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THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE
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PRESIDENT'S (DOZENTH -- THIRD ANNIVERSARY) REPORT

Where were you this last May 5th, third anniversary of that Day of Three Lightning Storms when a band of saturated and blinded-deafened pedestrians sheltered under the big firs atop Long View Peak and decided this was so much fun the world needed an Issaquah Alps Trails Club?

On anniversary day (and on May 12th, too) many of us were at the Courthouse, telling the King County Council of (1) our strong endorsement of PRO PARKS, and (2) the need for a genuine (not a "Villages in the Park" fake) Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

Where were you on April 14, 21, and 28? Many of us were testifying for PRO PARKS at Council hearings spaced about the county.

How about April 3? King County Executive Randy Revelle spent the day peering into Newcastle cave holes and mine shafts, then hiking from the Clay Pit to Blackwater Pond, Shy Bear Pass, Beautiful Bottom, Big Bottom, the Great Trog, and The Boulders, on the way becoming the first County Executive in the history of the world to sign the register book atop Wilderness Peak.

--And that historic day, April 30? County Executive Revelle held a press conference atop Anti-Aircraft Peak, at the same spot where, on September 10, he announced that the Cougar Mountain Regional Park was a major plank in his platform. Considered a very dark horse then, he addressed quite a small group. This second time the crowd was much larger, including some VIPsters still in a state of shock from November 3.

Having listened respectfully and attentively to Issaquah Alps Trails Club and Villages in the Parks, having studied all pertinent documents and maps, having personally examined Cougar Mountain by helicopter, car, and foot, and having placed it in the overall context of King County's needs both for housing space and wildland recreation space, he announced:

(1) He had just delivered the Newcastle Community Plan to the County Council, with his endorsement of the "Chosen Plan Concept," this being the one chosen by the Newcastle Citizens Committee in preference to the VIP City, and this being the one that makes room for a genuine (non-fake) regional park.

(2) He was recommending a larger park than that of PRO PARKS, large enough to protect the headwaters basin of Coal Creek and to encompass Clay Pit Peak and the virgin forests of the east ridge of Wilderness Peak.

Where were you May 26? Again we were before the County Council, speaking for PRO PARKS.

--May 26 and June 2? --The Seattle City Council Chambers, explaining to the Council and the Seattle Parks Board the importance of Cougar Mountain to Seattle residents.

--June 8, 15, 16, and 17? Back to the County Council, downtown and about the county, testifying at hearings on the Newcastle Community Plan.

So much for the past. The future lies ahead. Where will you be? Here's where you got to be:

Newcastle Community Plan

We seek to have the County Council approve, and the County Executive sign into law, the "Chosen Plan" and the "growth reserve" in the core area of Cougar Mountain, so that the public may have a fair chance to acquire the land at a fair price and establish a park.

★ Write your personal letter to your King County Councilperson. ★

PRO PARKS

The County Council must place the PRO PARKS package on the ballot. Within the package, it must include the genuine (not the VIPfake) Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, as proposed by the PRO PARKS Committee but as enlarged (or so recommended) by County Executive Revelle.

★ Write your personal letter to your King County Councilperson. ★

Then, the people of King County must vote YES.

★ Help get out the vote. ★

At this writing it seems possible PRO PARKS will be on the ballot in September, so that in case of failure a second try can be made in November.

Let's work to get the job done in one blow, but if September proves to be just a warm-up, let's stoke the furnaces as hot as we can.

Harvey Manning

P. S. on other matters:

--May 22? And 29? Laurene McLane's Army, sponsored by the Issaquah Environmental Council (and IATC) chopped alders on 27 Tiger Mountain acres, so that the homes and water supplies next to a clearcut would not be threatened by helicopter spraying.

--May 19, June 2, 23? The Tiger Mountain Citizens Advisory Committee held its first meetings, at the Issaquah Senior Center, to begin developing a proposal for a Tiger Mountain State Forest. The 18 members appointed by the state Department of Natural Resources represent just about every conceivable interest. Among them are at least a half-dozen people who have hiked the trails. The future lies ahead, and remains to be seen...

ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

The roster of organizations cooperating with the Trails Club in Issaquah Alps affairs is too long to run through here; enough to say, without them we'd be nowhere. However, two new organizations deserve your attention because they provide leadership in certain matters important to our overall goals.

Issaquah Environmental Council, P.O. Box 636, Issaquah, WA 98027. Individual dues, \$10 a year. Typical concerns: Issaquah Watershed, water quality of creeks.

Friends of Washington, P.O. Box 1203, Issaquah 98027. \$10 a year. Concerned with all land-development issues, including Cougar Mountain.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors' meetings.

March 18, 1982.

1. Salmon Days. We've reserved a good spot for the booth.
2. Cougar Mountain Regional Park. Discussed plans to support the park, including a slide show for community groups.
3. Hikes Committee. HM is building a new trail and working on the Wilderness Trail. Bob Wood has a new trail on Tiger called Tiger's Tail.
4. Tiger Mountain State Forest. HM will serve on the Citizens Committee.
5. Alpiner. We need a volunteer to do the Alpiner in the future.
6. Media Event. Longwell's Army will meet to do engineering work on relocating first 1-2 miles of the TMT on April 17. On May 15, we'll finish up and have a picnic at Lake Sammamish State Park.
7. Bicycle News. On April 4 we'll walk the East Lake Sammamish Trail with the Cascade Bicycle Club, using frontage road when necessary to avoid front yards.
8. Board member Linda Burke has asked for a mini-grant to help her jr. high students study earth science, using the Issaquah Alps. They have also adopted the Waterworks Trail.
9. Issaquah Environmental Council. IATC will join.

