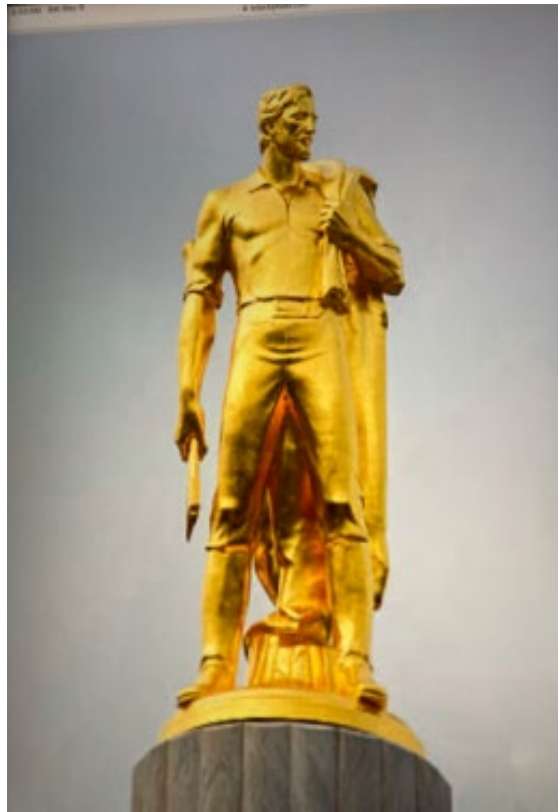


**50<sup>th</sup> AFRC REUNION**  
**BEND, OR**  
**Monday, March 18 through Thursday March 21, 2024**

Hello Pioneers,

When the original pioneers arrived in Oregon City each adult got 320 acres of land. A couple would get 640 or one square mile. Sorry, that offer has expired. However, we have the Riverhouse Hotel with recently updated rooms and the Deschutes River which runs through the hotel property.



**Pioneer Man atop the Oregon State Capitol**

We also have El Niño and atmospheric rivers. You may have seen the national news about these weather phenomena occurring this year. You can ask any of the Truckee residents about the atmospheric rivers they experienced last year that buried their town in snow. I am not suggesting that we will be buried in snow this spring, just that we may have plenty of snow. El Niño is a precursor to a warmer and drier winter. However, they tend to break down in February. Our last reunion in Bend was 2018-19. It was also an El Niño year and the conditions that March were about as good as it gets.

As always "Pray for Snow". The details for the reunion are falling into place. On Monday, March 18, we will have a reception with appetizers, beer and wine. Tuesday night will be open so you can explore and enjoy the many fine eateries in Bend. Then Wednesday night and Thursday night we will get together at the Riverhouse to celebrate our common background, friendship, and longevity.

Attached is this year's registration form with details and costs and registration. Please return this promptly so we can order souvenirs and solidify the head count in a timely manner.

The Mt Batchelor ski resort is offering their senior group rate for our ski tickets...being seniors we are getting the best deal! Also, those folks that have the IKON pass are skiing free, sort of! There will be more information sent out about the ticketing process down the road.

If you have questions feel free to call or text Stephen Henrikson at 503-580-2561.

Sending holiday greetings and wishes for a great Christmas season!



**2018 Bier Slalom at Bend Oregon**

