

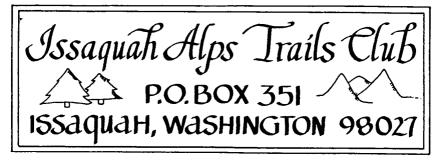
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## The Issaquah Alpiner september 10, 1984

## "Presidents (xuventy first) Report

In the six-ring (six-mountain) circus of the Issaquah Alps, two have dominated in the sphere of public (and our) action. The emphasis may well shift in future: 1985 may be the Year of the Squak; Grand Ridge-Yellow Lake promise, or threaten, to get hot. At present, though, Cougar and Tiger are still the main arenas where the 'Christians are battling the lions. However, with your permission we'll not report the score as of this writing.

Through the cooperation of the King County Executive and Council and several friendly landowners, exciting things are being made to happen in the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. Since no agreements are firmly set in concrete, out of fear of jinxing the operation we prefer to store up the good news and dump it all on you in the next Alpiner — praying that the potential bad news blow away in the autumn zephyrs.

On Tiger Mountain the motorcycles continue to flagrantly violate state law every day and twelve times on Sunday and the state Department of Natural Resources continues to erode our faith in its good intentions by doing nothing whatsoever about it. Yet the DNR has at last issued the Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee and commenced preparing its plan for Tiger Mountain State Forest. The Trails Club is preparing its after-the-Report, before-the-Plan comment, which will be summarized in the next Alpiner.

In this Report I'd like to call your attention to certain other very interesting developments:

### "The Trails Club is now a Section 501 (C) (3) Corporation.

Through the efforts of our legal counsel, Tom Lucas, the Trails Club has been newly declared a "charitable organization" by the federal Internal Revenue Service.

This means that certain contributions are deductable for income tax purposes.

What contributions? Money, of course, which is in excess of the cost of the material services provided by the Club. Also, contributions of a cash-equivalent value. Such as, if you happened to own a mountain and wanted to give it to us, you likely could make a good deal.

However, I won't attempt to spell out exactly what is possible until Tom gives us the precise details. These we will report in the next Alpiner. Meanwhile,

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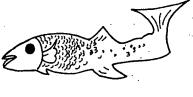
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ARE YOU Coming?

TSSAQUAH SAlmon Days SATURDAY: SUDDAY OCTOBER 6 AND 7





#### VISIT THE TRAILS CLUB BOOTH (on Front Street near Johnie's Food Center)

- \*Study maps and literature
- \*Enjoy historical photographs
- \*Assemble for hikes

#### TAKE A HISTORY WALK, 13 hours, through the living museum of Old Issaquah, led by ever-popular Tim O'Brian, former President of the Issaqual City Council

- Saturday, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

MEET AT OUR BOOTH

- TAKE A SALMON VOYEURS' WALK, 12 hours, up the East Fork Issaquah Creek, to where the endangered species, having swum from the North Pacific through Puget Sound, Elliott Bay, Lakes Washington and Sammamish, and Issaquah Creek, is trying to perpetuate itself. Leaders, those local fish celebrities, Roger Johnson and Harvey Manning.
  - Saturday, 1 p.m.
  - Sunday, 1 p.m .

MEET AT OUR BOOTH

- GAZE DOWN UPON IT ALL FROM THE SUMMIT OF WEST TIGER 3, and see the madding crowd turmoiling around our booth, and the sky entertainments above Issaquah Skyport, and Mt. Selig in Seattle and the Tacoma Dome in Second City, and the Olympics and Cascades and the Whulj.
  - Sunday, 8:30 a.m., meet at the Park & Ride Lot south of Exit 15 from I-90, where Highway 900 meets Newport Way. Round thip, 6 miles, 2000-foot elevation gain, about 5 hours.

## Hear ye! Hear ye! Flizzoner The Mayor Speaks!"

Wed., October 17 7:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.

newport-way-library 

A.J. Culver, Mayor of Issaquah, has accepted our invitation to come to our October meeting of the Board and the Membership.

He will tell us Issaquah's thoughts about the future of the Issaquah Alps that ring the city.

He will answer our questions about the city's - and his - feelings on what ought to be done to preserve the Issaquah Quality.

Do you wonder about Issaquah and its old Watershed?

- Issaguah and Issaguah Creek?
- Issaquah and Squak Mountain State Park?
- Issaguah and Tibbetts Creek?
- Issaquah and Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park?
  - Issaquah and Tiger Mountain State Forest?
- Issaguah and anything else under the Issaguah sun that pertains to concerns of the Trails Club?

