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FORAY, Saturday, November 1, 1986,  
to Boise Cascade land, east of Dal-  
las, OR. Boise Cascade has granted  
NATS special permission to truffle  
on their land.

Meet at Benton Center, 630 NW  
7th, Corvallis, at 9:00 A. M. Dress  
for the weather and bring a lunch.

For those coming from the north,  
meet at 9:45 AM, Payless Drug Store  
parking lot in the Mill Valley Square  
Shopping Center, Dallas, OR. The  
Mill Valley Square Shopping Center  
is located at the intersection of  
Hwy 223 and Ellendale Road.

For those coming from Hwy 99W,  
turn west on Hwy 22 towards the Ore-  
gon coast, then make a left turn on  
Ellendale Road into Dallas.

If the above information sounds  
familiar to you, it should!! This  
foray was planned for September but  
had to be cancelled at the last min-  
ute due to fire danger in the forest.

For further information, call  
Steve Morgan at 752-3218.

Steve Morgan  
Trufflemaster

MEETING, Monday, November 3, 1986,  
7:30 P. M., in the Large Conference  
Room, Forest Sciences Lab, 3200  
Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR.

Dr. Steve Carpenter, Research  
Associate in Botany at OSU, will be  
the guest speaker. His topic is  
"An Introduction to Fungi."

Dr. Carpenter is familiar to  
many of us through his study of the  
fungi returning to the Mt. St. Helens  
area following the eruption in 1980.

For further information, call  
Dan Luoma, 758-8063.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

A hard working group of NATS  
people made our participation a huge  
success at both the Falls City Chan-  
terelle Festival and more recently  
at the OMS Mushroom Show at the West-  
ern Forestry Center in Portland on  
Sunday, October 19, 1986. Dan Wheeler  
was the very able chairman of the OMS  
show. He was supported by Henry  
Pavelek, Vern and Verba Moore, Dennis  
and Norene Wedam, Welles and Mayetta  
Bushnell, Steve Morgan, Keith Sherry,

Paul Bishop and Lorraine Shearer.

At the OMS show we were given about twice our usual display space. The Bushnells brought some bonzai trees which provided a nice touch for displaying fresh truffles. Keith Sherry, with the help of others, ran the popular aroma evaluations, using about ten different truffles provided by Steve Morgan and Dan Wheeler. Vern Moore, in addition to handing out brochures and urging new people to join up with NATS, did a display of his own: truffles and mushrooms preserved in plastic. Vern also had a very large Tuber gibbosum Harkn., provided by a mystery man from an unknown location in Oregon. This Tuber is the size of a fist. Vern is very positive and enthusiastic and we hope he is successful with his new venture.

I often wonder why the same faithful, enthusiastic and hard working group work so hard to promote NATS? It is probably in their nature to do so. I really appreciate them and do thank them all so very much. I hope the entire membership will also thank them. Vern Moore is certain we will gain some new members from the OMS show. Both he and Dan Wheeler said they handed out several hundred brochures and when they ran out they had interested people sign a list; 26 more people are awaiting brochures to be mailed when we get a new supply. I was unable to reach Steve Morgan to check on the results of the special foray on Thursday, October 16th.

The Falls City Chanterelle Festival was quite successful, thanks to chairman Henry Pavelek and many others. We impressed a lot of people with our display and knowledge of truffles. Welles Bushnell was again the hero. He drove back to Salem for tables and chairs when our display booth proved to be a vacant spot in the street next to the fire siren which wailed many times during a fire alert in the afternoon. Tough on these old ears--you bet I heard it!!

Dan Wheeler has alerted me that he is organizing a Portland Chapter of NATS. He has heard from 39 OMS members who are interested in joining, and there are about 36 present NATS members in the Portland vicinity to make 75 members for the new chapter. As soon as Dan can arrange a meeting place they will be in business. Our founder, Tony Walters, will be pleased as I am. Maybe the tail will soon be wagging the dog!!

Dan also told me that a Puget Sound Mycological Society member attending the OMS show brought in a Rhizopogon with a red exterior, staining crimson, with a gleba of yellowish brown, that smelled and tasted like BANANAS. Can any one out there tell us what it is?

I sent a letter to Matt Kramer of THE OREGONIAN after I read his article about searching for the elusive truffles in the Portland area, with John Hinds. John is a truffle and mushroom supplier. They may have been searching for Picoa carthusiana, but found nothing. I told Matt to look up Dan Wheeler who works for THE OREGONIAN. I also told Matt that he might run out of breath trying to follow Dan through the woods. Dan really moves along and is a terrific and prolific truffle finder. I hope they get together for a foray. We may hear and read more in the near future. I also invited Matt Kramer to go on a foray with NATS.

