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Greetings members, families and friends; Holiday season, 2020

Hello and here is a first not-newsletter newsletter, something to remind us that we are part of a group that is looking forward to getting together again, soon.

Most of our newsletters, and the next one coming the first of February, include a 3-month schedule of events and tours that our group of directors, above, have come up with to pique our interest. Perhaps when we do get together again, our attendance at these events will go up, given that we have not had much of a chance recently.

Here is a photo of our directors Joe and Shelly Moore on the VOG tour.



Then, what else can we look forward to? Well, this time of year it is the smiley face on the hillside near Willamina, where folks heading back to the valley from the coast can look up and see this;



The smiley face, here taken from the frontage road below the hill just a few days ago, is a project that has come to fruition from planning years ago when this hill was re-planted after a clear cut, on Willamina Lumber/Hampton land. As I've heard it, Dennis Creel, the forester in charge of re-planting this harvested hillside decided to spruce it up. Well, he didn't use Spruce but did use Larch! So each fall the Larch turns color and the hillside lights up! He might have used some string and a compass, but I bet it was a handheld computing device!

So what would a holiday letter be without a paragraph to Santa, perhaps in scrawled 5-year old writing, and trying to cover both Thanksgiving and Christmas;

Dear Santa; Thank you for my mum and dad. Thanks for my dog. Could you please bring another dog for my parents? And thanks for the forestland we live on as it keeps my dad out of the house most of the time and things stay real peaceful until I ask for another dog. And thanks for our family living in Oregon where it is so dang nice! Just like my dog and the next one too. I hope to see you in a couple weeks and I'll stay up to guard the cookies for you, from my dog and the one you're bringing.

And I thank you folks reading this for being OSWA members, or I'd have no-one to write to.