April 15, 1982.

1. Telephone Tree. Parts are missing - we need a volunteer to keep this up to date.
2. Hikes Committee. Jim Yourkowski of Ray Valley awarded Honorary Membership for his help the day one of our hikers injured her ankle.
- Betty is preparing statistical summary of hikes - she needs all the signup sheets returned.
3. Adopt-a-Trail. Linda is organizing school groups to adopt trails. Laurene and Connie have adopted the Middle Tiger Railroad Grade. If you're working on a trail, please tell the adopters. Appalachian Mountain Club is studying the Alps as possible part of their project to develop nationwide volunteer program. (They have grant from Mellon Foundation.)
4. Tailored Hikes. Tim O'Brian led hike for Cub Scouts. Laurene is leading hikes for Mirror-mont residents. We are cosponsoring 9 events in April and May with Steve Williams' Burbank Nature Center.
5. East Lake Sammamish Trail. We joined a 40 member hike with Cascade Bicycle and Mountaineer from Sammamish Park Boat Ramp to Marymoor Park. Some opposition noted, but also much support for trail.
6. Tiger Mountain. HM lectured 60 members of Jr. Management Class at UW College of Forest Resources. Their assignment is to draw plans of Tiger. HM will hear the best of them delivered, later. State Forest Advisory Committee was announced April 12.

May 20, 1982.

1. Club Structure. We need more volunteers, especially an aggressive membership committee to call on people who are interested in doing various things.
2. Hikes Committee. Betty asked again for signup sheets to be returned. We need Class I leaders. Betty presented statistical report on hikes.
3. Cougar Mountain. Opposition to PHO PARKS noted because of economy, although many people still feel inflation will continue and land should be purchased now.
4. Media Event. To be held this fall to promote PHO PARKS. A walk starting at site of coal bunkers on Seattle waterfront where Newcastle coal was shipped. Walk to Lake Washington on route of old cablecar. Hire a boat to cross to Newport Shores. Hike to Redtown. Another group would start at dairy farm in Issaquah, climb Stage Road and over top of mountain to Red Town.
5. Tiger Mountain. Board voted to contract with Meyerhaeuser to cut alder on 22 acres of land on Tiger Mountain to prevent their spraying the property with 2-4D. Laurene is in charge. Everyone is urged to turn out Saturday, May 22 with loppers.
6. History Seminar. Fine program including photos of Wooden Pacific Railroad in operation. Discussed program and suggestions for oral history program with transcripts deposited in library. Also possible coordination with Issaquah Historical Society.
7. Tailored Hikes. Barb led 60 members of Eastshore Unitarian Church on short Cougar Ring. HM took 23 Mountaineers.
8. Wilderness Rally. Many of us joined 900 who walked on Burke-Gilman Trail to join rally of 2000 at Gasworks Park. Largest Wilderness Rally in history of area.
9. Longwell's Army. 28 workers came on May 15 to help complete the new stretch of the FET. Picnic at Lake Sammamish State Park afterwards.

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FOUND:

Rake, shovel and sweater at the May 15 Tiger Mountain Trail building work party.
Call Tom Mechler, 255-0922

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES???
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Membership applications are accepted anytime during the year with a uniform renewal date of May 1. Applications received after January 1st will apply to membership through the following year.



All these meetings are open to the entire membership and everybody is wanted. Come and listen -- and speak up and help shape club policies.

The meetings are at Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue, - a bit west of the stoplight in Eastgate at Newport and 150th. All meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Thursday, July 15
Thursday, August 19
Thursday, September 16

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

For information on any subject whatsoever, call any member of the Board of Directors:

Harvey Manning, President	746-1017
Barbara Johnson, Vice President	--
Connie Dow, Secretary	392-2190
Linda Joy Hendricks, Treasurer	--
Betty Culbert	641-6451
Linda Burke	271-3658
Tom Mechler	255-0922
Ralph Owen	746-1070
Ed Barraclough	392-6008
Larry Vinter	746-5775

To volunteer to serve on a committee, or for information about its activities, call the Chair:

Hikes -- Betty Culbert	641-6451	
Bike Rides -- Larry and Susan Lohrman		392-5192
Horse Routes -- Bob Court	235-1033	
Alpiner -- Yvonne Mechler	255-0922	
Publicity -- Barbara Johnson		
Telephone Tree -- Linda Burke	271-3658	
Valley Floors/Floodplains -- Ruth Kees	392-3410 & Linda Krumins	641-9149
Tiger Watcher -- Laurene McLane	392-0204	
Squak Watcher -- David Giles	271-3681	
Newcastle Watchers -- Dave Kappler	235-0741 and Ralph Owen	746-1070
Land-Development Watcher -- Linda Krumins		641-9149
Book Publisher -- Susan Williams	392-4369	
Public Rousing -- Jim Jordan	746-2990	
History Seminars -- Ralph & Peggy Owen		746-1070
Chief Ranger -- Bill Longwell	255-1295	
Tailoring hikes for other groups -- Tim O'Brian		392-7365

New Tiger Mountain Trail

With new construction this spring, the Tiger Mountain Trail has been lengthened to 11.3 miles: Otter Lake to the High Point Interchange on I-90.