I had some family business during the weekend of the OMS show. My youngest son, Craig, 32, of Eugene, is an unemployed attorney who is moving soon to Tucson, hoping to secure a position with a law firm there. We celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years at Sun River. We will miss him very much.

We came home Sunday afternoon via LaPine, Gilchrist and Crescent on Hwy 97, turning northwest on Hwy 61 then on to Hwy 58 and over the Willamette Pass to Eugene and home. The weather was clear, sunny, warm and beautiful till Pleasant Hill, then mostly socked in to Corvallis.

We looked in the Sun River area for both truffles and mushrooms and in the Salt Creek Falls area of Willamette Pass. Nothing. The soil is very dry. I dearly love this weather and it looks as if we shall have a lot more of it. I also know that it will take a few soaking rains to start the truffles and mushrooms fruiting again. This weather is like mixed emotions. Mixed emotions are like watching your mother-in-law driving your Cadillac over a cliff!!!

Frank Morris  
NATS President

NATS WELCOMES the following new members: Dr. John L. Fulton, Missoula, MT.; Dorothy Smith, Leo Husa, Vancouver, WA.; from Oregon: Jerry Brown, Mulino; Wallace Murphy and Yvette Santos, Beaverton; Irene Olson, Aloha; Charles and Margie Sells, Eugene; Sandra Suttie, Corvallis; Irene Eisenbach, Albany; Mara Letica, Ted Johnson, George Noland, Lake Oswego; Paul Jensen, Lincoln City; Jennifer Poole, Eugene; Marvin Johnson, Tigard; Bert Leibracht, Salem; Patrick Salsich, Burl Mostul, William Hamarr, Nancy Hamarr, Gregg Morris, Daniel Cristofani, Portland.

#### FROM ANNA MARIN

Greetings Fellow Trufflers:

This is just a quick note to let you know that I am still alive and well and have not forgotten my NATS friends in Oregon since leaving OSU to come to Cornell University last year. Also, this is to let you all know a little bit about mushrooming and truffling in New York.

For all of you Northwesterners who don't know better, the entire state of New York is NOT completely paved. In fact, upstate New York is quite rural. I live in the community of Hall which is so small that mail is not delivered - you have to pick it up at the local post office. It is a farm community, but 100 yards from my house is a nice patch of woods where my dogs and I regularly

go to mushroom. Also, I have round that New York has quite a large system of public access, abandoned railroad beds. These old beds are often miles of paths through wooded areas which are good places to mushroom in warmer months and great areas for cross country skiing in the winter. In late July, I collected quite a few chanterelles in the woods near one of these old railroad beds. I also found quite a few Sclerodermas and some small puffballs, but no truffles.

Truffling has not exactly been spectacular; last fall I only made two collections. I'm not sure if there simply aren't many truffles here in this type of habitat, or that I am so "green" to the area that I don't know where to look (the latter case is probably true, but I'm working on it.) This fall I have had a little better luck. I am going out every Thursday afternoon with Prof. Richard Korf and his mycology students on their weekly collecting trips. Last week was the first week and I found two different collections - small but not insignificant. Also I generated a lot of interest from the students, most of whom had never seen a truffle. This week I am bringing along an extra truffling rake.

Mushrooming, on the other hand, has been very good. Last fall I had my fill of Shaggy Manes, Agaricus augustus, Lepiota rachoides, and a few other delectables, including the giant puffballs. For those NATS members who have access to giant puffballs and don't know what to do with that much mushroom, I am including a recipe I developed for these wonderful fungi.

Best wishes to all my NATS friends. I miss your companionship on my lone forays but hopefully I'll generate some new trufflers here in New York. Good luck truffling.

#### PUFFBALL CREPES

Take a young, giant puffball that is firm and completely white in the center and slice it into pieces about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick.

These slices will look like big pancakes. Fry these in hot oil until they are very lightly browned, then drain them on paper towels. Use a bland vegetable oil, sesame oil or olive oil, depending on what you want to do with them next. Use these fried puffball sections like crepes and fill them with the filling of your choice. I suggest the following:

Italian Style Filling: Stir fry some finely diced zucchini, green or red pepper and sausage. Add some diced black olives and typical Italian spices-garlic, oregano, basil, etc. Spoon filling into puffball crepes and gently roll them up. Place in a casserole dish and cover with a marinara or other red spaghetti sauce. Sprinkle parmesian cheese over the top and bake covered at about 325 degrees for 20 minutes or so until the sauce is hot. Serve over egg noodles or other pasta.

