

# IATC Board Meeting- May 16, 1985, Newport Way Library

Board present: B. Manning, Da Kappler, Bill L., M. Bagley, Darla O'Brian

Board absent: Harvey, Jack Price, M. Tagney-Jones, Connie Dow, Ralph O.,  
Buz Moore, Susan Olson, George Jackman

Others present: Jack Simonson, Len Harvey, Tim O'Brian, Donna Subera?

Meeting started at 7:35- Harvey on return form Chelan, VP (DK) in charge.

## Tiger Events

Bill reviewed the successes- Volksmarch and REI/IATC train projects.

Despite unsettled weather both events ~~ha~~ were quite successful- 550 marchers and 62 trail builders. The High Point parking lot has been jammed the last two weekends- it seems many have returned for a another Tiger trip.

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Darla reported \$6922.09 many of Return bills paid (includes book grant)

## May 21 Cougar announcemnet and honoring of HM

Three news helicopters will be ~~an~~ the Upper Nike Site along with ...  
Wally will try to take credit for all good things, Harvey will have his guns loaded.

## Salmon Days

We have paid for our 85 booth space, but we need to make sure we get a slot that does not have a tree in the middle of it. Last year we pushed and shoved Saturday morning and got a plade we could put up our booth.

## Return III

Peggy has made arrangements for an additional 20 by 20 tent. Everything else seems to be going smoothly. We do need to make sure the big piles of dirt are moved previous to the event.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 20, 1985

President's Diary -- 1

April 16: 1½ hours with Mark, at Iss Press, working over the trails and map for forthcoming special issue

As I was off to harvest a certain patch of morels, met Will Thompson, who was there cutting hellberries for the Volksmarch.

April 17: Betty Culbert trying to get the trash picked up from east spur of High Point frontage road. (Bill thinks the boulders are not long for this world -- are going to be picked up and hauled away. So, we'll ask Puget for more). Griffin Creek to the Tolt River...

Jim Martin, 590 Mount Logan Drive SW, Iss 98027, is a Metro driver, and leader of a driver's group. I told him about ~~the~~ "Wilderness on the Metro 210." He'd never heard of it, was thrilled. I sent him an Alpiner. He's going to get the info out to 400-500 drivers. A hot prospect.

April 18: Sunday Creek. North Fork Gorge. Etc.

April 19: Snoqualmie Falls, Lake Marie, 3 Forks State Park

April 20: The J Line. Bit first...

Enslee, the Pancrutz "forester," has been hanging around Fred -- watching for County people to go out to look at the "trees." I'll call Tom Eksten...

Picked up 60 fir seedlings from Gary Dotson, took them out and stepped them into the grass just east of Mile 11 on TMT. Don't blame me -- they'd been unfertilized and dried out and had a poor chance even before I got them.

^ Betty Culbert volksmarched by. Met Bill and Larry. Went to the headquarters to meet Josie -- 240 had registered by then. Conservation created! Looked great!

Talking to folks about the fellow who is taking over the Skyport, along with the Coach and the Athletic Supporter and the Regent, then watching a movie, in which W.C. Fields plays the role of J. Larceny Whipsnade.

Since the Mafia took over, garbage is freely dropped around Dutch's place, he don't mind...

The dumpster at the Red Town Gate is gone, replaced by tons of rubble to fill in our nice hole. Fred Reynolds and Ginger probably done the deed?

April 21: Stopped by to buy a cup of coffee from Josie. They had 286 yesterday about 150 under expectations, but not bad in view of the winter weather. This morning things were brilliant; await a final summary. Told Josie and Larry they ought to go up on the Tree Farm...

Which I then did...

Want you-all to know that up there in country country, I git lots a' respect in mah rig. "Nice machine yuh got thar!" Met bar-hunters, fish-murderers; as for me, I was ambushed by some 200 morels. --And ended up on the South Fork Tolt, at ruins of a RR trestle that fell down about when I was first there as a Scout in 1938.

April 22: Snow'd out on the Middle Fork Snoqualmie; stopped at Mt. Si trailhead 5 cars in lot, left our bumperstickers under wipers.