Three large group projects and 22 individual project days have built a new 2.53 miles. The trail climbs above I-90 and winds to the Puget Sound powerline. Across the powerline swath stands some of the loveliest deep forest available for walking. The trail gradually climbs through a stand of majestic trees to a babbling brook at Ruth's Cove and joins the old tread at power pole # 7.

To walk this new stretch from the High Point turnaround, walk past the High Point road, past the normal right turn road to the powerline) and continue along the freeway fence on a bulldozed road. 50 feet from the road end look for another bulldozed track right. Ascend some 20 feet and look for the trail on the left.

4/17 IATC work party built .67 miles

4/24 Mountaineer party built .51 miles

5/15 IATC work party built .38 miles

Individuals (Bill Longwell,
Archie Wright)
.73 miles

old road now TMT .24 miles

2.53 miles

Let's have more projects like this!

BURBANK NATURE PROJECT

The Burbank Nature Project is a volunteer, non-profit organization located at Luther Burbank (King County) Park. Projects now underway include a herbarium collection, a self-guiding nature trail, and a butterfly gardening plot. Your help and interest are welcome. To volunteer, or to share an idea, call 232-R072 or 236-0593.

The following classes (no fee, or modest fee, such as \$2) are scheduled for July and August. Call 233-3545 to register, or write Burbank Nature Project, P.O. Box 893, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Wilderness Hikes July 11, August 22. Sunday, 12-4 pm

Family hikes through lush gorges of Coal and May Creeks. Co-sponsored with IATC.

Bird Walks July 17, July 31. Saturday, 8-11 am

Birding for beginners and experts.

Summer Search July 17, July 31. Saturday, 9-11:30 am

For ages 5-12. Experience nature using the senses of sight, scent, sound, touch, and taste.

Star Gazer's Night on Cougar Mountain July 17. Saturday, 10 pm-2 am

At the new King County park atop Anti-Aircraft Peak. An evening of viewing through 10 professional-size telescopes. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Planetarium at Bellevue Community College.

Northwest Indian Picnic August 1. Sunday, 5:30-8 pm

Bring your own picnic and enjoy campfire, legends, and Indian games. A Northwest Indian treat cooked in traditional style will be served.

Plants of the Park July 25. Sunday, 2-5 pm

For gardeners, landscapers, and just plain students interested in the green residents of Luther Burbank Park.

First Annual Insect Inventory August 29. Sunday, 2-5 pm

Walk the park with members of SCARABS, the region's largest "bug club", to inventory the insect residents. Finish with potluck supper and discussion of the day's discoveries.

EAGLE HOTLINE

If you see an eagle anywhere in or around the Issaquah Alps, report it. Call Bonnie Robbins, 322-5225.

Report date and hour of sighting, location, behavior.

Summer sightings are especially significant because they probably mean local nesting.



BIKE RIDES



June 29 Tuesday (15 level miles). Fall-City/Carnation Loop- Meet at Charles Hansen Park in beautiful downtown Fall City at 10:00 AM to start on this lovely ride thru the farm country along the Snoqualmie River. Picnic at Mac Donald Memorial park in Carnation. Note that after this ride is a great time to stop by Remlingers produce stand and take home some fresh produce. Leader: Susan Lohrman 392-5192.

July 8 Thursday Fall City/Carnation Loop (15 miles). Details same as June 29 above. This is such a fantastic ride we know you'll want to do it several times! Leader: Susan Lohrman.

July 11 Sunday- Issaquah-Snoqualmie falls. Meet at Issaquah Park and Ride at 10:00 AM for this lovely 30 mile ride. Bring a lunch or get ripped off at the Snoqualmie Falls Snack Bar. Leader: Larry Lohrman.

August 22 Sunday- Issaquah/Renton (Tour de Cougar Mt) Meet at Issaquah Park & Ride at 10:00 and discover a pleasant route between Issaquah and Renton (not on Renton/Issaquah Rd). Lunch at Renton City Park on lake Washington. Leader: Larry Lohrman 392-5192.

September 19 Sunday- Issaquah- Ste Michelle Winery. Meet at Issaquah Park & Ride at 10:00 AM and ride through southeast Bellevue to Marymoor Park then along the Sammamish River Trail to the winery. Bring a lunch to eat on the winery lawn and wash it down with some fine wine. Leader: Larry Lohrman 392-5192.

LEADERS WANTED

We need volunteers to lead bike rides. Rides can be either from our pre-planned selection of Issaquah Alps rides or you can make up your own ride. Any level of difficulty is welcome. Contact Larry or Susan Lohrman at 392-5192 if you are interested.



JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

HIKES COMMITTEE: Betty Culbert (641-6451), Chairman; Russ Williams (392-5939), in charge of Saturday Hikes; Mike Hyman (392-4901), Sunday Hikes; Mary Cadigan (641-4046), Mid-week 1-2 Hikes; Ann Leber (746-3291), Mid-week 3-4 Hikes; Jenne Micai (747-1457), Trouble-shooter; George Jackman (641-2895), Doug Harro (392-8312) and Dwight Riggs (271-3389), Inputers.

HIKE CLASSIFICATION

- Class 1: Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a just-walker or a parent with a baby on back and perfect for studying birds and beetles and all.
- Class 2: Easy morning or afternoon typically 3-4 hours at a loitering pace, perhaps going 5 miles on the flat, or less if some elevation is gained.
- Class 3: A fairly full day, from morning to afternoon, typically 5-6 hours on the go, but with plenty of stops. Small children often come along, sometimes on parental backs.
- Class 4: Steady-going day, typically 6-7 hours, but not really grueling. A person should be sure Class 3 is no strain before trying these.

WHERE TO MEET ← NOTE!

MEETING PLACE In order to reduce confusion, all hikes will assemble at the Issaquah Park and Ride Lot, west of Issaquah at Goode's Corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of I-90. We gather at the south end.

Most hikes are coordinated with the Metro 210 schedule. That is, hikes generally leave the Park and Ride at 8:30 or 9:30 in the morning or 12:30 in the afternoon, in each case shortly after the scheduled arrival of a 210 bus from points west. Check your 210 schedule.

SPONSORSHIP Issaquah Parks and Recreation sponsored these hikes before there was a club and continue to co-sponsor them.

We receive publicity assistance from Bellevue, Mercer Island, Renton, Seattle and King County Parks Departments.

The public is welcome on all hikes. So are other clubs, youth groups, church groups, etc. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an older person.

HIKING STATISTICS

The following statistics taken from the leaders sign-up sheets certainly confirm the popularity of our trips. We don't need to be convinced of that, but others might as we campaign for our regional park. Figures speak volumes. I would like to impress all the leaders on the importance of mailing the chairman all sign-ups as soon as possible. The membership also will benefit if we can send flyers promptly to those who are new and asked for information.

		Total People	Trips
April May June	61 hikes (2 evening) 36 leaders	716	extrapolated
July August September	61 hikes (31 different-9 evening) 41 leaders	585	"
October November December	53 hikes (39 different-10 new) 41 leaders	444	"
January February March	59 hikes (44 different-8 new) 41 leaders	619	"
April May June	69 hikes (47 different-13 new) 42 leaders		

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2)

Thursday, July 1, 9:30 am

Leader: Della Boe 1-488-7536

Ascend Tiger Mountain's largest stream to the slot canyon sliced in sandstone and coal. Search for fossils and amber. A possible loop can be made to the Middle Tiger Railroad Grade which adds an extra hour to the trip.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

Saturday, July 3, 12:30 pm

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280

Each leader has his/her favorite route through Issaquah City Watershed, a regional treasure. They chose from the 1000 year old Big Trees of the Lower Plateau, and the century-old cedar Puncheon skidroad used by oxen, the trail around Lake Tradition, the "cirque lake" at the base of West Tiger, Round Lake and the Rain Forest East, the Orchard of the abandoned homestead and a Grey Hound bus, seeming out of place in this world of deep woods and memories of logging camps.

WEST TIGER 3 FIREWORKS SPECIAL AND CAMPOUT (Class 3) Sunday, July 4, 12:30 pm

Leader: Harvey Manning 746-1017

Another year and another hole in his tarp but armed with it and a bag of sandwiches, el presidente is making his annual pilgrimage to West Tiger to face the west and watch the glories of heaven and eventually the lights of Puget-Sound-City. The real glory will be the display of fireworks from this aerie. It will be a leisurely pace up with plenty of time to choose your tent site or just lay your blanket. A plastic tarp would be a good idea in case of inclement weather. Bring plenty of liquids and a stove if you plan to cook a hot meal. (No wood fires.)

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2)

Thursday, July 8, 9:30 am

Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034

Though the beaver colony emigrated several years ago, they left behind 18 odd dams some old and silted in, others looking brand new, here at the headwaters of Hatchery Creek. Their engineering plus the climate in this cool corner of Tiger Mountain have resulted in an "Ecotone" where Sitka spruce, a coastal tree and Pacific silver fir, a mountain tree mingle.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3)

Friday, July 9, 9:30 am

Leader: Shirley Lindahl 822-3694

One of the favorite viewpoints in the Alps, between West Tiger and East Tiger and South Tiger. No road climbs to the top so you arrive via a lovely but steep trail from the south end of the Tiger Mountain Trail to a very alpine feeling summit. Mount Rainier is visible on a crystal clear day but if it rains there is a nice shelter under the stand of fir.

THE BOULDERS (Class 2) evening hike

Friday, July 9, 6:30 pm

Leader: Tom Mechler 255-0922

In the valley of Cougar Mountain Wilderness Creek lie house-size chunks of andesite which tumbled off the cliffs above. Moss and ferns growing on the rocks beside the creek waterfalls create a magic spot. A short climb up to Big View Cliff is worth the effort if a crystal clear day reveals Mount Rainier against the southern sky. (Bring Flashlights.)

