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PRESIDENT'S (SEVENTEENTH) REPORT

Caressing the Cougar

Yes, friends, there is good news this month. In the wake of the adoption of the Newcastle Community Plan, County Executive Randy Revelle has set the wheels in motion. He has assigned Tom Eksten, of King County Parks, to serve as project boss in putting together plans for the Regional Wildland Park, and has charged a cluster of members of the executive staff to work on ways and means. His personal commitment is so strong as to guarantee priority attention.

There's a long road ahead, but the distance we've come is remarkable in so short a time. Among the crucial factors in our (so far) success is one I mention with some reluctance, lest I be misunderstood. But I must: There was an election in which one candidate consorted congenially with the "Villages in the Park" promoters, and the other stood atop Cougar Mountain in the wind and fog and declared the Regional Wildland Park to be a major plank in his platform. He won, and despite our non-political stance, we shamelessly say we're glad.

Another election is upon us, with ^{four} positions on the King County Council at stake. To stress and stress again, the Trails Club does not engage in political campaigns. Nevertheless, none but an inhabitant of cloud cuckoo land could be concerned with public issues (such as, a Regional Wildland Park) and display no interest in elections where these issues are involved.

You may see my name, or names of other Trails Club people, in campaign literature. These efforts are as individuals, not Trails Club officers or members.

However, it is no secret the Trails Club will intently watch the vote. We have worked with (and on) the King County Council for several years, and will do so in future — no matter who wins. While we realize any voter judges a candidate based on a range of issues, I think it is not out of line to suggest to you why, in voting, you might do well to ask the candidate where he/she stands on the Regional Wildland Park.

To simplify (not oversimplify), the test is, "Do you support the Newcastle Community Plan that was prepared by the Newcastle Citizens Committee, and with it, the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park proposed by the Trails Club? Or, do you support the Community Plan adopted by the County Council (and then vetoed by the County Executive), and with it, the fake-regional, fake-wildland park of the VIP Gang?"

For historical background, let me tell you our experience in dealing with members of the County Council, and the answers we received from candidates who are not incumbents:

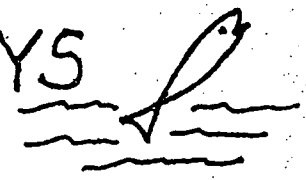
One (1) councilperson, who defies everyone's classification, never would talk to us, and cast $\frac{1}{2}$ votes about as randomly as a sightless person throwing darts in an airplane in a hurricane. This one is on the present ballot, apparently without much opposition. Voters in that particular district tend not to know they are in King County.

Three (3) councilpersons consistently voted YES to the first question in the above paragraph, and made it possible for the County Executive's veto to gain a somewhat better compromise. None of these three are up for reelection this fall.

Two (2) councilpersons were hostile — and rude — to our representatives in private and public, never bothered to become familiar with Cougar Mountain, showed no interest, and were content to "vote the party line." (That such an issue should be made a matter of "party" politics is an insult to the land.) One of these is up for reelection.

One (1) councilperson was friendly and supportive from the beginning and remains so, yet as often as not, for reasons we could not understand, voted with two (2) others who voted YES on the second question in the above paragraph and demonstrated a deep desire to make us happy — so long as this did not require making the VIPsters unhappy. Of these three, two are on the fall ballot.

SALMON DAYS



SOMETHING NEW--SOMETHING OLD
ISSAQUAH SALMON DAYS--ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB TOURS
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 & 2, 9:30 AM TO 6:00 PM

SOMETHING NEW

This year, the Trails Club is trying something new for Salmon Days--a walking tour of Issaquah's historic buildings. We had such a positive response to our "Return to Newcastle," we decided it would be fun to do something similar for Salmon Days. There will be a 1 1/2 hour walk starting at 1 PM on both Saturday and Sunday. Meet at the Trails Club booth in downtown Issaquah. The guided tour will include buildings such as a miner's wash house, the Wold Farm house and garden on its original site in present-day Gilman Village, (the plantings are over 70 years old; many are unusual), and the old city jail with its steel-plated door (necessitated by inebriated loggers with caulk boots who didn't cotton to the tiny quarters!)

SOMETHING OLD

IATC will repeat its Salmon Viewing hikes along the East Fork of Issaquah Creek at 3 PM on Saturday and at 11 AM and 3 PM on Sunday. Meet at the booth. This is your chance to watch sockeye and chinook struggling upstream, leaping up "stair steps." Cameras are one of the "ten essentials" this trip.

