

## SHIPWRECK MYSTERY



A wooden chunk of an old ship turned up at Barview Jetty Park, and is shown in a photo by Steve Lindstedt. It looks like “the remnants of oakum and creosote, along with very large diameter iron bolts ... and appears to be at least two beams of what looks like oak wood, 8- to 10 inches square,” he speculated. “The curved grain may be the base gusset of a bow section, or possibly transom.” The ship part was found around April 10,” Anna Rzuczek, Garibaldi Maritime Museum manager, told the Ear. “It was dug out of the sand ... (and) I sent a couple of museum board members to check it out.” The Barview Jetty Campground gave the artifact to the museum, where Steve saw it.

“Because of the shape of the piece of wood, we determined it to be built around the 1800s,” she explained. “Seeing that there have been many shipwrecks in that area in the 1800s, it’s hard to determine what ship it came from. We are inviting the public to come take a look at it, as it is very interesting. It shows how complicated ship building was many years ago.”

Want to check it out? The Garibaldi Maritime Museum is at 112 U.S. Highway 101 in Garibaldi.

“We hope to invite an expert in to come take a look at it,” she added, “once our busy tourist season is over.”

## BOOKS TO GO



Teresa DeLorenzo noted that a Little Free Library in Astoria recently got some coverage in The Daily Astorian, and informed the Ear, “Knappa has two, both registered with Little Free Library (<http://littlefreelibrary.org/>)!”

“One is outside the Big Creek Coffee House at Knappa Junction, cared for by Jan Johnson,” she explained, “and one is on Knappa Dock Road, cared for by me. We each painted the boxes, which were built by Harry F. Ayres (HFA Construction) and Brian Ruff (B. Ruff Construction), with supervision by Harry’s golden retriever, May. Both boxes are constructed of reclaimed, recycled materials.” Pictured, from left, in Teresa’s photo, Harry, May and Brian at Teresa’s library.

“Anyone is welcome to take or drop off books at each of the libraries,” she said, reminding the Ear that “Little Free Libraries are always free!”

## SNIPPETS

**Sleepy Astoria?:** The Ear was surprised to see a glowing story about “sleepy Astoria” being a Goonies mecca, and mentioning the Goonies 30th Anniversary event, in the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette (<http://tinyurl.com/pittsast>).

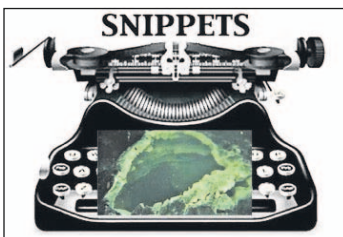
The article goes on to list several other non-Goonie local sights to visit, but offers a caveat: “Just be prepared to twiddle your thumbs or curl up with a book in the evening: Astoria rolls up and goes to sleep early. Even the ice cream stand Custard King closes most days at 6 p.m.” Really?

**Hidden Gem?:** Yes, it’s true. Seaside was named a Top Hidden Gem by TripAdvisor — number 12 of 13 top-rated vacation rental destinations, all “America’s best-kept secrets” and “true diamonds in the rough” <http://tinyurl.com/tripadvss>

TripsAdvisor warns readers who want to head this way to “hurry up, though. It’s just a matter of time before everyone else is in on these wonderful U.S. towns.” Seems to the Ear like they already are.

**Blowup:** Most North Coasters likely know the Axial Seamount, a submarine volcano almost a mile from the ocean’s surface and about 300 miles off the Oregon Coast, has been experiencing thousands of little earthquakes, and is likely erupting. Want to see some photos of the action? Go to the Weather Channel report at <http://tinyurl.com/axialsm1>. A screen shot from the video is inset. For more details, go to <http://tinyurl.com/axialsm2>.

The good news? No danger is expected to coastal residents. The bad news? All that sea floor action is not connected to — nor is it relieving any pressure building up on — the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Heavy sigh.



## COMMUNITY NOTES

**SATURDAY**  
**Lower Columbia R/C Society** — 8:30 a.m., back room at Uptown Cafe, 1639 S.E. Ensign Lane, Warrenton. Local Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) chartered radio control model aircraft club meets for breakfast and business. All model aircraft enthusiasts are welcome. For information, call 503-458-5196 or 503-325-0608.

**Pug Socializing Club** — 11 a.m., Carruthers Park, Warrenton. For pugs and their owners. Join online at <http://tinyurl.com/pugsclub>. For information, call Dave Kinney at 415-827-5190.

**Columbia Northwestern Model Railroading Club** — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

**SUNDAY**  
**Line Dancing** — 5:30 to 8 p.m.,

Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway. For information, call 503-738-5111. No cost; suggested \$5 tip to the instructor.