THE CAVES (Class 3)

Saturday, July 10, 8:30 am

Leader: George Jackman 641-2895

The way to the caves has been well worn by the backside of jeans sliding down the steep path off the section line trail. It is down hill at the hard part and not dangerous just a little rough in spots. Bring a flashlight to explore Don's Cave, an easy walk-in and O'Brien's Cave which requires a short scramble. Both are giant caverns, the largest with room for 100 people, representing the largest known talus cave in the state. A stunning scene even without entering, huge rocks set in deep forest and thick moss.

HIGH POINT TO MANNINGS REACH (Class 3)

Sunday, July 11, 8:30 am

Leader: Falk Krueger 283-7796

From High Point, the Tiger Mountain Trail climbs to the Railroad Grade and then up again along the flank of West Tiger 2 to the pass between 2 and 3 and out to a wonderful open stretch of the TMT called Mannings Reach. It is a great spot in any season and the highest point on the TMT at 2600 feet. The views are great out to Seattle and the Olympics beyond.

MAY CREEK (Class 2)

Sunday, July 11, 12:30 pm

Leader: Steve Williams 232-8072

Steve has been leading groups in the uncharted county park for a year at least and still recommends rubber boots for the possible creek crossing. For those who have gone before he has planned a new view of the creek starting downstream from Lake Washington up to Honey Creek Farm.

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2 evening hike)

Tuesday, July 13, 6:30 pm

Leader: Roger Johnson 746-3291

From beautiful downtown Issaquah we cross the East Fork Issaquah Creek to the railroad grade and then on to the top of the moraine plateau and out to the scarp of the gravel pit, with awesome looks down into the pit and broad vistas over Issaquah Plain and Lake Sammamish, Pickering Farm, parachutes, sailplanes and on and on. (Bring Flashlights.)

MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON (Class 3)

Wednesday, July 14, 9:30 am

Leader: Laurens McLane 392-0204

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger Railroad grade, climbing steeply from here we intersect the Tiger Mountain Trail, following a delightful section of this great trail past Denny's Bulge to the branch up to Middle Tiger. The climb is short and steep to views of Rainier and the West. The way down crosses the TMT and drops to the lower railroad grade and back to the West Side road. A good workout.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN LOOP (Class 2)

Friday, July 16, 9:30 am

Leader: Harvey Marming 746-1017

Harvey will give an introduction to Cougar for Class 2 hikers, starting with a view of open pit mining of the Bagley seam and a look into the black gaping airshaft of the Muldoon seam. On into the real wilderness via Shy Bear pass, dropping down the Gorge Trail along the waterfalls to the fabled Cougar Mountain Cave in the Beautiful Bottom. All of these trails we would like to save for the regional park.

DE LEO WALL (Class 2)

Saturday, July 17, 12:30 pm

Leader: Dave Kappler 235-0741

A new route up Marshall's Hill starting from Red Town takes us to the brink of DeLeo's Wall in less time so that we can sit on this aerie 600 feet above May Valley and enjoy the surroundings.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3 plus)

Sunday, July 18, 8:30 am

Leader: Jerry Wheeler 242-9344

This is the classic 10.3 mile trail from near Highway 18 in the south to the newly constructed finish at High Point... (Let's hear it for the Army!)... With a car switch we can do it all in a single day, in deep woods, over creeks, along railroad grades, with broad views from slopes of Middle Tiger and West Tiger 2. The scenic spots along the way have been named for the boys who helped Bill Longwell build the trail. I guess they aren't boys anymore. Time and many feet have walked that trail over the years.

SOAUX TRAVERSE (Class 3)

Tuesday, July 20, 9:30 am

Leader: Larry Vinter 746-5775

Starting from Thrush Gap in the south this hike will require a car switch to meet the party exiting from the north. The route will be on the Northeast Face after a lovely climb in Thrush Gap and a lunch stop at the sawdust heap of the old Tie Mill. The northern route will follow a lower road on the East Face, intersect with the Northern Ridge Road and back to transportation.

LICORICE FERN WALL (Class 2 evening)

Wednesday, July 21, 6:30 pm

Leader: Dave Kappler 235-0741

From the top of this wall covered with licorice fern and moss there is a charming view of May Valley. The way onward to the Second Wall, Surprise, overlooking Frog Swamp has recently been bulldozed and covered with gravel in preparation for the subdivision so it is not as scenic but it is passable. In the future we will help build a new corridor up one side of the Far Country Creek. (Bring Flashlights).

THE BOULDERS AND LONG VIEW (Class 2)

Thursday, July 22, 9:30 am

Leader: Steve Simister 747-2442 and Ann Leber 746-3291

This hike includes the magical boulders set along Wilderness Creek and then follows the creek ravine up to the Ring Road and out to the open cliff view south toward Renton and May Valley. A slight climb both before and after the Boulders but not strenuous.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK VIA LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 3)

Saturday, July 24, 8:30 am

Leader: Peggy Owen 746-1070

Anti-aircraft peak has been temporarily closed to us from the east but the resourceful Owens have marked out and partly built a new trail which starts at Lakemont Gorge. It climbs steeply after crossing Peltola Creek and passes some lovely waterfalls and seeming-virgin fir. This peak of Cougar is the undeveloped land which the County owns and we hope will be the central part of the larger Regional Park. The views of Lake Sammamish from here are smashing.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3)