Salmon Days is a community celebration with a parade and arts and crafts fair. One can take a hatchery tour in downtown Issaquah. If one feels ambitious, there are several hikes possible from downtown. Stop at the IATC booth for descriptions.

For more information, call 541-2895 or 772-1666.

President's message continued

The incumbents we know from their records, summarized above. We felt it fair to ask three (3) of the challengers (one of the races apparently conceded) the test question. All three (3) declared themselves strongly for the Newcastle Community Plan prepared by the citizens committee and for the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park unmarr'd by VIPster intrusions. --Further, all three said that during the campaign they would be proposing specific aggressive actions to obtain the park.

If the Cougar Mountain issue is an important influence on your vote, ask your candidate the test question.

Tidying Up the Tiger

The draft plan for the Tiger Mountain State Forest prepared by Bob Rose has been released to the TMSF Citizens Advisory Committee, and it does a very nice bit of work, summarizing and organizing the year and odd months of committee deliberations. The committee presently is reviewing the draft to make sure every viewpoint is properly presented.

The next step, probably in early November, seems likely to be to release the amended draft to government agencies and the general public, to hold information workshops in Issaquah and Preston and wherever, and to solicit public comment.

(The Trails Club also will be holding workshops; if you are interested, call Laurene, 392-0204, or me, 746-1017.)

Barring glitches ^{or} changes of mind on High, the draft plan and public and agency comments will be turned over to the DNR the first of the year.

The DNR then will prepare the plan for the Tiger Mountain State Forest.

The last issue of the Alpiner summarized Trails Club points of emphasis, and we will wait to see the official DNR plan before we again go deeply into specifics. However, I would like to lay heavy emphasis on a fundamental disagreement we see shaping up:

The management policy that has been spelled out in some detail not only would commit the entirety of Tiger Mountain to timber harvest as the first and overriding priority, it would do so now, with no further study or discussion. My personal prediction is that almost the first action of the new State Forest would be to revive the Section Two (nee Stinger) Timber Sale, convert the West Tiger Railroad Grade through Many Creek Valley to a logging road, and clearcut the patches of virgin forest on the ridge of West Tiger. The DNR argument is that the state constitution and law compel it to turn as much timber into money as possible, as fast as possible.

The Trails Club proposal is twofold: (1) To place a 20-year moratorium on all logging and road-building and other management disturbance in the entire area from Holder Creek through Middle Tiger, Fifteenmile Creek, Many Creek Valley, and West Tiger, including all drainages to the Main Fork and East Fork of Issaquah Creek; (2) To devote the rest of Tiger Mountain, including part of Holder Creek and most of Raging River (sparing Silent Swamp-Beaver Valley-Drout Hatchery Creek), to laboratory experimentation in the techniques of urban tree-farming. (This is not necessarily the same thing as a "working forest in an urban environment." Golly knows we've already got that on Tiger.) This would involve logging, but with novel methods. There would be monetary income from timber-cutting -- but more important, there would be knowledge amassed, knowledge ~~to~~ ultimately to be used on the "moratorium area" of Tiger, insofar as further study identifies places there suitable for tree-farming, but also throughout the Puget Sound region, on DNR and private lands.

The DNR steadily drums on the old King Cole theme: "Return money to the Trusts." The Trails Club's legal counsel advises that King Cole-Brian Boyle position is not defensible if the matter can be brought through the courts. Moreover, the Trusts can be enriched by other returns than money. By knowledge, for example, that will enable the forest industry to survive against the attacks by suburbia. It is also our position, and that of our counsel, that education, water quality, wildlife protection, recreation, historical preservation, scenic preservation, gene-pool protection, and a number of other things are as important to society -- and the Trusts -- as cash in hand.



ATTENTION ALL YOU CLUB "ALPINI"



Sometime when we've nothing else to do we're going to assemble all the club rosters from 1979 to date and find out how many members the club has had. We know for sure the total is much greater than the number of members we currently have.

This is perfectly normal, and no bad thing. Every organization has attrition. To those of you who have gone away, we say, "So long, it was sure good to know you. -- You aren't really gone so long as you hike a trail now and then, and as occasion comes up, support the club in seeking to preserve trail country in the Alps." We are certain that the club alumni constitute a large reservoir of Alp Power, all over the county and across boundaries into three other counties.

However, to those of you who haven't gone away, who still think you are members in good standing, we remind you: Dues are payable MAY 1. When did you last pay? If in doubt, pay.

We need the money so we can keep sending you the Alpiner, so you can keep going on the hikes.

We also want you to keep getting the Alpiner so we can nag nag nag about your civic duty. That's what the club is all about. Hike hike hike. Nag nag nag.