As resident and official of Issaquah, and a regular leader of Trails Club hikes. A.J. is uniquely qualified to speak on these matters.

The entire October meeting, from 7:30 to 10 pm., will be devoted to this historic semina...

### Prez Message cont.

should you chance to find yourself in a giving mood, call me, call Tom, call any of us.

(In renewing your membership -- which, according to experience, 38% of you have so far forgotten to do - you may write as big a check as you please, in confidence that all but several dollars will be deductable -- we'll let you know how much you can deduct.)

### ... The Tiger Mountain Residents' Association Has Been Born

In regard to Tiger Mountain, the Trails Club speaks for the interests of all citizens of the state of Washington, and will continue to do so. Our viewpoints have been very importantly shaped by the people who live on and near the mountain. -But an organization based on the entire Issaquah Alps cannot pretend to represent the felks of Mirrormont, Hidden Estates, Issaquah, High Point, Preston, and Upper Preston for whom motorcycle racket and water pollution are not mere annoyances but invasions of private property rights.

We have recently been informed that an association has been formed (exact name has not been reported to us) to bring together residents around the mountain and assemble their opinions into common fronts for dealing with the DNR and other agencies

If you live on or near Tiger Mountain, and are interested in your quality of life, call Larry Hanson, 392-2458.

### -Also, the Sammamish Basin Intensive Care Organization

The name "Alps" implies we are solely fascinated by high places. But we are, of course, equally in love with the low places through which the water flows from the high places — some of it into Lake Washington, some to the Snoqualmie and Cedar Rivers, and one whole lot of it (all the forks of Issaquah Creek, plus Tibbetts, Lewis-Peltola, Laughing Jacob-Creeks) into Lake Sammamish.

The Great Green Issaquah Plain (formerly known as the Sammamish or Squak Plain) has almost ceased to be Green. Yet there still are enough fish to support Salmon Days. For how long?

A new group is assembling to focus very specifically on the water that flows into Lake Sammanish. For information, call Ruth Kees, 392-3410, or Bob Copernall, 641-2135.

.. Where Are You Old Chums?

When a bunch of philosophical anarchists undertake to organize, there are bound to be flaws in the structure. One that has been on our conscience is the lack of systematic follow-up of your offers to volunteer for jobs.

I'm overjoyed to announce that Vice President Dave Kappler has undertaken to contact every one of you who volunteers, sort things out with you, and put you to work.

If you have volunteered in the past and not been called, it's possible your offer has gotten lost in my personal paperwork. I apologize. Don't give up. Call Dave, 235-0741.

Harry Menny

"Be·good·to your adoptive·trail... have·you·brushed·it today?"

# \* OFFICERS · COMMITTEES · WATCHERS

For information about anything, try any member of the Board of Directors:

Harvey Manning, President	746-1017
Dave Kappler. Vice President	235-0741
Connie Dow, Secretary	329-2190
Darla O'Brian, Treasurer	324-1609
Ralph Owen	746-1070
Jack Price	226 <del>-7</del> 848
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Susan Olson	641-8893
Buzz Moore	746-1866
Maryanne Tagney Jones	222-7615
Debbie Turner	641-4646

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information about activities, call:	
Issaquah Alps 24-hour Hotline To volunteer for a job call Dave Kappler	328-0480 235-0741
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Law Person Tom Lucas Chief Ranger Bill Longwell Resident Oracle Fred Rounds	255-1295 746-3554

392-2458 Tiger Mountain Residents Association 392-3410, 641-2135 Sammamish Basin Intensive Care Organization



All meetings are at Newport Way Library, 1h250 Newport Way, Bellevue, a bit west of the stop-light in Eastgate at Newport and 150th. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Thursday, September 20 Wednesday, October 17
Thursday, November 8 - This is a tentative date. Call

16 DCC 20 Connie Dow, 392-2190 to confirm.

## Board of Directors

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors meetings.