Chinese Style Filling: Stir fry finely diced onion, celery and water chestnuts seasoned with garlic and fresh ginger. When these are tender but still crisp add fresh or canned baby shrimp and tiny green peas(frozen are ok.) Cover and cook for just a few minutes then stir in fresh bean sprouts just until they are hot. Spoon this mixture into the puffball crepes, roll them up and place in a casserole dish and cover with the following sauce: Heat to boiling a can(or preferably equivalent volume of homemade)chicken broth seasoned with soy sauce and fresh ginger. Make a glaze by adding a rue of corn starch and bringing to a boil. Pour glaze over the puffball crepes and cover casserole, letting it sit for 5 to 10 minutes to meld flavors, or put in a warm oven(225 degrees) but not for too long as vegetables will get soggy. Serve crepes on a bed of rice. ENJOY.

Anna B. Marin

## NATS LIMERICK CONTEST

Everyone can write limericks. You all know, for example:

There was a young lady from Niger  
Who went for a ride on a tiger.  
They returned from the ride  
With the lady inside  
And a smile on the face of the tiger.

Rules are simple:

1. Must be in limerick form.
2. Must include words NATS, truffle or tuber.
3. Must be signed with name, address, and be a NATS member or family.

Sponsor: Henry and Wanda Pavelek  
(ineligible to compete)

Interesting prize for winner to be awarded at the December dinner. Judges will be one NATS member and two impartial non-members.

Join in the fun, and send in your entry before Nov. 15, 1986, to:

Henry Pavelek  
32566 Peoria Rd.  
Albany, OR, 97321



Oregon  
White

IT'S TUBER GIBBOSUM SEASON!!!!

# 1985 FINDS

9/30/85 Six miles SE of Seneca, OR., - Grant County  
N 44° 08' 05" W 118° 58' 14" 4666'  
Rhizopogon ellenae Smith.....Leeds Bailey

## APRIL 1986 FINDS

4/13/86 1.3 miles ENE Washburn Butte, Linn County, OR.  
N 44° 26' 19" W 122° 58' 00" 1100'  
Barssia oregonensis Gilkey.....Dan Wheeler  
Endogone lactiflua Bk. & Br.....SAA  
Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....SAA

4/13/86 Peterson's Butte, Linn County, OR.  
N 44° 30' 45" W 122° 58' 30" 950'  
Barssia oregonensis Gilkey.....Dan Wheeler  
Geopora cooperi Harkn. f. cooperi.....SAA  
Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....SAA  
Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....SAA

4/23/86 Middle Ridge, Linn County, OR.  
N 44° 26' 50" W 122° 54' 50" 1200'  
Hydnотrya sp., immature.....Dan Wheeler  
Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....SAA  
Hysterangium sp.....SAA  
Martellia brunnescens Sing. & Smith.....SAA  
Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....SAA  
Tuber sp., immature(4 coll.).....SAA

4/27/86 Near Rooster Rock, Multnomah County, OR.  
N 45° 32' 28" W 122° 15' 07" 100'  
Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith(3 coll.).....Dan Wheeler  
Tuber sp., immature(2 coll.).....SAA

## MAY 1986 FINDS

5/02/86 Rocky Point, west of Klamath Falls, OR.  
N 42° 28' 50" W 122° 05' 23" 4100'  
Gautieria monticola Harkn.....Welles Bushnell  
Alice W. Dalgallo, Vernon Moore  
Leucophleps spinispora Fogel.....Jane Erickson  
Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....Peggy Rice  
Puffball.....Welles Bushnell

5/04/86 Near Rooster Rock, Multnomah County, OR.  
N 45° 32' 28" W 122° 15' 07" 100'  
Endogone lactiflua Bk. & Br.(3 coll.).....Dan Wheeler  
Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith(10 coll.).....SAA  
Rhizopogon sp.....SAA

5/07/86 33 miles E of Portland, OR., Multnomah County, OR.  
N 45° 36' 35" W 122° 01' 31" 70'  
Endogone flammicorona Trappe & Gerd.....Dan Wheeler  
Endogone lactiflua Bk. & Br.....SAA