Sunday, July 25, 8:30 am

Leader: Larry Hall 325-9034

After the usual approach to the summit via the TMT and a nice lunch with fantastic views, we descend N and W via the historic North Side, 15 Mile Creek and the Hobart-Middle Tiger Railroad Grades. A scenic new loop invented the last quarter.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)

Sunday, July 25, 12:30 pm

Leader: Buzz Moore 746-1866

A wild stream tumbles down a gorge planned as the route of Lakemont Boulevard which is back on the maps of the Villages in the Park proposal. Ascend a virtual rainforest sidetripping to the waterfalls. Visit an abandoned homestead where the local bears come for an annual feast of apples along with other four and brave two-footed creatures. Boots are recommended.

RATTLESNAKE (Class 2)Wednesday, July 28, 9:20 am

Leader: Betty Culbert 641-6451

This is a new way for us up to a lovely view of North Bend and Mount Si. Instead of the steep powerline route on the west, we walk a little used service road through old clearcut and up to the high views we enjoy. A great sweep over the Great Western Tree Farm set against the Cascades, achieved with very little effort. Some new logging at the road end has destroyed the forest but a plateau just above the waterfall is a nice picnic spot. Plan on a longer drive out to Snoqualmie Falls exit.

POO POO POINT (Class 3)Friday, July 30, 9:30 am

Leader: Russ Williams 392-5989

A popular view point and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah Valley. Glider Point may be a more romantic name but the Talki-Tooter is often associated with this area too. The route down follows the Tiger Mountain Railroad grade looping back through Mary Creek Valley and down the Tradition trail to the cars at High Point.

HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH (Class 2)Saturday, July 31, 12:30 am

Leader: Kate and Bob Gross 329-8292

An easy stroll on the abandoned grade which runs from Issaquah to Preston and beyond to the trestle crossing at Snoqualmie Falls. This stretch of the soon to be developed King County bike-foot-horse trail starts at High Point close to I-90 but leaves it in stretches for a quiet woods walk. At the end near Issaquah, a short climb takes you to an overlook of the plain and a visit to the Big Erratic.

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3)Sunday, August 1, 8:30 am

Leader: A. J. Calver 392-3002

The 360 degree view from West Tiger 3 is always a great attraction. This summit, though lower, is more isolated and alpine than the other summits with their forest of antennas. The climb is steep in places but not hard and the rewards all along the way are certainly worth it.

TIGER MT. R.R. GRADE DAY/NIGHT SAMPLER (Class 3 plus) Tuesday, August 3, 1:30 pm

Leader: Dwight Riggs 271-8389

The leader describes this new idea, "Completely circumnavigate the West Tiger summits on a network of artifact-filled logging railroad grades. This roundabout 10 mile peakless, not pointless excursion will take us to Poo Poo Point (see!) by dusk, having "spotted" a car or two to spare ourselves walking an extra 4 miles of razor road." Hopefully the almost full moon will consent to put in an appearance. We may not get back home 'til about 10 p.m. (bring supper, not lunch!). Best guess now is start at about 1:30, but call leader the night before for exact departure time and details.

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2) Thursday, August 5, 9:30 am

Leader: Mary Cadigan 641-4046

An old farm, creeks, woods on the abandoned railroad grade, route of someday-to-be Issaquah to Snoqualmie Falls Trail-Bikeway. A nice level stroll all the way, climaxing with a view of the falls.

HIGH ADVENTURE ON TIGER (Class 3 plus)Saturday, August 7, 8:30 am

Leader: Doug Harro 392-8312

A steep ascent up to West Tiger 3 via the section line trail then down to the 1900 foot Railroad grade and the best part, a bushwhack down a ridge back to the four corners from where you begin. A pretty strenuous day.

THE BOULDERS AND BIG VIEW (Class 2)Sunday, August 8, 12:30 pm

Leader: Stan Unger 283-7823

See July 9 for details.

KERRISTON (Class 2 plus)Wednesday, August 11, 9:30 am

Leader: Russ Williams 392-5989

A walk which follows old logging roads up the valley of Raging River between Rattlesnake on one side and Tiger and Taylor on the other, to the site of the old sawmill and coal prospecting town of Kerriston.

THRUSH GAP (Class 3)Friday, August 13, 9:30 am

Leader: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg 391-4044

The southern route to the summit following a long, lovely valley to Thrush Gap, site of a 1920's logging camp. The climb then takes us rather steeply to the towers which don't grace the tops but the views are worth it to Seattle, and the Olympics and Mount Rainier.

MIDDLE TIGER (TOP ONLY!) FLASHLIGHT FORAY (Class 3) Friday, August 13, 6:30 pm

Leader: Dwight Riggs 271-8389

The leader asks, "What could possibly go wrong? Our vehicles do most of the climbing, so we'll be on top by 7:30 or so for the far from middling 180 day views. Then it's circle down and around on the TMT, 15 Mile R.R., and North Side R.R. back to the buggies. We could well be out 'til 11 if the sunset is nice, but then tomorrow's a sleep-in Saturday!"