#### June 21, 1984.

- Tax Status. Tom Lucas has received approval from State of Washington for amendments to Articles of Incorporation. We should hear from IRS about August.
- 2. Hikes. Debbie has stepped down from the Chair to the Committee in order to learn the trails and leaders. Betty Manning volunteered to be the new Chairman. Special meeting in September to discuss what kinds of hikes do or do not draw well.
- 3. Publicity. Marianne Bagley will take over from Barb as Publicity Chairman. Barb will do Hotline as well as be our Expert Consultant.
- 4. Cougar Mountain Towers. Discussed problems Cougar residents have with towers, including radiation. Petition has been presented asking for moratorium on tower building.
- Return to Newcastle II. This event will be the first Sunday after Memorial Day, -Our Day. Discussed the success of the event and suggestions were made for next year.
- General Development Guide. Very complex document and subject. Dave will act as Trails Club coordinator and spokesperson on this subject.
- 7. Lake Sammamish Basin. Talked about the "protected" salmon spawning streams tributary to Tibbetts Creek which are going into pipes. King Co. has ordinances which will be strengthened in July, but existing ones are not being enforced. We all need to watch streams, report violations.
- 8. Cougar Mountain Park and Trails. Discussed acquisitions for 1984 and 1985: how to use limited funds to get the most important parcels soonest. WE need mapping of trail corridors.

#### July 19, 1984

- Metro sludge. Slide program showing treatment of forest lands with sludge. Maryanne will follow the Kerriston situation and report.
- 2. Salmon Days. We'll have the same spot as last year.
- King County Landmarks Commission -- Thomas Rouse Road. IATC voted to support designation of road as historical landmark, part of the trail system proposed into and around the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.
- 4. <u>Tiger Mountain</u>. Laurene is working with our club educators to develop teaching materials for use of Tiger Mountain State Forest.
  - The Tiger Mountain Residents organization is in business.
  - Cougar Mountain KONG. We have requested moratorium on towers citing esthetics and health hazards.
- 6. Cougar Mountain. Discussed acquisitions, as well as the mapping of holes being done for the Federal Office of Surface Mining. King County is being pressured to open Nike Park this fall, although they want to wait until Regional Park is ready. Safety aspect is important, may come to our rescue as No. 3 seam is under park.
- Hikes. Betty Culbert is pursuing trail to Coal Creek with owners and King County.
   We'll meet with property owners in area of Goodes Corner to discuss trail there.
- 8. History. Board voted to formally approve a Newcastle Historic District.



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HIKES COMMITTES: Betty Manning (746-1017), Chairman; Russ Williams (392-5989), in charge of Saturday Hikes; Mike Hyman (392-901), Sunday Hikes; Mary Cadigan (641-4046), Hid-week 1-2 Hikes; Ann Leber (746-3291), Hid-week 3-4 Hikes; Janne Hicai (747-1457), George Jackman (641-2895), and Dwight Riggs (271-8389 or 772-1666). Debbie Turner (661-4666)

#### 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 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

Issaguah 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 bácks.
- 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 uphill or a steady moderate climb to a steep bushwhack, we are going to try and te 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 til 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 whatto 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 con-

dition 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.

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 <u>Alpiner</u> for you to clip out and keep in your pack.)
We hope these guidelines will be helpful and welcome any additions or commmer.



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SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY A.M.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.
reminder		. search and .	rescue	Lk. Alice Rd to Snoqualmie Falls Vista Ed Bowser/Al Blalock 747-3349/746-4155	14	Class 3B Cougar Mt. Loop Ann Leber 746-3291 9:30 a.m.	Class 2A Issaquah History Hike (Meet IATC Booth2p.m.) 1- 11/2 hrs) Tim O'Brian 324-160	Class 22 Stephen Private Lift E. Fk Iss. Creek Meet IATC BOOTH -lpm Harvey Manning
West Tiger 3 trail from High Point John Pollock	Clast Constitution	s 2A	A	9:30 a.m.  Class 2B  Lake Tradition Ed Bowser/ Al Blalock 747-3349/746-4155	Class 3B  Poo Poo Point Laurene McLane 392-0204	/12	[/3	Class 2B Boulders & Beyond Barbara Johnson 746-5573  12:30 p.m.
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Class 3B  Poo Poo Point & Many Crk Valley A.J. Culver 392-3002  8:30 a.m.	Ctass 2B  Coal Creek  Dave Kappler 235-0741  12:30 p.m.	. [22	Class 3B West Tiger 3 Connie Dow 392-2130 9:30 a.m.	24	Class 2B Boulders & Beyond Mary Cadigan 641-4046  9:30 a.m.	24	#10:30 a.m. Class 3B Middle Tiger Loop Geo. Jackman 641-2895	Class 2B. Wilderness Creek Stan Unger 283-7823 12:30 p.m
Class 2A South Tiger Vista Kate Gross 392-8292	Class 3B  Peggy's Trail to Cougar Mt. Pk. Peggy Owen 746-1070	29	Class IC  Rattlesnake Ledge Bill Newman 232-8993	Class 2A  Kerriston Ed Bowser/Al Blalock 747-3349/746-4155	24 HOUR	H ALPS HOT L S A DAY REC TIONS OF THE	CORDED	<del> </del> <u>9480</u>

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WEEKS. HIKES . AND . CLUB. MESSAGES ...

