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# AEG OREGON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## Meeting Details:

Date: Tuesday, October 18,  
2022 7:00 pm Hybrid

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Old Market Pub  
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## Agenda:

5:30- 6:30 pm SOCIAL  
6:30-7:00 pm dinner  
7:00 pm Presentation

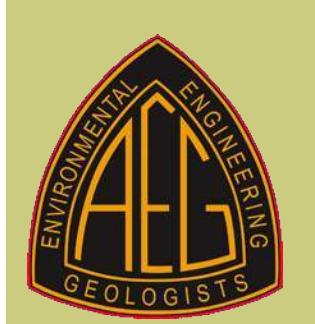
## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November 15, 2022--TBD  
December 13, 2022--TBD  
January 17, 2022--  
Mosquito Crk Debris Flow  
(Machan & Zimmerman)  
February 21, 2022--TBD  
March 21, 2022--TBD  
April 18, 2022--TBD

## Telegram from the Earth's Interior or Just Bad Breath from the "Mouth of Hell"?: Monitoring Gas Emissions from the World's Most Active Volcanoes.



Volcanic gases provide the driving force behind explosive volcanic eruptions that can generate umbrella clouds reaching the upper stratosphere or send scorching hot flows of mud down drainages to cities more than 50 km away. The field of volcanic gas geochemistry therefore plays a key role in understanding volcanism. The recent advent of automated, continuous geochemical monitoring at volcanoes now allows us to track activity from unrest to eruption, thus providing valuable insights into the behavior of volatiles and gases throughout the entire sequence and a rich dataset for developing diagnostic tools for eruption forecasts. Volcano emissions also have a profound impact on Earth's natural environment, impacting atmospheric chemistry and climate. This presentation discusses recent advances in volcanic gas monitoring and how these new techniques are being applied at volcanoes around the world to improve our understanding of active volcanism and help protect lives and property from volcanic eruptions.



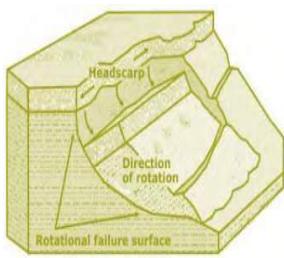
*Geologists have a  
saying - rocks  
remember.*

*Neal Armstrong*

## Christoph Kern



Christoph Kern is a Research Physicist with the U.S. Geological Survey. His research focuses on measuring volcanic gas emissions to gain insights into processes occurring within active volcanoes. Christoph splits his time between monitoring U.S. volcanoes in Alaska, Hawaii, and the Cascades Range, and working with the USGS Volcano Disaster Assistance Program to provide instrumentation and advice to volcano observatories around the world. Christoph is always striving to find new measurement techniques and analysis tools to detect gas signals diagnostic of volcanic unrest. He is also interested in how volcanic gases affect atmospheric chemistry and climate on local, regional, and global scales.



## Message from the Chapter Chair

Hello Oregon Chapter!

Congratulations for being named **Chapter on the Rise** at the AEG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas! According to Mark Swank, our AEG Region Director, the award for Chapter of the Year came down to Sacramento and Oregon, and Sacramento won on a coin toss. The award also includes a small monetary award for the chapter, so we'll find a way to celebrate at a future meeting once we get the check.

It was a pleasure being back at Old Market Pub for our September meeting. Tom Westover gave a very interesting presentation on the Washington Park reservoir replacement project, followed by a very engaged question and answer session. I think we're now all looking forward to visiting the site when the area reopens to the public.

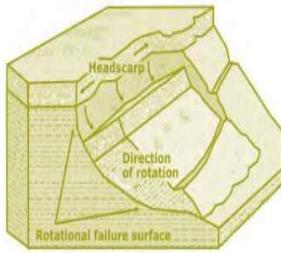
Our speaker for October, Christoph Kern, is a research physicist for the USGS Cascade Volcano Observatory. His work focuses on using gas emissions from volcanoes to forecast future eruptions and then communicating that risk to surrounding communities. By the end of the presentation I expect we'll all be searching Amazon for gas monitoring equipment to mount on our roofs and aim at Mt Hood.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone again soon over some pizza and beer. Nick Farny, our newest board member and Secretary, was not able to make the September meeting, but is looking forward to the October meeting with that much more excitement. As always, let me or the other Board members know if you have any questions or feedback.

See you all soon,

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AEG Oregon Chapter Chair 2022-2023



