Two DSA members, John Hergenrather and Tom Heinze, have articles published in the June-August issue of Creation magazine. Creation is published by AIG’s Australian parent group (now called Creation Ministries International), which also produces the peer-reviewed Journal of Creation (formerly Technical Journal). In a quest for independence, Answers in Genesis and the Australian group are now separate (but complementary) organizations, each publishing excellent quarterly magazines. Those already subscribed to Creation have been automatically placed on AIG’s new mailing list (for Answers magazine). To also subscribe or re-subscribe to Creation, go to: www.CreationOnTheWeb.com. Try and get your hands on this current issue of Creation to see what a couple of local contributors have to say!

Big Bottom ~ Big Trees Day Tour
Saturday, August 12, 2006

What: Led by veteran DSA tour leader Ralph Anderson, this trip will visit the “Big Bottom” old growth forest on the upper Clackamas River. Ralph informs us that “most of the large trees seen on previous DSA outings are still standing, and that it is now an easier drive to the site.” Also, “shade is covering most of the walk now and the hike in will be different than in the past. The snow brush is losing its battle with the snow, elk and Douglas-fir, and some chinkapin trees are fighting the crown war but most have settled for a dwarf existence... What was formerly a swamp is now a pond thanks to engineering beavers!”

Difficulty level: The terrain on this outing is not steep and the round trip is less than 4 miles. Note: there are plenty of “in the round” benches available for rest breaks on the trail!

When: August 12, the second Saturday in August.

Meet to Carpool: at Estacada Ranger Station off highway 224, entering Estacada from the west, at 9 AM, planning to be back to the ranger station by 6 PM. Note: some may want to carpool from Ralph’s home at 8 AM — call for info.

Bring: a sack lunch, water and appropriate clothing.

Registration: No limit or registration — be there on time and you are in!

Questions: For further information, call Ralph Anderson at 503-658-3046.

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CHALLENGING AN ICON: THOUSANDS, NOT BILLIONS

Michael Oard

POPULAR AUTHOR, SPEAKER AND researcher Michael Oard will be visiting DSA for a special August meeting. He will host a full viewing of the recently-produced movie Thousands... Not Billions... (from the Institute for Creation Research) and share some of his own views—pro and con—on the RATE findings.

Oard reviewed the first and second technical RATE (Radioisotope Dating and the Age of the Earth) books for the Journal of Creation quarterly. For our group, he will add much to emphasize and amplify the movie’s briefing on RATE.

He finds the evidence presented is strong, and that we can now solidly challenge the evolution/uniformitarian establishment; their dates are simply wrong.

However, Mike differs with some of the RATE researcher’s assumptions regarding the position (and its consequences) of the Flood/post-Flood boundary, and will discuss what he believes are additional problems posed for the Flood/post-Flood model.

Also, the RATE team puts 4 billion years worth of accelerated decay into Creation and 0.5 billion years into the Flood. Our speaker maintains that this creates a tremendous heat and radiation problem for the inhabitants of the Ark, and will address this.

Another aspect is that granites can solidify in a matter of days, which has significant ramifications for the Flood model.

After the movie and discussion, Mr. Oard will preside over a longer than usual question and answer period.

T HIS MONTH’S DSA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, August 19, 2006, from 9 to 11:30 AM. Be sure to join us as we “question and challenge” an icon of evolution!
At a recent DSA board meeting, a possible sponsorship of the well-produced and informative weekly radio program, “Science, Scripture and Salvation” was discussed. It was agreed by the board to seek input from DSA supporters as to the advisability of a monthly commitment.

The radio station being considered is KPDQ; currently the only open time slot is on Sundays from 2:45 to 3:00pm (but this could change). DSA would be allowed a tagline, mentioning us as a sponsor and giving meeting times and location. The KPDQ rate is $130 per week, with a minimum 6 month contract; this averages out to be $563.33 per month.

The program (produced by the Institute for Creation Research) is excellent, plus this would be an opportunity to reach many potential new people who might be interested in attending our meetings/field trips. Donations to this fund, as usual, would be tax-deductable. So, if enough interest is manifest, DSA will go for a 6-month trial.

Would our sponsorship—and its cost commitment—be worth doing?

Please fill out the response form below and send in your opinion!

A most surprising and “cool” plunge in the water was experienced on the July DSA Deschutes Raft Outing. Joining in the fun were helmsman Todd, rider Trisha and leader Steve Hayley.

And this was supposed to be the dry boat!

Though such refreshing dips are rare, it is a certainty that these three were wide awake and ready for more adventure.

*See you on the next Deschutes rafting!*