5/14/86	Paul Bishop's Tree Farm, Clackamas County, OR. N 45°16'47" W 122°33'31" 540'	Rhizopogon villescens Smith(4 coll.) Scleroderma sp., immature	Dan Wheeler SAA
5/15/86	Camas Prairie, two miles from Hwy 26, near Bear Springs, OR. N 45°08'14" W 121°33'52" 3100'	Gautieria monticola Harkn. Hymenogaster sublilacinus Smith	Welles Bushnell SAA
5/16/86	Two miles east of Blodgett, OR., Benton County N 44°36'19" W 123°29'07" 600'	Genabea cerebriformis(Harkn.)Trappe Genea intermedia Gilkey Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge Hysterangium setchellii Fischer Martellia sp., immature	Henry Pavelek SAA SAA SAA SAA
5/17/86	Paul Bishop's Tree Farm, Beaver Creek, Clackamas County, OR. N 45°16'47" W 122°33'31" 540'	Barssia oregonensis Gilkey(3 coll.) Endogone lactiflua Bk. & Br. Rhizopogon villescens Smith(4 coll.) Rhizopogon sp., immature(3 coll.) Scleroderma sp., immature Tuber californicum Harkn. Tuber gibbosum Harkn.	Dan Wheeler SAA SAA SAA SAA SAA SAA
5/23/86	Paul Bishop's Tree Farm, Beaver Creek, Clackamas County, OR. SAA	Barssia oregonensis Gilkey Endogone lactiflua Bk. & Br. Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge Martellia sp., immature Rhizopogon villescens Smith Tuber californicum Harkn. Tuber murinum Hesse	Dan Wheeler SAA SAA SAA SAA SAA SAA
5/26/86	Peterson's Butte, Linn County, OR. N 44°30'45" W 122°58'30" 650'	Endogone lactiflua Bk. & Br. Hymenogaster boozeri Zeller & Dodge Tuber sp., immature	Dan Wheeler SAA SAA
5/31/86	Headwaters of Jack Creek, near Three Fingered Jack N 44°29'37" W 121°38'46" 4200'	Alpova trappei Fogel	Verba Moore
<u>JUNE 1986 FINDS</u>			
6/24/86	Vancouver, Washington N 45°38'20" W 122°39'37" 100'	Scleroderma sp.	Janet Lindgren

6/28/86 Near Tipsoo Peak, Douglas County, OR.  
 N 43° 13' 04" W 122° 02' 14" 7500'  
*Gautieria pterosperma* Stewart & Trappe Jack Hausotter

6/29/86 Beaver Creek off Decker Road, Benton County, OR.  
 N 44° 27' 40" W 123° 23' 52" 900'  
*Gautieria monticola* Harkn. Henry Pavelek  
*Hysterangium crassirhachis* Zeller & Dodge SAA  
*Hysterangium* sp., immature SAA

# JULY 1986 FINDS

7/05/86 Rooster Rock, Multnomah County, OR.  
 N 45° 32' 28" W 122° 15' 07" 80'  
*Endogone lactiflua* Bk. & Br. Dan Wheeler  
*Tuber* sp. SAA

7/05/86 Cascade Head, Oregon - Tillamook County  
 N 45° 03' 25" W 124° 00' 13" 1300'  
*Chamonixia caespitosa* Roll. Vernon Moore  
*Elaphomyces granulatus* Fr. Steve Morgan  
*Elaphomyces muricatus* Fr. Welles Bushnell  
*Hydnотrya variiformis* Gilkey(2 coll.) Steve Morgan  
 Frank Evans

7/06/86 8 miles NE of Council, Idaho  
 TBA  
*Barssia oregonensis* Gilkey Leeds Bailey  
*Macowanites* sp. SAA  
*Rhizopogon villosulus* Zeller SAA

7/13/86 Lamb-Taylor Farm  
 TBA  
*Zelleromyces gilkeyae* Sing. & Smith Henry Pavelek, Jr.

7/15/86 Mary's Peak Study Area, Benton County, OR.  
 N 44° 23' 50" W 123° 29' 46" 2600'  
*Elaphomyces granulatus* Fr. Marvin Daniels  
*Hydnотrya variiformis* Gilkey John Rawlinson  
*Hymenogaster parksii* Zeller & Dodge Frank Evans  
*Melanogaster euryspermus* (Zeller & Dodge) Zeller Marvin Daniels  
*Rhizopogon vinicolor* Smith Marvin Daniels  
 Kerstin Doring, Frank Evans(2 coll.), John Rawlinson(2 coll.)  
 Helmut Schall(2 coll.)

