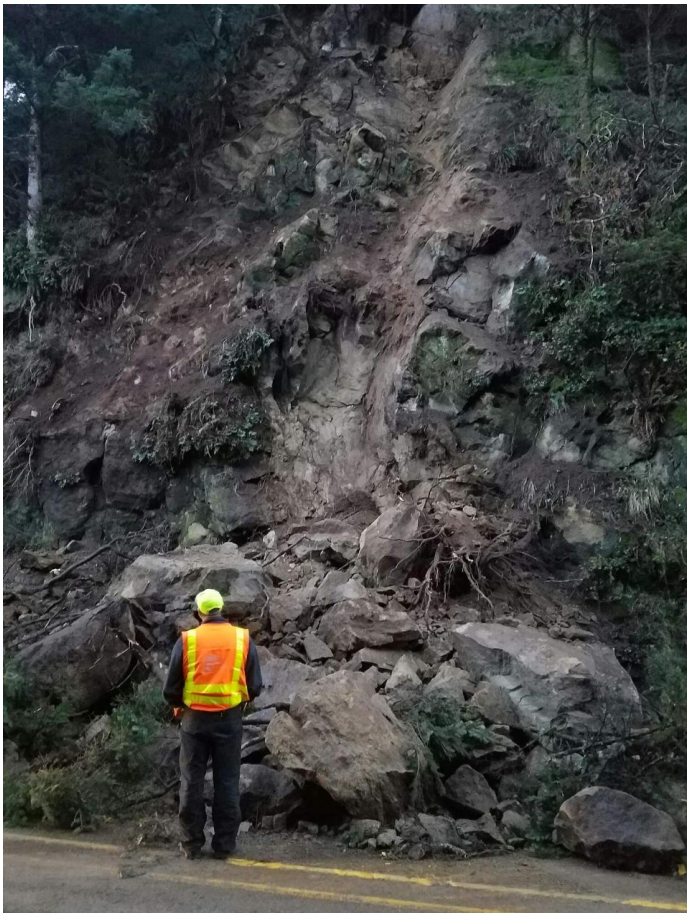
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U.S. 101 was closed on Wednesday morning due a rock slide near Canon Beach. February 22, 2017, (ODOT) CANNON BEACH, Ore. (AP)

– A landslide has closed U.S. Highway 101 in both directions 5 miles south of Cannon Beach, just past Hug Point.

The state Department of Transportation said Wednesday morning that crews had to wait for experts to finish examining the situation before they could clean the road.

It was reopened on Thursday, February 23rd.



Recipe: Sausage and Winter Squash Mash

by Kirk Flatow

Butternut squash works great...however, for a real treat, get in touch with Revolution Gardens and see what kind of exotic heirloom winter squash and pumpkins they have available.

Talk to Ginger--she will steer you to something unusual and delicious! Phone (503)368-3044; 77281 OR-53, Nehalem, Oregon 97131.

Ingredients for 4:

8 plump sausages (I like pork sausages for this, but anything can work)
Mustard (I like a seedy Dijon, but again, this is a flexible recipe)
Runny honey
Lemon juice

For the mash:

About two pounds of squash or pumpkin
Butter

Chives (optional garnish but looks pretty and adds an oniony overtone)

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400

Put the sausages on a pan with enough space so they don't touch (they brown better that way; also foil or parchment paper under the sausages will make the clean up much easier). In a bowl, add three big tablespoons each of mustard and honey; then squeeze half a lemon into the bowl and mix thoroughly. Pour over the sausages and toss gently.

Bake in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes, rolling the sausages around in the sauce a couple times, until the sausages are cooked and they have a glossy thick coat.

For the mash, peel and seed the squash, pull or scrape out all the fibers inside, and cut into chunks. Steam covered for about 20 minutes until tender. (If you don't have a steamer basket, you can boil the squash, but I don't think the results are as nice). Once the squash is tender, drain the squash, now you have two choices to mash:

The quicker and easier method is to empty your pan, put the squash back in the hot and dry pan with a knob of butter (you won't need a whole lot) and black pepper to taste, and mash it all up with a potato masher. This is what I almost always do and it works fine.

To get a smoother texture with zero lumps (and kids usually hate lumps) you can put the squash, butter and pepper in a stand mixer with a paddle attachment or a food processor and mix until thoroughly smooth.