ATTENTION ONE VERY SPECIAL PERSON, OUT THERE

I've just receiving startling news. Betty Culbert, the second person to have served as Hikes Chair, at length has been compelled by her family and her dog to give up the job. For her devoted service, her imaginative schedules and inveigling trip descriptions, thanks are too small a recognition. -- Understand, Betty is not going away, she'll ~~continue~~ ^{continue} leading trips -- and will stand ready to counsel her successor. Who is....???

The first person to have served as Hikes Chair would be glad to resume the job -- but in that case you would have to find a new President, since I will not again try to handle both jobs.

Take your choice, you Very Special Person, out there. You know who you are. You know you can handle the job. Either job. Take the Presidency, please. Or the Hikes. It is not an overwhelming burden, what with the system Betty has set up, and what with the noble help of her committee (which is not quitting, I won't let them). Give Betty or me a call.

We're sitting by the phone, waiting...

Money Manning

THE TRAILFIXERS WANT → YOU ←

Incredible though it may seem, newcomers to the Alps, notably those seduced into the area by our guidebooks, sometimes complain about our trails -- especially after the uprising of the nettles in spring and the outspreading of the alders in summer and the downfalling of the trees in winter. Even some veterans have been known to wail, "Where oh where has the old trail gone, where oh where can it be?"

We fight back against ruthless Nature by means of the occasional special campaign by Longwell's Army, and the regular Adopt-A-Trail Program, whereby individuals take on a stretch of trail and pledge to keep it open. Would you like to adopt a trail? To find one nicely suited to your desires, call the Chief Ranger, Bill Longwell, 355-1295.

Now for something completely different...

Some of us don't wish to make a formal commitment, yet enjoy the sociability of a brush-chopping party, and the sense of accomplishment. We're therefore setting up a new program, the Trailfixers. Here's how it will work: The club has a number of folks who regularly go out to brush an established trail or survey and construct a new one. Often they call each other and get together to work, socialize, and probably end up by knocking off the hard labor and going for a walk to the nearest viewpoint or creek.

If you would like to be placed in the "call list" for invitation to Trailfixer parties, telephone Ed and Muriel Rozelins, 1-542-6891.

BIG NEW DEAL!

MONTHLY MEETINGS

VERY EXCITING

NOW WE HAVE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The criticism has been made that for a person to get involved in the club program, it is necessary to attend meetings of the Board at which club officers, in a hurry to get through an agenda, discuss arcane matters without explanation.

THEFORE, a New Deal has been declared. Henceforth, each Board meeting will be preceded by a one-hour-or-so General Meeting of the Membership.

MOREOVER, Each General Meeting Will Have a Topic, as a starting point. Board members and others will speak to the topic, then stand up to answer questions from the floor (or walls, or ceiling, wherever you-all are). For openers:

October meeting: Where we are with the Cougar Mountain Regional Park.

November meeting: What's happening on Squak Mountain.

December meeting: Tiger Mountain State Forest -- Fact or Fiction?

All meetings are at Newport Way Library, 11250 Newport Way, Bellevue, a bit west of the stop-light in Eastgate at Newport and 150th. Meetings start at 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 20
Thursday, November 17
Thursday, December 15 - This is a tentative date. Call Connie Dow, 392-2190 to confirm.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

For information of any kind, call any member of the Board of Directors:

Harvey Manning, President	746-1317
Barbara Johnson, Vice President	
Connie Dow, Secretary	392-2190
Darla O'Brian, Treasurer	324-1509
Tom Mechler	255-0922
Ralph Owen	746-1270
Larry Vinter	746-5775
Jack Price	226-7548
Bill Longwell	255-1295
Dave Kappler	235-0741
Susan Williams	392-4869

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

Hikes -- Betty Culbert	541-6451
Horse Routes -- Jack Price	226-7848
Alpiner -- Yvonne Mechler	255-0922
Membership -- Florence Boyce	226-9459
Publicity -- Barbara Johnson	
Telephone Tree -- Linda Burke	271-3558
Book Publisher -- Susan Williams	392-4369
Tiger Watcher -- Laurens McLane	392-0204
Squak Watchers -- Mary A. B. Merker, 392-3387, David Giles, 271-3631	
Newcastle Watchers -- Dave Kappler, 235-0741, Ralph Owen, 746-1270	
Water Watcher -- Ruth Kees	392-3410
Tailoring hikes for other groups -- Ma O'Brian, 324-1509	
Chief Ranger -- Bill Longwell	255-1295
Trailfixers -- Ed and Muriel Rozellus, 1-512-6891	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors' meetings.