7/20/86 Howell's Tree Farm, Gales Creek, OR.  
 N 45° 33' 24" W 123° 13' 38" 300'  
*Rhizopogon subareolatus* Smith Janet Lindgren

7/22/86 Vern Moore's Residence, Lebanon, OR.  
 N 44° 30' 38" W 122° 48' 35" 360'  
*Scleroderma hypogaeum* Zeller Vern Moore

- 9/10/86 Four miles south of Yaquina Bay Bridge, Newport, OR,  
N 44° 33' 55" W 124° 04' 00" 35'  
Rhizopogon parksii Smith, Henry Pavelek  
Rhizopogon smithii Hosford, SAA
- 9/13/86 Four miles WNW Falls City, Oregon, Polk County  
N 44° 52' 05" W 123° 29' 45" 350'  
Tuber gibbosum Harkn., Dan Wheeler
- 9/20/86 500 feet west of Mt. Bachelor, Deschutes County, OR,  
N 43° 58' 47" W 121° 41' 21" 9065'  
Rhizopogon ochraceorubens Smith, Nels Larson
- 9/21/86 Three Sisters Wilderness, near Sims Butte  
N 44° 11' 35" W 121° 50' 45" 5300'  
Rhizopogon smithii Hosford,
- 9/26/86 18459 NE Ribbon Ridge Rd., Newberg, OR, Yamhill County  
N 45° 18' 01" W 122° 58' 19" 176'  
Endogone lactiflua Bk. & Br., Alan Foster

#### OCTOBER 1986 FINDS

- 10/04/86 Paulina Lake, Deschutes County, OR,  
N 43° 43' 13" W 121° 15' 17"  
Gautieria crispa Stewart & Trappe, Welles Bushnell  
Nels Larson  
Hysterangium crassirhachis Zeller & Dodge, Nels Larson  
Rhizopogon subcaerulescens Smith, Welles Bushnell  
Steve Morgan  
Rhizopogon subpurpurascens Smith, Evedene Bennet  
Steve Morgan, Don Rice
- 10/01/86 Twin Harbors State Park, SW Grays Harbor County, WA,  
N 46° 51' 25" W 124° 06' 20" 14'  
Alpova diplophloeus(Zeller & Dodge)Trappe & Smith, James Haseltine
- 10/03/86 Chinaman's Hat, Unit 8, Josephine County, Silver Creek, OR,  
N 42° 25' 55" W 123° 52' 14" 3559'  
Leucogaster sp., Mike Amaranthus  
Rhizopogon sp.(5 coll.), SAA

#### COMMENTS BY TRAPPE

Chamonixia caespitosa Roll., collected by Vernon Moore and Steve Morgan, July 05, 1986, is a RARE fungus!

Rhizopogon sp. novum, collected by Welles Bushnell, Sept 6, 1986, is a unique Rhizopogon with nearly black gleba.

Rhizopogon parksii Smith and R. smithii Hosford, collected by Henry Pavelek, Sept 10, 1986, will be used

by Dr. C. Y. Li in studies of nitrogen fixing bacteria associated with mycorrhizal fungi.

Martellis sp. novum, collected by Dan Wheeler, August 15, 1986, has very unusual spore ornamentation!

Tuber gibbosum Harkn., collected by Dan Wheeler, May 17, 1986 - spring fruiting is rare for this species.



Vas is dat strangish looken Herr doink on der walddirtengrounden mit his schoopenschmellerschnozzle. Dat ist not der hundshniffer or da schwiennosen. Mein Herr ist der NATS truffleier, das vat ist. Der photoschnappenshooter from der Nationalish Geographic bookenlookertell sneakersnooper gieschnappened der pictureseeish for der September 1986 showundtellish. Mit der schnoopenschmeller schnozzle, Hienrich can aromaschmellen der Tuber gibbosum piltz, liken der mausenvolen mit der redbacksiden. Den mit der thoothenhandleraker da trufflerooterupper will upsendiggen der truffle for güt eatenfest. Das Herr vas also seeundhearen on der noisenlookerboobentuber. Now ist mein Herr's noggen topperupper tighter, nichtwahr? Nein, der frau biggeruppenfixen.

ACH, DER LEIBER HENRICH

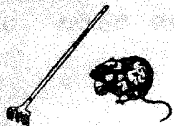
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#### ANNUAL POTLUCK AND AWARDS DINNER

will be held Friday, December 5, 1986. Mark this date on your calendar now and plan to attend this annual NATS event. Full details will appear in the next newsletter.

The dinner will be held in the same facility as last year with ample room for NATS members and guests. Co-chairmen for this dinner will be Lesley and Frank Morris. Please contact them at 754-9362, if you can help out in any way.

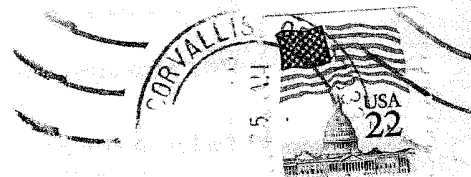
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A membership in NATS would make a wonderful Christmas gift for your family or friends.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time to work on the NATS display for Falls City and the OMS Mushroom Show.



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