Slender toothwort and corydalis in bloom at Twin Falls State Park, which a "small hydro" project plans to rape.

April 23: Monte Lennox called to confirm they are suing, with Dave Bricklin. Asked if Trails Club could be co-plaintiff, said we had a policy against it, but I'd be one, and so would any number of us as individuals. So, he'll get back to us.

Reported to Tom Eksten about Enslee hanging around Fred's house, to see if KingCounty is panicking on the Pancratz logging plans. Tom said, no panic. However, he will see if KC can get a consulting forester to walk the property, so next time Pancratz says he has \$100,000 worth of timber, KC can say, "Our man says you have 37¢ worth, so chainsaw away, ol chap!"

Toured Snohomish River, both banks, from ~~the~~ the Confluence to Everett, nor any path for the public to walk...

April 24: Two Rivers WRA and McDonald Park -- trails at last!

Ruth Kees reports that Issaquah and DNR have agreed on a Tradition swap, and have a public hearing in the weeks. She will pin it down and we'll attend. I told her it's okay for some of us to yell at A.J. in public. Some of us, though, will keep on being friends, because he is in a position to help on both East Cougar and Tradition fronts.

Marty Murphy reports there will be a hearing on the Pickering Farm EIS on May 15. She will prepare a comment and deliver it for IATC. We must work to pack the meeting. (I'll be out of town.)

Dave has tracked down Baker's 1979 proposal for East Village, and is now getting a revised map from Issaquah. Wally Toner is sitting in the city's lap, telling all he is the expert. We don't have to sit in the lap, but must make known to officials there is another story -- ours. Dave will keep on exploring the East Side, and in combination with Ralph, will start putting in some trails, which we'll start running trips on. Areas between Clay Pit and West Fork Tibbetts Creek needs intensive scrutiny.

Up in his 4 inches of new snow (if spring comes, can winter be far behind?), Fred tells me of the time when "coals were carried to Newcastle" -- from the Indian Mine, after the bunkers here burned and people still were living in the town. --The bunkers, which happened to be loaded with coal, went up at 11 o'clock at night. Good timing! Since the night watchman happened not to be there. --900 mine cars came out of our mines in 8 hours. Three trains a day to Seattle.. Passenger train left at 7 in the am. The conductor stayed at the hotel here overnight. Mail and freight went with that train. The only time Fred ever went to jail ~~was~~ (Issaquah) was during the rodeo!

Ralph reports chocolate lily, Easter lily, and paintbrush in bloom on De Leo's Wall. He says Wally is winning the war in Issaquah -- because he lives there!

Peggy has been looking into tents with Charles Peyton. We could get a 20x20 for about \$250. Could we set it up? She'll check further. As for the panels, they "belong to Marymoor."

She will bring up at May meeting possibility of picture postcards for sale. I gave opinion offhand it seemed a risky business, but one on which we might experiment to the extent of \$300 or so. She'll check farther.

April 25: Touring the Marckworth Freeway...

Barbara says we've been having Hotline problems -- due, she thinks, to "tired tape," so she bought new.

April 26: Delivered Ralph's Northern Village map to Tom Eksten, who has to make official KC response. Ralph will call Tom Monday. Tom will come to our May 16 meeting to discuss Northern Village.

Tom's report on status of park:

The option thing is closing with Daon. Deal is set. 1084 acres. KC dealt direct with Dennis Raybeck of Daon, though Hemplemann was on hand

and Toner doubtless was in the background, getting his chunk of flesh out of it. the Council has okayed the bonds, about \$6,000,000 for Cougar. All that's left is routine. We've got it.

What we don't get is all we wanted -- and want. Specifically, Daon held out 50 acres around China Summit -- they want it for their Western Village (said he, sneering). This was expected. Randy's attitude is that once we get the park largely set, it will have impetus that will make it easy to pick up the additions. That seems sound strategy to me. In any event, why miss chance to get 1084 acres by holding out for 50 more.