June 23, 1983

1. June 5 Event. A grand success. Crowd estimated at 500 to 1000. Much historical interest. Discussed plans for acquisition of parkland.
2. Salmon Days. Suggestion was made to do something historical for Salmon Days.
3. Tiger Mountain. Discussed problems with State Forest Advisory Committee and parking on Tiger Mountain Road - also hang gliders.
4. City of Issaquah. Comprehensive plan discussed.
5. Mt. Si Work Party. Will be on June 25 along with dedication of purchase of west face of Si. HM to speak.
6. Honorary Membership. Evan Morris has been awarded honorary membership in the Trail Club.
7. Hikes Chairman. New format for Alpiner hikes. Discussed recruiting new leaders.
8. Club Organization. Discussed need for new talent, agenda for Board meetings, need for someone to take on this task as a Task Force.
9. Membership. Have 1150 on Alpiner list.
10. Treasurer's Report. IATC is now exempt from taxes, officially.
11. Squak Mountain. Mary Merker will prepare a Squak Mountain plan.

July 21, 1983.

1. Membership. Brian Boyle has joined IATC. Draft submitted of message to new member soliciting their volunteering for club jobs. Also flyer to be handed out to all who attend hikes next quarter.
2. Meetings. New format - Monthly Meeting to precede Board Meeting. Each of our three mountains to be discussed in turn, one a month. Everyone invited to stay for Board Meeting.
3. Salmon Days. Discussed assignments - booth application, delivery, pick-up, manager publicity, coordination with Issaquah Historical Society, See the Salmon walks. We'll have historical display.
4. Squak Mountain. Discussions have been held with High Valley people, Burlington Northern and Washington State Parks. Mary Merker will do master plan for Squak, research Squak history.
5. Tiger Mountain. Discussed current status as we await DNR plan - also a meeting to talk about oil and gas leasing.
6. City of Issaquah. Discussed moving Sportsmen's Club and city use of Sammamish State Park.
7. Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. Discussed favorable effect of Return to Newcastle. New bumpersticker for Park.

August 17, 1983.

1. Mailing Lists. Weeded out freebie list for Alpiner. Revised Board mailing list.
2. Publications. Reprinting Squak-Cougar Guide. Discussed publishing a history book.
3. Salmon Days. Reviewed plans for the event.
4. Adopt-A-Trail. Bill reported West Tiger RR meticulously maintained by Unknown Hand.



HIKES COMMITTEE: Betty Culbert (641-6451), Chairman; Russ Williams (392-5989), 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 Mical (747-1457), Troubleshooter; George Jackman (641-2895), Doug Harro (392-8312) and Dwight Riggs (271-8389), Inputers.

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 1/4 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 continues 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.

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.

NEW HIKE SUB-CLASSIFICATIONS

Since our hikes range from a completely level stroll to a short steep up-hill or a steady moderate climb to a steep bushwhack, we are going to try and be more precise in our designations so that hikers can plan according to their ability. The letters "A", "B", or "C" are being added to the classifications 1, 2, 3, etc. to say something about the terrain. Therefore:

An "A" is generally a good, easy path, mostly level.

A "B" classification means the path may not be quite so good or may be steep, e.g., the Boulders.

A "C" means something a little mean -- a bit of brush maybe, or a few logs to crawl over, or a very steep trail or a muddy one.

The classification does not refer to the whole trail but notes the most difficult stretch you might encounter. So a hike might be an "A" most of the way but a few logs or a creek crossing would mean a "C" terrain.

The number (1,2,3,4,5) will continue to refer to the time/energy output. That is, a 2 is a half-day (9:30 to 1:00 or 12:30 to 4:00 approximately) at a medium to slow pace. A 3 is a day (8:30 to 3:00 or 9:30 to 4:00 approximately) at a moderate pace. A 4 is a long day at a steady pace, a 5 is all day at an "aerobic" pace.

For example, a 2-A will be easy in energy output and an easy path, like High Point to Issaquah on the railroad grade. A 2-C still will be an easy enough half day but may have some mud, or low bridges, or "ball-bearings" or such; the pace will be slow enough to accommodate but a few challenges might be met.

Class 2 hikes are only a half day yet we suggest bringing a lunch or snack since driving distances vary and a 2 hour hike might not leave the trailhead till 10:15, meaning a case of hunger pangs might hit your stomach before you return to your car. Suitable hiking shoes will certainly make a more pleasant day too.