Divide the mash among the four bowls or plates, plop the sausages on top, and garnish with some minced chives.

Arch Cape Water and Sanitary Districts News

By Phil Chick

It feels good to finally be crawling out of what seemed like a six-month long atmospheric river event! The past winter brought the most weather-related power outages we have experienced in many years. 105 inches of rain has been recorded at the plant since the rain began to fall in October.

WATER DISTRICT NEWS: “New Neighbors”

The recent purchase of the land that comprises the Arch Cape drinking watershed by ECOTRUST Forest Management presents some encouraging opportunities for the Water District. ECOTRUST Forest Management (EFM) purchased the property from Stimson Lumber Company in November 2016.

The Water District is currently partnering with Oregon DEQ to create a source water protection plan for the watershed. The District is also working with EFM as they develop their management plan for the property, which is slated for completion in June.

EFM’s purchase of the 5,000 acre property is encouraging because of the potential benefits that a company like this can have on water quality through balanced, future-focused forest management practices.

Owning property within a community’s drinking watershed is a new endeavor for EFM, and the District and EFM are optimistic about the possibilities.

The idea of a forest model capable of providing economic, ecological, and recreational based benefits in Oregon is very appealing. Information about the source protection and property plans will be discussed regularly at Water and Sanitary District Board meetings, held the third Friday of the month at 6pm at the Arch Cape Fire Hall 79729 Hwy 101.

The North Coast Land Conservancy is a conservation partner with EFM. NCLC is working toward acquisition of approximately 3,500 acres of land within EFM’s property from Onion Peak to the boundary of Oswald West State Park. For more information on NCLC’s plans please visit nclctrust.org or contact Katie Voelke, Executive Director, at 503-738-9126.

Attention: Homeowners with Irrigation Systems

Arch Cape Water District is a water conservation district, committed to encouraging the sustainable use of the district’s water resources. Improperly operating irrigation systems are major contributors of wasted water each year. All homes with irrigation systems are required to file an annual irrigation system report with the District. This report is separate from the backflow test report you may have had completed and is due by May 1st each year.

If this report is not submitted to the District by May 1st, customers shall have no claim for relief from billing invoice charges (basic, excess, or otherwise) in the event of an irrigation system malfunction. This particular report requires an annual inspection of the system as well as updated contact information. The system inspection and report may be completed by a homeowner, and there is no requirement to hire a contractor.

If you have any questions after reading the irrigation system report form, please feel free to contact our office at 503-436-2790.

SANITARY DISTRICT NEWS:

The wet winter brought much extra water (through infiltration and inflow – or I&I) to the wastewater treatment plant. I&I enters the wastewater collection system through cracked pipes, root intrusion, illegally connected roof drains, manholes, and other points of entry.

To put this in perspective, a recent rainstorm in March brought 450,000 gallons of wastewater into the wastewater treatment plant, while only 14,000 gallons flowed out of the water reservoir that same day. While high I&I is common on the coast during heavy rain events, this large of a discrepancy between “water out and water in” is excessive.

The Sanitary District is focusing on eliminating some of these sources of I&I to prolong the life of the membranes at the wastewater treatment plant. An insert will be included in the June billing, providing information about future smoke testing being conducted within the District’s collection system. The goal of this will be to identify areas of inflow into the system, primarily through home drainage sources and defective sewer laterals.

Plant Tours: Tours of Arch Cape’s treatment plants are always available for anyone interested in learning about how their water and wastewater is processed. Arch Cape’s new treatment plants were built in 2009 and 2014. Plant Operator, Matt Gardner, is available to give plant tours and can be contacted at 503-436-2790 or mattgardneracutil@gmail.com.



Arch Cape Annual Picnic

By John Piatt

Looking at some materials passed down from Dave and Alma English, we recently came across photos of "the first annual Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community Club picnic, taken the summer of 1989. While we don't know how many, if any, subsequent "annual picnics" occurred, there certainly haven't been any in recent years. However, the idea seemed a good way to promote community, one of the core objectives of the club.

Therefore, you are invited to attend a Community Club picnic for a chance to enjoy the beach and have some fun with other club members. Plan on bringing your own picnic lunch rather than our normal potluck dinners.