WEST TIGER 1 (Class 3)Saturday, August 14, 8:30 am

Leader: Trudy Ecob 232-2933

The highest peak of West Tiger is over populated at the summit with radio towers, but the walk there is a lovely wildwood trail built by Dick Heins with samples of quiet ridges and valleys of the mountain. Views over Puget Sound and the Cascades.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)

Saturday, August 14, 12:30 pm

Leader: Buzz Moore 746-1866

See July 25 for details.

COUGAR WILDERNESS LOOP (Class 3 plus)

Sunday, August 15, 8:30 am

Leader: Ralph Owen 746-1070

The climb to Wilderness Peak to sign the register goes by way of the creek and the mainline trail along Wild View Cliff. After you add your name to the almost 100 entries made since Randy Revelle signed this spring, you will visit Clay Pit peak with great views of the Cascades and north, Marshall's Hill with view South and to Rainier, following the Shy Bear Trail to the new Gorge. Trail into the Beautiful Bottom with Boulders rivaling those in the Boulder Area which you will pass on the way down. Many of the high points of the Proposed Cougar Mountain Regional Park will be covered in a fairly strenuous day.

POTLUCK LUNCH/POTLUCK HIKE (Class 2)

Tuesday, August 17, 9:30 am

Leader: Dwight Riggs 271-8389

The leader suggests "you bring something incredibly edible to pass around when we munch lunch -- your leader will serve up a neat place to eat during our 4 or 5 mile r.t. ramble with minimal climbing and maximal digestion (and digestion?) somewhere in the Izzy Alps. Non-galloping gourmets and/or gourmands welcomed with open mouths.

WEST TIGER (Class 3 evening fast paced hike)

Wednesday, August 18, 5:45 pm

Leader: Mike Hyman 392-4901

This is a fast paced training hike up to West Tiger 3 via the Section Line trail. The leader is already breaking his own records. Come and try to best him. Bring a flashlight in case you slow down toward dark.

DELEO'S WALL ON MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 3)

Thursday, August 19, 9:30 am

Leader: Susan Williams 392-4869

A new route up Marshall's Hill starting from Red Town takes us to the brink of DeLeo's Wall in less time so that we can sit on this cliff 600 feet above May Valley and enjoy the surroundings. The return is a loop climbing to the top of Marshall's hill and through deep woods to an old logging road back down to the Baseball field.

BEAVER VALLEY VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3)

Saturday, August 21, 8:30 am

Leader: Stan Unger 283-7823

Due to logging on Tiger's east slopes, the way to Beaver Valley is mostly on foot these days, but the quiet by-pass of Silent Swamp is a lovely way to go. The 18 dams are still there, some old and silted in, others looking brand new. Their engineering, plus the climate in this cool corner of Tiger have resulted in an Ecotone where Sitka Spruce, a coastal tree, and Pacific Silver Fir, a mountain tree, mingle.

COAL CREEK (Class 2)

Sunday, August 22, 12:30 pm

Leader: Steve Williams 232-8072

Steve plans to touch on the geology of the area which is rich in deposits of coal. Visiting the clinder mine with many examples of rock deposits, some fused and some petrified wood, mixed with the burned tailings of the old mines. Explore the mouth of the Mary Tunnel. To venture further is too dangerous but maybe a side trip can be made to the old town of Newcastle where a bunker still stands and a mine shaft splits the earth. This is one of the many such holes that dot the hill above.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK AND LOOP ON RR GRADE (Class 3)

Tuesday, August 24, 9:30 am

Leader: Laurene McLane 392-0204

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger RR grade side tracking to 15 Mile Creek in its wildest stretch and passing the site of the famous Horseshoe Trestle, looping back via either the railroad grade or the Tiger Mountain trail.

HILLTOP (Class 2)

Wednesday, August 25, 9:30 am

Leader: Pat Kaald 746-8741

By courtesy of Hilltop residents, we are permitted to walk their nature trail a loop around this 1000 foot peak of Cougar. Thanks (no thanks) to forest-obliterating new subdivisions, the views of Bellevue, Seattle and Rainier which we loved through windows in the forest are now enormous.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2 evening)

Thursday, August 26, 6:30 pm

Leader: Tom Mechler 255-0922

See July 3 for details. (Bring Flashlights)

PRESTON RAILROAD GRADE AND RAGING RIVER VIEW (Class 2)

Friday, August 27, 9:30 am

Leader: Harvey Manning 746-1017

The Railroad grade will soon be improved to a paved bike-hike way but at the moment there are still some wild stretches. A short climb from the grade on an abandoned road leads to a terrific view point hanging over the Raging River Quarry.

THE CAVES (Class 2)

Saturday, August 28, 12:30 pm

Leader: Sue Williams 392-4869

A short hike into the caves partway on an old forest road makes this a class 2. There is one very short climb to the caves but it can be taken slowly and is not as difficult as the 3 described on July 10. See that entry for other details.

TIGER MOUNTAIN HI-LITER (Class 3 plus)

Leader: George Jackman 641-2895

This trip really will hit the hi-lites of West Tiger from the Poo Poo Point trail to Mary Creek Valley on the 1900 foot railroad grade to Mornings Reach and the TMT to West Tiger 3 summit down the Tradition Trail to the Caves via Section Line trail and a final stop at Round Lake to catch your breath before the drive home. A 10 to 12 mile route in not less than 7-8 hours. Maybe a flashlight would be handy.