GUIDELINES FOR HIKE LEADERS

We have discussed in our hikes committee meetings the following guidelines for hike leaders in order to keep both leaders and hikers in a happy rambling state of mind:

1. It is the leader's responsibility to have checked out the hike and to prepare the hikers for it with a brief description at the Park and Ride of what to expect in terrain and if necessary caution them about exerting themselves if they know of a physical problem which might hinder them. We want to welcome people to hiking and to the Alps, not scare them away with rigid requirements on footwear etc., but if they are going to get wet in what they have on, let them know it. Other discomforts are short lived like a steep, muddy short climb which is soon over and they might need to know that. Our new subclassifications (see above) will take care of most questions about the difficulty of terrain especially in class 2 hikes.

2. It is the leader's responsibility to set a pace which will be comfortable for the whole party. This is especially important on 2 and 3 minus hikes. On a 3 plus or 4 we expect hikers to keep a good pace and if there seems to be a great deal of trouble in keeping up, maybe that individual might have to turn back.

3. Please try and stay on the established route as much as weather and condition of party allow.

4. Any extending of a hike such as a class 2 to make a longer day should only be done in consultation with all the group.

5. Leaders should be flexible and at their discretion a hike can be substituted if weather or size of party dictate. Parking a great number of cars is not possible at all trail heads.

6. Leaders should be familiar with trail conditions at all seasons. Summer growth and winter snows often completely disguise a familiar trail.

7. Each hike leader should have first aid equipment, a flashlight, and a telephone number to call in case of accident. (A committee is working on a telephone list of Medics and Fire Districts in the various areas in which we hike. This will go into the next Alpiner for you to clip out and keep in your pack.)

We hope these guidelines will be helpful and welcome any additions or comments.

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK VIA LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 3 C)

Anti-Aircraft Peak has been temporarily closed to us from the east but the resourceful Owens have built a new trail which starts at Lakemont Gorge and climbs steeply after crossing Peltola Creek, passing some lovely waterfalls and seemingly virgin fir. The county has improved the peak area with parking, picnic tables, and soon-to-be-installed water supply. A ranger is in residence in this park which we hope will be the central part of the larger regional park. The views of Lake Sammamish from here are smashing.

BEAVER VALLEY VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3 minus B)

With the road open again we can park at the trailhead to Silent Swamp and enjoy this quiet bypass to Beaver Valley. The 18 dams are still there, some old and silted in and 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.

BOULDERS (Class 2 B)

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's waterfalls create a magic spot. A short climb to Big View Cliff is worth the effort if a crystal clear day reveals Mount Rainier against a southern sky. Following the ravine up through more ferns with Wild View Cliff towering on the right, you will soon find yourself in the Beautiful Bottom, with more boulders which created the fabled Cougar Mountain Cave.

CAVES OF WEST TIGER (Class 3 minus C)

The way to the caves has been well worn by the backsides 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.

COAL CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2 B)

This county park is undeveloped and mostly wilderness along both sides of Coal Creek where the steep banks make it necessary sometimes to walk in the water. That is why rubber boots are recommended. A few places like the abandoned Scalzo farms are open, and you can imagine the ducks swimming on the pond. Upstream are some great falls, the North Fork, and the cinder mine which are proposed as additions to the park since they lead directly to Cougar Mountain proper. When Steve does a geology hike he visits the cinder mine with many examples of rock deposits, fused minerals, salt water fossils, and some petrified wood mixed with the burned tailings of the old mines. Side trips are sometimes made to the mining ghost town of Redtown or to Old New-castle where a bunker still stands slightly out of kilter and a mine shaft splits the earth.

COAL CREEK FALLS (Class 2 B)

A well kept secret is now open to the public and as with the Caves, we hope we won't spoil a place of pristine beauty. The falls tumble down over sandstone slabs and under fallen cedar making a wonderful splash and also quiet pools among the glacial erratics. Summer might dry the area a bit but it still is a green, lush, and cool spot.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WATERFALLS AND PEAKS (Class 4)

On this all day hike we sample most of the small but lovely waterfalls and many of the peaks of Cougar Mountain while exploring the regional park-to-be. While climbing up the north side of Cougar Mt. from Exit 13 the falls of Peggy's Trail will be viewed. During the day we will also visit Doughty Falls, Far Country Falls, and China Creek Falls as well as Anti-Aircraft Peak, Clay Pit Peak, Wilderness Peak, Long View Peak, the mysterious Deceiver's Ridge and Marshall's Hill. For those who are extra ambitious, if time permits North Fork Falls as well as Coal Creek Falls also beckon.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3 C)

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.