YOU MAY LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER THE



## \*november\*



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14	Class 2B  Lk. Alice Rd to Snoq. Falls Vista Peggy Owen	[5]	6		Class 2C Wild Side Trail Mary Cadigan 641-4046	Class 3B 49 West Tiger 3 Laurene McLane	Class 2A LO High Point to Iss. H.S. Ursula & Leonard	Class 3C
	746-1070 12:30 p.m.	:			MONTHLY MEETING Thursda Library 7:30 p.m.		Eisenberg 392-4034	394-2458 NOTE TIME: 8:30 a.m
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Class 3C  Exit 13 to Stage-Coach Rd & Cougar Mt. Precipice Ralph Owen 746-1070			Class 3C Rattlesnake Ledge Hazel Hale 243-5376			Preston to Lk Alice Rd & Return Pat Kaald 746-8741	Squak Mt. HiLiter Geo. Jackman 641-2895	DeLeo's Wall on Marshall Hill Stan Unger 283-7823
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[2]	Class 2+B  "Old" Newcastle to "New" Newcastle Ralph Owen 746-1070	3	Class 2B  Foxglove Flat Ed Bowser/Al Blalock 747-3349/746-4155	Class 3PlusB  West Tiger Wipeout (W. Tiger 1,2,3)  Hazel Hale 243-5376	[6]		Class 3B  Squak via Thrush Gap  Dave Kappler 235-0741  NOTE TIME: 9:30 a.m.	
19	Class 2+B'	<u>Lo</u>	Class 3+C  Middle Tiger via still more RR Grades Dwight Riggs 772-1666  9:30 a.m.	[/2	[13]	Lk Alice Rd to Sno Falls Vista Mary Cadigan 641-4046	Class 3 Plue S C Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg 392-4034 Middle Tiger via 15-Mile Creek 8:30 a.m	
Class 3 Plus 6 - 4 C  Waterfalls & Paths of Cougar Mt. Ralph Owen 746-1070	or Cougar Mt.	<u> 117</u>	Class 2B Coal Creek Falls Connie Dow 392-2190 9:30 a.m	(19	Class 3C Caves of W. Tiger 3 Betty Culbert 641-6451 9:30 a.m.  MONTHLY MEETING Thurs. 7:30 p.m. LIB. (Call C. Dow for date Confirmation	Class 3C The Caves of W. Tiger 3 Betty Culbert 641-6451 9:30 a.m.	Class 3-C 22  High Point to Poo Poo Point, rtd via Many Crk Valle & N end TMT Russ Williams 392-5989  8:30 a.m.	Class 3B 22 West Taylor Mt. Trail George Jackman 641-2895  NOTE TIME: 9:30 a.m.
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## HiKe Descriptions

#### THE BOULDERS (Class 2 B)

In the valley of Cougar Mountain Wilderness Creek lie house-sized chunks of andesite which tumbled off the cliffs above. Mess 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.

#### CAVES OF WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 minus C)

The way to the caves have been well worn by the backside of jeans sliding down the steep path off the Section Line Trail. It is downhill at the hard part and not congerous just rough in spots. Bring a flashlight to explore Don's Cave, an easy walk-in and O'Brian's Cave, which requires a short scramble. Both giant caverns, the largest with room for 100 or more people, represent the largest known talus caves in the state. A stunning scene even without entering, with huge rocks set in deep forest and thick moss.

#### COAL CREEK (Class 2 C)

From Coal Creek Parkway upstream along the creek and sometimes in the creekbed (rubber boots recommended), will lead you to the old Farm a site now owned by the King County Parks but undeveloped. It is a quiet spot vet not far from the mad pace of construction taking place on hills above. The way back will be by way of the ridge above and long the south fork of Coal Creek.

#### COAL CREEK FALLS (Class 2 C)

Where Coal Creek tumbles from the headwaters basin of Klondike Swamp to the Curious Valley of the Long Marsh and Swamp, the creek is hung up on a ledge of lava and slides down a mossy cliff into a gorge often so full of mist the moss grows on trees, logs, rocks, and hikers pausing to rest. Other features of the hike are the earth cavities of the Cave Hole Road and the ghosts inhabiting vanished Red Town.