**MONDAY**  
**Senior Lunch** — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

**Columbia Senior Diners** — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. Cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

**Warrenton Senior Lunch Program** — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

**Astoria Rotary Club** — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks

## In One Ear



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## A BELATED THANK YOU



It was in July 28, 1977. “I’d been dropped off on the south side of the bridge in Astoria on U.S. Highway 101,” Englishman John Abbotts (now of Wuelfrath, Germany) wrote. He is pictured, then and now.

“A Datsun stopped within minutes and the lady driver explained to me I was heading in the wrong direction for the destination on my hand-held board. The lady’s voice appeared to my European ears to be American. I thanked her before she drove away, crossing the highway to correct side.

“Shortly afterwards, the Datsun re-appeared and I was invited to put my backpack on the rear seat of the car. She asked me to open the door with care because of the dogs. In the dusk light I could recognize a collie with puppies. She told me that she didn’t make a habit of picking up hitchhikers in the dark, but that with my strong British accent she’d almost felt obliged to help a fellow countryman. I soon learned that she originated from Cheltenham, England, not far from home town Birmingham.

“The nice lady at the wheel said she would bring me to a place where I’d be ‘in good hands.’ Later, we arrived at the church hostel in Cannon Beach and was told, ‘I think you’ll be all right here.’ To my great surprise, she did a U-turn, and drove back the way we’d come. I was never able to thank her for the long detour she’d obviously made for me, nor did I learn her name.”

John stayed in Cannon Beach for a bit, left, then came back again in the fall for a second visit. Coincidentally, while he was there, he met yet another Birmingham “neighbor,” Victoria Hawkins, who wrote a story about him in the then-fledgling Cannon Beach Gazette.

“Oregon, all these years on, has a special place in my life,” he added. “If this note does reach the lady with the Datsun and numerous dogs, I’d be happy. Thanks for the lift all those years ago!”

## NOTES FROM THE CUTTING ROOM FLOOR



Fred China, aka The French Goonie, recently did an extensive interview with Rob Burman of the Burman Studio <http://tinyurl.com/burmangoon>, who supervised the creation of the Sloth makeup for “The Goonies,” but more intriguing, the building the 32-foot octopus — whose scene wound up on the cutting room floor (see the magnificent critter here: <http://tinyurl.com/octogoon>). Rob is pictured, left, in a photo courtesy of Rob Burman/The Burman Studio.

The octopus “took up a huge portion of one of the main rooms at the studio, but rolled up into a big ball for moving,” Rob explained. “The scene called for the octopus to menace Data, who then stuffs his Walkman in to the octopus’ mouth causing it to pull back and ‘break dance away across the water to escape.’ The concept itself is ridiculous enough to get it cut out.”

“We were tasked with building the cosmetic aspect of the creature,” he added. “Production decided to have the rigging department make it move and operate it like a marionette. Their lack of finesse left large cables and huge couplings exposed all over the outside of the octopus. ... Probably better it was cut rather than having to continuously explain that it wasn’t our fault it looked bad all these years.”

Would he be interested in participating in a Goonies 2? “I’d be honored to be asked!” Rob exclaimed.

Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to [www.AstoriaRotary.org](http://www.AstoriaRotary.org)

**Warrenton Kiwanis Club** — noon to 1 p.m., Doogers Seafood and Grill, 103 U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call Darlene Warren at 503-861-2672.

**Parkinson’s Support Group** — 1 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church library, 565 12th St. For information, call 503-338-8469 or 503-440-1970.

**Peninsula Quilt Guild** — 1 p.m., Peninsula Church Center, 5000 N Place, Seaview, Wash. Newcomers welcome. Bring non-perishable food donation. For information, call Janet King at 360-665-3005.

**Knocklers Pinochle Group** — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the

prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

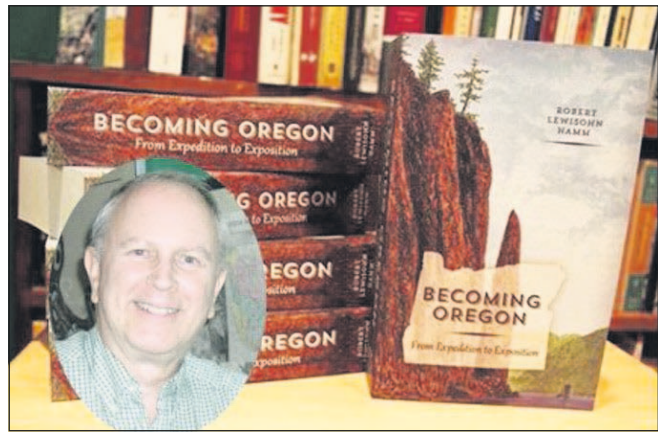
**Seaside Lions Club** — 5 p.m., West Lake Restaurant & Lounge, 1480 S. Roosevelt Drive, Seaside. For information, call 503-738-7693.