DICK HEINTZ VICINITY RAMBLETORY (Class 3 C)

A network of logging railroad grades, spurs, and spurs of spurs will make for very unspurious discovery together near the flanks of W. Tiger 1 and East Tiger. The class "C" means probably bad brush, but not in too many places. The "C" goes for the drive over as well! Distance covered depends on what everybody feels like that day.

FOXGLOVE FLAT (Class 2 C)

The old logging railroad grades on Taylor Mountain east of the Tigers have been tempting hikers for some years but the brush has been so thick that confused hikers often gave up. Some of the faithful have been clearing brush there recently and one day there will be a wonderful trail to the top. For now a shorter hike with a bit of climbing but not too much brush leads by the long trestle site at Georgia's Falls on via the Trillium Trail to Foxglove Flat, a sunny picnic spot with fine views of the Tigers and the Olympics. The return might be via the clearcut which each year is carpeted with wildflowers. Boots are recommended -- some mud and such.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK AND R.R. GRADE LOOP (Class 3 C)

Ascending Tiger Mountain's largest stream with its slot canyon sliced in sandstone and coal, you climb steeply for a short stretch to the level R.R. grade of Middle Tiger, which once boasted a famous Horseshoe Trestle. Another climb to the Tiger Mountain Trail in one of its prettier sections or a straight shot out along the Middle Tiger R.R. grade are the choice returns.

HIGH POINT TO MANNINGS REACH (Class 3 plus B)

From High Point, the Tiger Mountain Trail climbs to the railroad grade and up again along the flanks 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.

KERRISTON (Class 2 plus A)

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

LAKE TRADITION LOOP (Class 2 B)

Another way to the lake using the abandoned R.R. grade from the center of Issaquah to the high school and then climbing to the plateau. From the lake and its usual treasures you go north to High Point crossing under I-90 to the other section of the same R.R. grade, following it as it parallels East Fork of the Issaquah Creek. Leaving the R.R. grade to follow the creek under I-90 and into town, you cross the pedestrian-only bridge bringing you back to center Issaquah through some of the quieter streets.

LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT (Class 2 A)

Starting from High Point off I-90 avoids a climb up to the plateau but all the usual attractions are there to be enjoyed at the leader's choice. A view down to Issaquah is a must, with options including the 1000 year old big trees, the century old cedar puncheon used by oxen, hidden lakes, and the mysterious wrecked Greyhound bus.

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2 B)

The undeveloped part of the abandoned railroad grade passes an old farm, creeks, woods with window views of the Cascades, climaxing with a view of the falls. This stretch is a nice level stroll all the way to the remains of the giant wooden trestle. The Snoqualmie Forest Theater has built some new trails down from their property through a cedar forest where beaver have left their work. With permission from the theater (and a small fee to cover parking and the watchful eye of the ranger) we can explore closer views of the falls at

downs but they are short climbs. Some might just like to walk to the trestle and upper view. The walk to Lake Alice in the other direction is on the paved bike-horse-hike path and goes to the Fall City/Preston Road at the Raging River crossing. A lovely railroad trestle used to cross here also but now a system of switchbacks leads hikers and bikers to the other side to pick up the trail to Preston.

LAKE TRADITION WILDERNESS (Class varies -- 1 to 2 B)

Each leader has his/her favorite route through Issaquah City Watershed, a regional treasure. They choose from the 1000-year old big trees of the Lower Plateau, 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 Greyhound bus, seemingly out of place in this world of deep woods and memories of logging camps past.

LAKE MONT GORGE (Class 2 C)

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 sidetrapping 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.

MAY CREEK (Class 2 C)

Steve has been leading groups in the uncharted county park regularly and recommends rubber boots for the possible creek crossing. He has many different routes from Lake Washington upstream to Honey Creek Farm or the Farm downstream. All are a treat. This hike will start at the Lumber Mill on Lake Washington and the treat to look for this season are the salmon running upstream.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3 B)

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.

MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON (Class 3 plus C)

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.

MIDDLE TIGER VIA (STILL MORE!) LOGGING R.R. GRADES (Class 3 plus B)

More leaders have been finding many different ways to do this so far un-antennated alpine aerie and exhilarate over the extensive views to the S and W. Much opportunity to reconstruct the lives and limbs of oldtime loggers as we walk several miles of various logging railroad grades up, down, and around the aforeludedto alp and look for artifacts. A full day of perhaps 8 to 9 miles and 1500 foot gain or so.

NEWCASTLE TERMINAL DOWN COAL CREEK TO THE CINDER MINES (Class 2 A)

Walk into the past along the railroad grade which carried passengers and coal to Seattle in the late 1890's. Imagine cars full of coal for San Francisco, company towns on the hills above, see the remains of the hotel boiler room, the generating plant, the ticket office (now a chicken house), the number 4 seam air shaft and wonder how all this activity took place in the present quiet, woodsy scene.

NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2 plus B)

The newly rerouted end of the TMT makes a wonderful beginning for a hike which climbs from High Point through old fir to a bright open alder forest. Lovely stream crossings on well made bridges (one would make a fine picnic spot) lead to the intersection of the old TMT and the other side of the loop to the cars. Some steady climbing but not too steep. 4 1/2 mile r.t.

OLD NEWCASTLE TO ISSAQUAH ON HISTORICAL ROADS AND R.R. GRADES (Class 3 C)

This wooded hike will be a trip back into the history of the Issaquah Alps. Beginning in the original coal mining town of "Old Newcastle" the route proceeds to Red Town by way of the old county road and the 1878 Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad grade. From here it follows the route of the old Summit Road

(Historical Road) to Issaquah. This single lane horse and wagon road was in use from the 1800's through the 1920's and was the main route from Issaquah to Seattle until the railroad came to Issaquah in 1888. Most of this hike follows this abandoned, sometimes overgrown route.

POO POO POINT VIA MANY CREEK VALLEY (Class 3 B)

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a hang 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 Many Creek Valley in one of several possible loops.

RATTLESNAKE (Class 2 B)

This is a new way up for us 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 the Snoqualmie Falls exit.

RATTLESNAKE LEDGE (Class 3 C)

The ledge is the most spectacular part of the mountain with a cliff so tall and steep it would give a mountain goat 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.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2 B)

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 Mount Rainier.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN HI-LITER (Class 4 C)

The most popular way up Squak seems to be the Thrush Gap route and this will be included on the hi-lites as well as the old tie mill, the stringer trestle, the block house, and the imposing stone fireplace of the Bullitt mansion. The return trip will include the new Grizzly Trail back to Thrush Gap and, of course a short stop at the summit if the views are spectacular.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA CHYBINSKI TRAIL (Class 2 C)

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

SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3 B)

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

TIGER MOUNTAIN HI-LITER (Class 4 C)

This trip really will hit the hi-lites of West Tiger from the Poo Poo Point trail to Many Creek Valley on the 1900 foot railroad grade to Manning's Reach; 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.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3 plus B)

This is the classic 11.3 mile trail from near Highway 18 in the south to the newly constructed finish at High Point. With a car switch we can do it all in a single day, in deep woods, over creeks along railroad grades, and with open views from the slopes of Middle Tiger and West Tiger 2. The scenic spots along the way were named for the boys (men by now, no doubt!) who helped Bill Longwell build the trail. Time and many feet have trod here over the years.

TIGER MOUNTAIN RAILROAD GRADE AND HISTORY HIKE (Class 3 plus)

Basically the trail will be on the new northern section of the Tiger Mountain Trail, crossing streams on new bridges which Bill Longwell has built, and on up to West Tiger 1. Bill plans to point out some artifacts which he has uncovered in his work this summer of improving mile 11 to 6 and to show off another

Bill found a flange wheel and the remains of a log track. This should be an interesting 10 miler with lots of railroad history. 4

WATERWORKS (Class 2 C)

A new trail system looping back and forth over the Issaquah Watershead allows 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 of the remaining trees. Dream of what it would have been like to walk here 150 years ago.

WEST TIGER 1 VIA PRESTON TRAIL (Class 3 plus B)

The highest peak of the West Tigers is overpopulated with radio towers at the summit, but the walk there is a lovely wildwood trail built by Dick Heinz and samples the quiet ridges and valleys of the mountain. Extensive views over Puget Sound and the Cascades.

WEST TIGER 1 - 2 VARIATION (Class 2 B)

This hike goes to the summit of West Tiger 1 as in the above description but then descends from West Tiger 2 via the Tiger Mountain Trail rather than the Tradition Lake Trail as below.

WEST TIGER 1-2-3 (Class 3 plus B)

This is usually called the "wipe out hike" but it hasn't wiped anyone out lately. From High Point along the new section of the Tiger Mountain Trail to the intersection with the West Tiger 1 trail you will climb steadily. After that it will begin to get steeper til you reach the summit of West Tiger 1. From there with ups and downs between the peaks it isn't too taxing. Take the Tradition Lake Trail back to High Point.

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 B)

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 aluminum forests. The climb is often done now via the north end of the Tiger Mountain Trail. Descending via either the Tradition Lake Trail or the Section Line Trail to the Caves is equally rewarding.