#### COAL CREEK GEOLOGICAL TOUR (Class 2B)

This is a special hike focusing on the rich geological history of the Issaquah Alps. We will carpool to fossils, coal mine and bunker sites, and park at the Brick Plant , then follow the grade of the first railroad in King County to an open bank cinder mine. Taking time to look for salt-water fossils, fused minerals and petrified wood, we finally finish up amidst the seams and remains of Red Town (35 million years of history in 3-1/2 hours, not bad for a day's stroll). Warning: occasional mud calls for long pants and boots.

#### COUGAR MOUNTAIN LOOP (Class 3 B)

From Red Town to Far Country Lookout, the almost alpine feeling hillock above the swamp is the start of yet another loop on Cougar. After (hopefully) peering at 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 and the ghost of Red Town.

#### COUGAR PRECIPICE SAMPLER (Class 3 - C)

Take a look at the trails and routes of the Regional Park in a less than strenuous day. Climb to Wilderness Peak via the Wilderness Cliffs of Mainline Trail, and then circle around to Claypit, pass the Fantastic Erratic, descend the new Gorge Trail past the Boulders of Beautiful Bottom and back to the cars via Wilderness Creek.

#### COUGAR WILDERNESS (Class 3C)

We start by climbing in the forest along Wilderness Creek. From here there are as many choices as there are leaders, but so much to see -- except the view from Wilderness Peak, of which there is none. However, we can sign its register and help carry a rock for the cairn marking the 1595-foot peak. We'll hav e 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.

DE LEO'S WALL (Class 2 C) 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.

FOXGLOVE FLAT (Class 2 C)

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#### NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2C)

The north end of the TMT makes a wonderful beginning for a hike which climbs from High Point through old connifers to a bright open alder Forest. Lovely stream crossings, on well-made bridges (one would make a picnic spot) lead to the intersection with the old TMT and the other side of the loop to the cars. Some steady climbing but not too steep and the total loop is 4 -1/2 miles.

#### "OLD" NEWCASTLE TO "NEW" NEWCASTLE (Class 2 B)

"Newcastle" never was so much a town as a geographical expression. As the company moved up and down the valley, so moved the people, from "Old Town" to "New Town." On this hike our chief historian links the mines and hamlets of Old and New on forest paths now wild enough to make any old or new coyote happy. See the holes in the ground of the Jones, the Bagley, the Muldoon, and the No. Three Seams. See the sites of old churches, saloons, bunkers, and wash houses. Understand why we seek a Coal Country (National?) Historic District.

#### PEGGY'S TRAIL TO COUGAR MOUNTAIN PARK (Class 3 C)

This has become one of the most popular trails in all the Issaquah Alps since Peggy and her friend, Ralph, identified the route, flagged it, and built it. The way starts at Exit 13, off I-90 — and thus is a great trailhead for hikers dependent on the Mtro 210, which passes by. The ascent of a rainforest-like walley of Peltola Creek (Lakemont Gorge), leads to the steeper ascent of the gorge wall, past the most spectacular waterfalls of the Alps, and continues to the summit of Anti-Aircraft Peak, site of a newly — opened County Park, and views over Lake Sammamish to the San Juan Islands and Mt. Baker and all that. In a few years thousands of people will climb the trail every nice weekend. Come while it's still lonely, and help make footsteps.

#### POO\_POO POINT (Class 3 B)

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a clide down into Issaquah Valley. "Glider Point" may be a more sanitary name (if you think hang-gliders are "clean") but the Talki-Tooter once heard here gave the name. The route follows the Many Creek Valley in one of several possible routes.

#### PRESTON TO LAKE ALICE ROAD (Class 2-A)

The someday-to-be trail-bikeway on the Preston Railroad is a "reality," that is to say, paved. A wide, airy, scenic almost-level walk perfect for winter walks. Grea for summer biking. The county couldn't replace the beautiful old wooden trestle but built a finesystem of switchbacks to take you up the steep bank. Walk just beyond the paved descent to cross the highway for a view and a bench stop over the Raging River as it enters a narrow forested canyon. Less than 6 miles round trip.

#### RATTLESNAKE (Class 2-B)

A lovely view of North Bend and Mount Si. We walk a little-used service road through clearcut and up to high views over the Great Western Tree Farm of the Cascade Front. The scarp of Mount Si towering over the Snoqualmie pastures is awesome.