**Line Dancing for Seniors** — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

**Pacific County (Wash.) Democrats** — 7 p.m., South County Building, 7013 Sandridge Road in Long Beach, Wash. For information, email Diane Knutson at [dlknutson69@yahoo.com](mailto:dlknutson69@yahoo.com)

**TUESDAY**  
**Tobacco Free Coalition of Clatsop County** — 9 to 10:30 a.m., Clatsop County Health and Human Services, 820 Exchange St. Anyone interested in tobacco use prevention and education welcome. For

## BECOMING OREGON



History buffs might be interested to know there’s a new book out, “Becoming Oregon: From Expedition to Exposition,” by Robert L. Hamm, consisting of 19th century newspaper article reprints detailing the formation of Oregon between the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1806) and the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905. The author and book are pictured.

“Most of the paper articles in the book are East Coast newspapers that were printing stories about that far-off, mysterious land called Oregon,” he told the Ear. “Later in the book are some stories from Portland newspapers. Regrettably, The Daily Astorian is not in the book, but there are numerous references to the fort and city of Astoria.”

Interested? You can find his book locally at Godfather’s Books and the Columbia River Maritime Museum Store, and online at Mossy Brae Press ([www.mossybraepress.com](http://www.mossybraepress.com)).

“I’ve always been fascinated by the history of Oregon,” he noted, “and by collecting these papers I have learned a lot about the history of our state.” And now you can, too.

## LOTS OF HISTORY



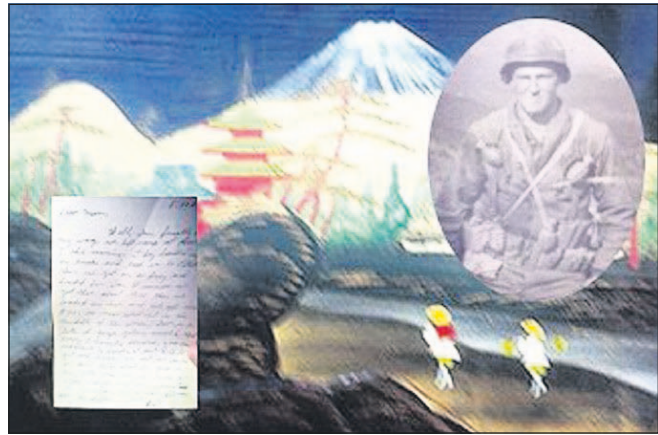
A story about the ship SS Manhattan (pictured) being in Astoria in 1965, which appeared in The Daily Astorian column Water Under the Bridge April 22, brought back some memories for Dan Sealy. “We were taken out of school and up to Astoria so that we could see what was, at that time, the largest merchant vessel in the world,” he wrote. His photo of the Manhattan is shown.

“It had aft and midship superstructures,” Dan explained. “After it was here, it was made into an icebreaker. It was the first icebreaker to transit the Northwest Passage to see if it was more feasible to move oil from Prudhoe Bay (Alaska) via ship or pipeline.”

For ship lovers, there’s lots more information about the Manhattan at <http://tinyurl.com/ssmanhat>, and you can read segments from “Breaking Ice for Arctic Oil” by Ross Coen at <http://tinyurl.com/coenship>

In Dan’s photo, along with the Manhattan, there is a pilot boat, the M.R. Chessman ferry, and the incomplete Astoria Bridge in the background. “Lots of history in that photo!” he noted.

## LOST TREASURE



Brendan O’Brien of Ilwaco, Wash., has found someone’s family album by Safeway where the trolley stops. The cover, and a photo and a letter from inside the album are shown. Brendan found the name William Heiner inside, and one of the letters is from someone named Bill, to his mother.

Some of the photos depict soldiers, likely Korean War vintage. Notes on the backs of photos include “Hooker resting on Hill 200,” and “Del, Mac and I on M.L.R.” The name Art Hollowell and “Chunchon, Korea 1952” are mentioned on the back of another.

Some family must be missing this irreplaceable treasure trove of mementos. If you know to whom it belongs, please contact the Ear at 503-325-3211, ext. 257, or email [ewilson@dailyastorian.com](mailto:ewilson@dailyastorian.com)

“I would like to find whoever lost this important book,” Brendan said. “I want that person to have their memories back of their loved one. Please help me find the person who owns this.”

information, call Steven Blakesley at 503-325-8500 or Alissa Dorman at 503-325-4321, ext. 5758.

**Do Nothing Club** — 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men’s group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

**Senior Lunch** — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation of \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

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**Warrenton Alzheimer’s Support Group** — 2 to 3:30 p.m., 2002 S.E. Chokeberry Ave., Warrenton. Support and information about Alzheimer’s disease. For information, call Grace Bruseth 503-738-6412.

**Spinning Circle** — 3 to 5 p.m., Astoria Fiber Arts Academy, 1296 Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-5598 or go to <http://astoriafiberarts.com>

**Seaside Rebounders Stroke Support Group** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., Providence Seaside Hospital Education Center, 725 S Wahanna Road, Seaside. Stroke survivors, their caregivers and family members welcome. For information, call 503-717-7781.

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