Sunday, August 29, 8:30 am

YAH-ER WALL (Class 3)

Leader: Larry Winter 746-5775

This dizzy height above the Hobart Road can be reached by several routes including a new connector trail to Poo Poo Point. There may be a car switch, but that only makes it easier not harder to get to the brink with its unique plant community of manzanita, poison oak and other unusual species.

Wednesday, September 1, 9:30 am

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)

Leader: Mary Cadigan 641-4046

See July 25 for details.

Thursday, September 2, 9:30 am

POO POO POINT (Class 3)

Leader: George Jackman 641-2895

See July 30 for details.

Saturday, September 4, 8:30 am

WATERWORKS (Class 2)

Leader: Harvey Manning 746-1017

A new trail system looping back and forth through the Issaquah Watershed visiting the collection boxes at the Springs issuing from the base of the scarp, the Brink Trail on the edge of the lower plateau above and the Big Trees trail where the 1000 year old fir is the centerpiece. Skid Road trail takes us over the old road which was laid to haul out the other giant firs, brothers to the remaining trees. Dream of what it would have been like to walk here 150 years ago.

Sunday, September 5, 12:30 pm

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)

Leader: Ann Leber 746-3291

A deep woods trail steady going up the steep west face, featuring ancient stringers of a bridge which logging trucks rumbled across in the 1920's, a beautiful "nurse bridge" now, growing good size trees. It's possible to cross but slippery with moss. The usual way is to descend in the lovely ravine and then rejoin the grade. The way climbs near the west peak of Squak or can, if party desires, loop back by one of several alternative ways.

Tuesday, September 7, 9:30 am

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 evening fast paced hike)

Leader: Mike Hyman 392-4901

See August 18 for details.

Wednesday, September 8, 5:45 pm

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3 plus)

Leader: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034

See July 18 for details.

Thursday, September 9, 9:30 am

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

Leader: Bill Daly 392-1405

See July 3 for details.

Saturday, September 11, 12:30 pm

MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK (Class 3)

Leader: A.J. Culver 392-3002

See July 14 for details.

Sunday, September 12, 8:30 am

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

Leader: Virginia Gallagher 255-5591

See July 3 for details.

Wednesday, September 15, 9:30 am

COUGAR MOUNTAIN LOOP (Class 3)

Leader: Betty Culbert 641-6451

From Red Town to Far country lookout, the almost alpine feeling hillock above the swamp is the start of another loop on Cougar. After hopefully viewing Mount Rainier we drop down along the Shy Bear Trail and with some further ups and downs, past the Muldoon Cave hole and back toward more coal country and other awesome holes to the ghost of the company coal town.

Friday, September 17, 9:30 am

HOWDY HILL ROAD (Class 3)

Leader: Tim O'Brien 392-7365

This hike to the plateau west of Round Lake has had many neighborhood feet treading in and out. The local kids might not know that they were walking part way on a 1890 logging road. A pretty hike following Round Creek to the lake through forest and meadows.

Saturday, September 18, 8:30 am

BATTLE SNAKE LEDGE (Class 3)

Leader: Mark Pollett 937-2114

The ledge is the most spectacular part of the mountain with a cliff so tall and steep it would give a goat the vertigo. The trail, however, is safe and short, though very steep and views include the North Bend plain, the fault scarp of Mount Si, the lake below and several river valleys.

Sunday, September 19, 8:30 am

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2)

Leader: Roger Johnson 746-3291

See August 5 for details.

Sunday, September 19, 12:30 am

COUGAR WILDERNESS (Class 3)

Tuesday, September 21, 9:30 am

Leader: Harvey Manning 746-1017

We start by climbing in the forest along the Wilderness Creek. From here there are as many choices as there are leaders, but so much to see except the view from Wilderness Peak from which there is none. However, we can sign the register there and help carry a rock for the cairn marking the 1595 foot peak. We'll have other views along the way, including Big View Cliff, Long View, Wildview Cliff, and Claypit Peak. We don't promise to see the bear of Shy Bear pass but we won't leave out the magical Boulder Field, and the famous Cougar Mountain Cave in the Beautiful Bottom.

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN (Class 2)

Thursday, September 23, 9:30 am

Leader: Della Boe 1-438-7536

See July 28 for details.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2)

Saturday, September 25, 12:30 pm

Leader: Betty Manning 746-1017 and Darla O'Brien 392-7365

See July 1 for details.

COUGAR WILDERNESS AND EAST PRECIPICE (Class 3)

Sunday, September 26, 8:30 am

Leader: Ralph Owen 746-1070

Take in another look at the trails and routes of the proposed Regional Park in a less strenuous day. Climbing to Wilderness Peak via the Mainline Wildview trail and then circling around to Claypit, pass the Fantastic Erratic down the new Gorge Trail and Boulders of Beautiful Bottom and back to the cars via Wilderness Creek.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Wednesday, September 29, 9:30 am

Leader: Connie Dow 392-2190

A short uphill hike on one of Tiger's smaller flanks opens to broad views of May Valley and Squak Mountain and on out to Seattle, down to Hobart and south to Rainier.



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