The picnic is tentatively planned for Saturday July 15th starting at noon on the beach between Leach Lane and Arch Cape Creek. This location has parking available on Leach and Shingle Mill Lanes. Low tide occurs about noon, so there will be plenty of beach to enjoy. We will have badminton and bocce ball available to play. Bring your Frisbees, kites and anything else that comes to mind for an enjoyable summer beach picnic. Stay for a couple hours or until the tide chases us off the beach. Remember your sun glasses and sun screen (something we haven't needed since last fall).

There is a nice fire pit in an area above the vegetation line near Arch Cape Creek for those wishing to cook hot dogs or smores. There are also logs in this area for people who don't want to carry folding chairs. There are no public restrooms in the area, so people will have to run home or have friends living close by to use their facilities for potty breaks.

Please RSVP the Community Club at [<acfbcc@gmail.com>](mailto:acfbcc@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Final details will be provided to those who indicate an interest in coming.



Arch Cape 1st Annual Community Picnic – Summer 1989



Testimony to the Joint Ways and Means Committee

March 3, 2017, Tillamook, OR

Clatsop County Commissioner - District 5 - Lianne Thompson

Co-chairs Sen. Devlin and Rep. Nathanson, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you tonight. My name is Lianne Thompson, and I'm a Clatsop County Commissioner.

I appreciate the very great challenge before you in this Session as you balance revenues and requests from all over Oregon. It's no surprise that there are more of the latter than the former.

It's no surprise that many people are requesting—perhaps demanding—that you perform the impossible job of meeting every request with agreement and funding. I'm from the government, and I came to help. What I'm offering isn't immediately possible, but it's a direction forward.

I'd ask your attention to wise investment in economic development that provides jobs in ecologically sustainable ways, jobs that grow the hearts and minds of the workers involved as they support our local and statewide tax base. Sen. Johnson has her OMIC project in Scapoose. I'm in favor of supporting that project with whatever "ask" she has for funding. I trust her judgment.

I'm also requesting that you consider investing in factories all over Oregon that will use CLT or other mass-timber technology to produce value-added timber products from our private, State, and federal forests. I'd like to see us building modular housing using mass timber techniques.

We don't have specific requests at the moment, but they're coming soon. Please give them consideration as they provide jobs in rural Oregon. You know that rural Oregon desperately needs those ecologically sustainable manufacturing jobs, or we face becoming ghost towns or theme parks.

Let's instead put tools in workers' hands, develop opportunity for good jobs, so they can provide for themselves, their families, and their communities. The way forward in developing mass timber jobs, especially ones that will create modular housing (my personal favorite), is not clear right now. We're still in the early stages of developing the concepts and implementing them.

It's not a "silver bullet," and it's not an immediate solution. But working toward a future that makes better use of Oregon forests allows multiple benefits. If we have secondary production on our timber products in local manufacturing facilities, we do more than provide good jobs.

We also provide a way to pay for essential services, and I know you're committed to that by your membership on this committee.

Last and perhaps most important for many is that this future will give us the means to also protect and preserve forests in Oregon as wild places, places that provide clean air and drinking water, allow recreational opportunities, and species and habitat protection.

It's a big dream, there's a lot of collaborative work to be done, but it's a dream that inspires both hope and common purpose for our shared value, a thriving Oregon.

Thank you again for your work. I am eager to work with you as we move forward.

The Special Districts Association of Oregon

Outstanding Board Member Service Award

By Tara Erben

In February of this year, Falcon Cove long time resident, Joanne Cornelius, received the Special Districts Association of Oregon Outstanding Board Member Service Award for her over 25 years service on the Falcon Cove Beach Water District.



She served as president of the board for over 16 years. With her dedication and direction, she inspired a well-organized board responsible for providing the domestic and fire protection water systems for a community of nearly 100 residents.

Shortly after celebrating her 80th birthday, Joanne resigned from the board, however she agreed to remain close and impart her experience and historical knowledge to the new board president as well as the other commissioners.

Joanne has also volunteered to help upgrade the Falcon Cove Beach Water District's computer software systems. Joanne is a wealth of knowledge on the Oregon Coast because of her continued interest and dedicated involvement in the community.

Arch Cape - Falcon Cove Beach Community Club

The Community Club meets four times yearly on the third Saturday of May, September, November and February. Membership in the club is \$16 for a household and includes membership as well as a subscription to this newsletter.

Not a member? Please join or renew today.

You can mail to ACFCB Community Club, Attn: Treasurer, 79729 Hwy 101, Arch Cape, OR 97102

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