#### 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.

#### SEATTLE HISTORY HIKE (Class 2 B)

MEETING PLACE: Seattle's Pioneer Place (under the Pergola)

Take a 2-mile guided tour of the Official Seattle Historical District with a residen expert, then a three-mile walk up Yesler on the old cable car route. Approximately 100 buildings (more than 50 of these built between 1889 and 1893) will be studied for their historical and architectural significance. Names like Issaquah Saloon and Newcastle Logging House make you realize the link between the two sides of the lake. At the Leschi landing the coal from Newcastle was, for a time, unloaded after being ferried across the lake. The wonderful old depot and ferry wharf are no longer there and you won't be able to take the cable car back down to the city but busses leave every 30 minutes and in 10 you'll be back at First and Yesler, having traveled back 100 years in history.

#### SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2 B)

A short uphill hike on one of Tiger's lower flanks opens to broad views of May Valley and Squak Mountain and on out to Seattle, down to Hobart, and south to 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 VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3B)

The southern route to the summit follows 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, the Olympics, and Rainier.

#### TAYOR MOUNTAIN RIDGE TRAIL (Class 3 C)

A gradual ascent of Taylor Mountain following old railroad grades to the west ridge and then hike as far east toward the summit as time permits. We will descend via the clearcut with a short stop at the old dynamite factory remains (an area known for an abundance of mushrooms in season).

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

Basically the trail will be on the new northern section of the TMT, crossing streams on new bridges and on up to West Tiger 1. Artifacts have been uncovered in the area which was logged by the Wooden Pacific: This should be an interesting 10-miler with lots of railroad history.

#### WATERFALLS AND PATHS OF COUGAR MOUNTAIN (Class 3 Plus 4C)

The patient explorations of Cougar Mountain's mountain man here are introduced to his disciples on a long tramp that links most of the Wildland Park's finest water displays -- China Creek Falls, Coal Creek Falls, Far Country Falls, Doughty Falls, and the finest of all, the cataracts pluming down the gorges of Peggy's Trail.

#### WEST TIGER 1 (Class 3 plus C)

The highest peak of West Tiger is overpopulated at the summit with radio towers, but the walk there is a lovely wildwood trail built by Dick Heinz sampling quiet ridges and valleys of the mountain. Views over Puget Sound and the Cascades are dependent on the whims of weather.

#### WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 C)

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 forests of antennas. The climb is steep in places but not hard and the rewards all long the way are certainly worth it.

West Tiger 1 - 2 - 3 (Class 3 Plus B)

This is usually called the "wipe-out hike" but it hasn't wiped out anyone lately. From High Point along the new section of the TMT to the intersection of the West Tiger 1 trail you will climb steadily. After that, it will begin to get steeper, finally to attain the summit of West Tiger 1. From there with ups and between the peaks it should't be too bad, returning back along the Tradition Lake Trail to High Point.

WILD SIDE TRAIL (Class 2 B)

Return to the days of 1884 in Red Town. Walk through an area which rivalled Seattle in size. The Ford Slope is still there and instead of the flooded entrance try and picture coal cars heading down into the mines. The Wild Side Trail has been extended along Long Marsh to the Far Country Falls.

WILDERNESS CREEK (Class 2-B)

The trail established by Trails Club members five years ago now is in process of becoming the first unit of the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park! The short steep path follows near the waterfalling creek to The Boulders, monster chunks of andesite fallen from the glacier-oversteepened cliffs of Wilderness Peak, Cougar's highest. Sit by the babbling creek amid the moss and licorice fern in the deep forest and turn green.

"Have you brushed you're trail today?"

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(Please include 75¢ postage)

Ask at the Park & Ride -- some hike leaders will have a supply for sale.

Most easily, ask at your local bookstores or backpack-recreational retail outlets in Issaquah, Bellevue, Seattle, Kirkland, Bothell, Mercer Island, and Redmond.

## NOW-IS-THE-TIME!

#### IT'S TIME (PROBABLY) TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

To conserve funds and the time of volunteers, we've adopted the following system of membership renewals:

Memberships run from May 1 to May 1.

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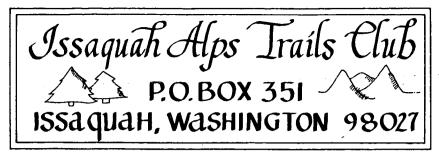
To summarize, if you joined on or before December 31, 1983, your membership renewal was due May 1.

We ask for your understanding, sympathy, patience -- and money.

\$ 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

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#### NOTE: !!

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