

### Mt. High Highway Cleanup

**June 19.** Saturday, 10 am - noon.

Our club has adopted a 2-mile section of Highway 26, mileposts 51-53. This was our first cleanup effort. Fourteen of us met at the west end of Skibowl's parking lot, adorned ourselves with reflective orange vests, grabbed some plastic bags and picker clamps, and split up into several small groups.

Two hours later, we had filled up 33 large garbage bags with plastic bottles, cans, cigarette butts, empty plastic bags, rusted tire-chains, soaked car floor mats, etc.

After the cleanup, we cleaned ourselves up and stopped at the Mt. Hood Brew Pub for some delicious lunch. We compared notes about what people had found.

Among the more interesting finds:

- a) Violet found a \$20 bill, soggy but still valid.
- b) Chuck found a woman's purse, filled with ID cards.

Debbi Kor took the purse home and tried to locate its owner. The lady was not listed in the phone book. A dental appointment card in the purse gave Debbi the idea to call the dentist. The dental office would not give out any information, but they did have records of that appointment some 6 years ago, so they contacted the lady and gave her Debbi's phone number.

Later that same day, Debbi got a phone call from the mother of the young lady who lost her purse. It turns out that the young lady was 17 when she and several of her girlfriends had their purses stolen while they were snowboarding at Mt. Hood Meadows some 6 years ago. It is amazing the purse still looked as good as it did after 6 years, and that it finally made its way back to its owner.



We have committed to do this highway cleanup twice a year. So, we'll do it again in September or October. Now that we've removed years of accumulated trash, next time should be much easier.



14 participants: Lonny Schiller, Jim Karsten, Violet & Greg Anderson, Kurt Krueger, Chuck Westergren, Terry White, Debbi Kor, Gordon Lusk, Cal Eddy, Larry Bennett, Sandra Pointer, Sandi Dykstra, Emilio Trampuz