*Geologists are never at  
a loss for paperweights.*

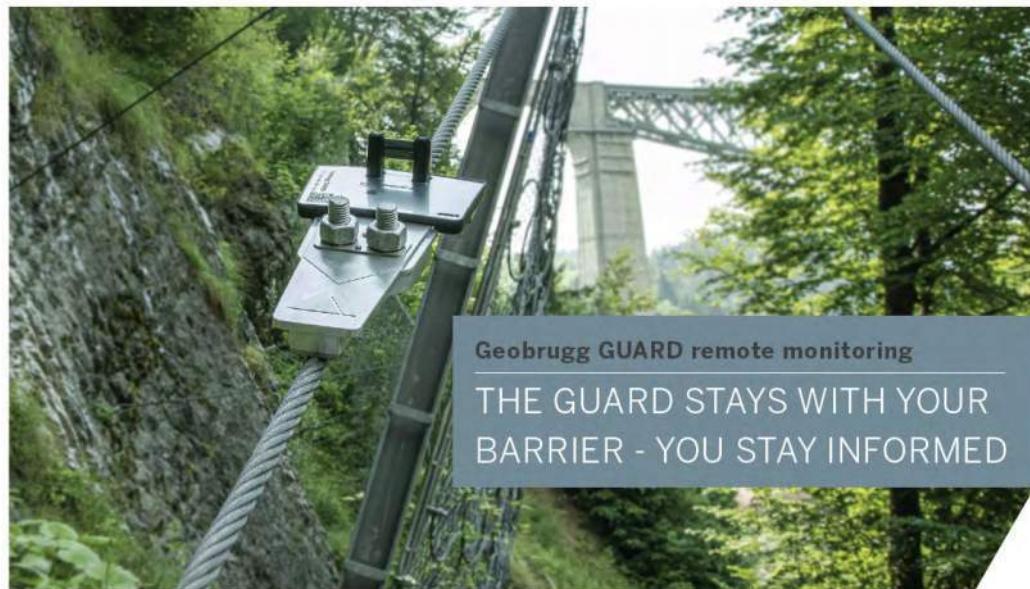
*Bill Bryson*



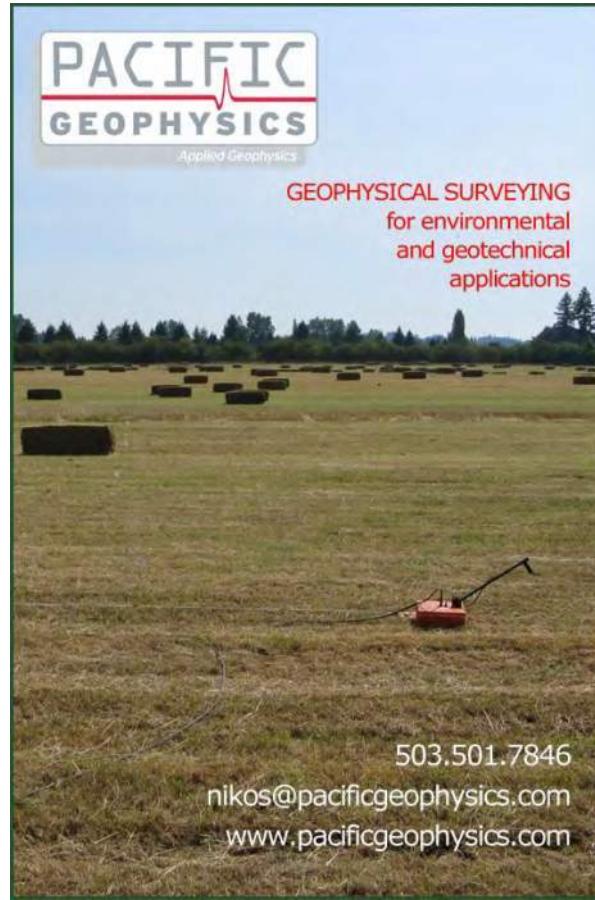
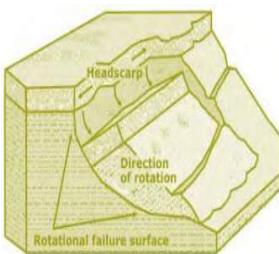
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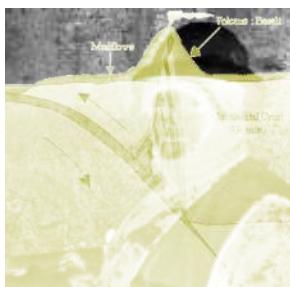
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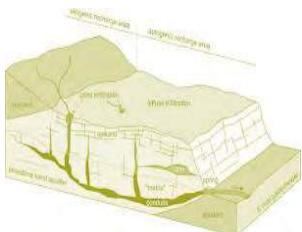
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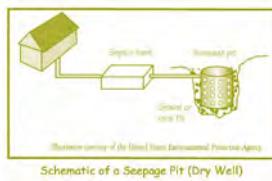


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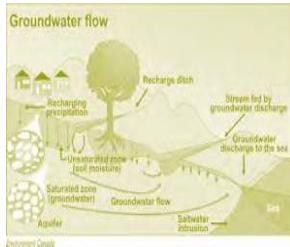


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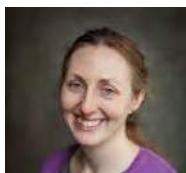
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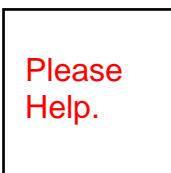
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morning after the  
earthquake.*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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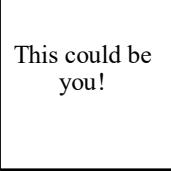
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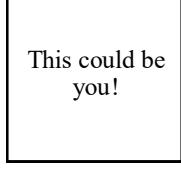
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