YELLOW LAKE (Class 2 A)

The wonderful wildlife refuge around Yellow Lake in the middle of the Hestness Property on the Sammamish Plateau has been a birdwatcher's paradise for years. Will 10,000 people be watching each other in 3,000 closely built condos 20 years from now? Don't wait for the answer but come and visit this wet and wild area which contains the finest pristine sphagnum peat bog near Seattle. The full community of flowering plants characteristic of Horse Lake and other bogs are Labrador Tea, bog laurel, and carnivorous sundew.

NOTE!!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS UP FOR RENEWAL.

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To explain:

Every IATC membership runs from May 1 to May 1, no matter when you join -- this is to reduce the record-keeping and volunteer time.

Your first year in the club you may either (1) get grouped, or (2) get a bonus:

- (1) If you join on or before December 31, your membership comes up for renewal May 1 -- your \$5 annual dues may only last you four months.
- (2) If you join on or after January 1, your membership runs through May 1 of the next year -- your dues may last you up to 16 months.

*So, if you joined before December 31, 1982, pay now. If you joined between January 1 and April 30, 1983, you're in the clear until May of 1984.

Your second and succeeding years in the club, May 1 is the day -- pay.

\$ 5.00 for the whole family
\$10.00 or more for a contributing membership
\$100.00 for a lifetime membership
\$1,000.00 or more we'll rename the club for you

SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK

HELP WANTED

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

PROJECTS PRESENT

PROJECTS UNFORESEEN

The Trails Club operates on volunteer amateur effort, and that qualifies everyone to help out. We don't do things slick and perfect, but somehow we do things that seem to make a difference.

Four years ago the IATC was six soggy hikers proclaiming there were indeed Alps in Issaquah, and vowing to lead one hike a month into these wildlands.

Today, the Trails Club has over 2500 members, four hikes a week, a 24-page quarterly newsletter, four books in print, special events, and a certain amount of wary respect in political and governmental circles. It is amateurs who have made the hikes program, the newsletter, the publications program, and the special events; amateurs who have helped gain recognition for quiet wildlike urban recreation areas, the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park plan, the Tiger Mountain State Forest, alternatives to herbicides in forestry, the historic and educational value of the Issaquah Alps.

The people who have contributed to these accomplishments are not experts. Initially, they mostly said, "Who me?" But then they proceeded to do what needed to be done.

If you are ready to ease yourself or fling yourself into this refreshing atmosphere, described as "the condition of creative anarchy - the optimum for any human organization, and for most birds and wild beasts as well", here is a list of concerns, and the associated nonexperts to contact:

Hikes: helping plan hikes, leading hikes, recruiting hike leaders, coordinating the hike schedule -- Betty Culbert 641-6451. (You don't need to know how to "hike" - walking suffices, and you do know how to do that. You also don't need to know the trails - you can learn on the job.)

Newsletter: helping with layout, errands to printer, assembly and labeling, distribution -- Yvonne Mechler 255-0922

Book Publications: supervising distribution to book stores, management of inventory -- Susan Williams 392-4869

History: seminars, research, special events -- Peggy Owen 746-1070

Education: ideas for field trips, study materials, information to area schools -- Linda Burke 271-3658 or 392-8811 (weekdays)

Cougar Mountain Concerns: myriad -- Ralph Owen 746-1070 and Dave Kappler 235-0741

Squak Mountain Concerns: myriad -- Dave Kappler 235-0741 and Mary A. B. Merker 392-8387

Tiger Mountain Concerns: myriad -- Laurene McLane 392-0204

Trail Maintenance: adopt a trail, in part or whole; brush clearing, erosion control, whatever is needed to keep the trail in shape -- Bill Longwell 255-1295

Publicity: typing weekly releases of hikes, helping compose special press releases, distribution to press; followup with the press. Barbara Johnson, P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027

Lobbying: letter-writing to officials, testifying at hearings, attending hearings and meetings -- Barbara Johnson, P.O. Box 351, Issaquah 98027

Other: Your initiative - What's on your mind?

All of the above: Harvey Manning SH6-1017

If you think we have everything under control, you have to get to know us better.

We need your ideas, your initiative, your work. Don't be bashful for long.


ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT?

SEE PAGES 23 & 24

This will be the last IATC hike schedule you receive unless-- we find a replacement for retiring Hike Chairman Betty Culbert. If you want to know who's leading what, when, & where in 1984, we need your help. Call any of Betty's assistants on the Hikes Committee and volunteer now. We need to have a response by November 15TH.

Issaquah's Salmon Days
History hikes and salmon viewing hikes -- leave the IATC booth in Issaquah.
Details elsewhere in this Alpiner. Come join us!

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