Our new Cougar-Squak guide, with our master plan for the Ultimate Park, will be crucial document to put in KC hands soonest possible (Susan!). On all sides there are things we want that are not in the current acquisitions plan. I'd guess that on June 2 we'll be "dedicated" the park -- we must make sure that's not the end of the story.

As for Pancratz, well...

Snags have developed with DNR. Those sourballs sent in a proposed exchange that would have reserved gas and oil rights to DNR. So KC responded, fine, we'll reserve development rights on our land. They have gone to Brian, who doubtless will stomp on his underlings, who are, as always, DNR to the core...

Burlington-Northern and KC are establishing values of the Cougar land, and of lands KC could offer in exchange. No idea on timing, but it's proceeding amicably.

(KC counter-offer to DNR -- KC reserves the gas-oil rights, and should KC decide to develop these, would pay DNR 12% gross royalty. But KC would retain the decision .)

April 26: Milt Swanson calls me to tell me Trails Club and Newcastle Historical are to receive 1985 award from King County Historical Preservation. May 2, Thursday, 10 am. If I can't go, will recruit a rep from us. Randy will present the award.

Delivered map to Tom Eksten, as noted above under wrong day...

Johnsdns have a puppy, Skampi (sp?), with good Cougar Mountain bloodlines..

Betty Culbert has got a trails dedication map from Daon, which now is trying to get into Bellevue. Tom Eksten tells her the Bellevue Parks People are on line. So now sh's going after Doug Webb about his plat. She likely won't be at May 16 board. Is talking to Dennis Raybeck, who upon receiving millions from us taxpayers is looking kindly on the return, and will see that the Mafia makes no problem. Fred is seeing if Dutch can string wire down to Site for electricitiy. --All results to be reported to Dave, the Chief...

The way this new gang eats sunflower seeds, the pine siskins, is they pick up in beaks and chomp-chomp-chomp to get the meat, then spit out the hull. Our chickadees, on other hand, pick up a seed, carry it up to a branch of larch or hemlock in ~~xxxxx~~ beak, there lay it on the branch and hold it down with foot, while beak hammers the way in. Juncos don't even try.

April 27-28: The seals are still at Shark Rock and so is the seablush and the camas.

April 29: Three-way call with Karl Thunneman of J-A and Brian Boyle, arranging a pair of articles on Tiger State Forest, to be submitted May 22.

Mary Merker is finishing up her Big Map for Return III.

Josie Lehman says they had 550 total, both days, not up to par but the bad Saturday weather is the explanation. --Certainly drew attention to the High Point trailhead!

Fellow from Citizens for South Kitsap called; I sent him on to Buz.

April 30: Walking the Moon Wall Trail; afterward, letters in all directions to save it for the Mt. Si Conservation Area.

Della's ~~Way~~ Way has been logged!!!

Dave Kappeler and the Providence folks are underway on Tradinton Lake Trail.

Betty Culbert will attend ceremonies Thursday at which Randy presents awards to Trails Club and Newcastle Historical Society, for County Historical, recognizing Return I-II-III.

Dick Brooks and Linn Emrick thought they'd talked a developer in May Valley into selling out development rights to the County, but yesterday he came in with a big machine and screwed up the whole 40 acres, in a single day....

Lennoxes delivered comments on a King County document, and next day I wrote a letter, sounding like I knew about Towers.

May Day: Found a trail to Little Si and the Great Overhang! Also a way to the Moss Lawn viewpoint over North Bend. Trails Club can run these hikes. --I need volunteers to build a trail up Little Si; present scramble route is inadequate. I've got the route laid out, just need a Will Thompson to do it.

May 2: Three Forks Vista, CCC Road, etc. Also Hawk's Rocks, the Great Buttress of Si.

May 3: Middle Fork, CCC Road, Taylor River Trail, thunderstorms, snowstorms...

May 4: REI Trail Party on the TMT from Fifteen Mile Creek to Hidden Estates Trail, plus completion of the Will Thompson Connector from Fifteenmile Pass to Dick Heinz Trail. REI and Bill did terrific job in setting things up. We had about a dozen-odd IATC folks, and perhaps 40-odd from REI. Bill had the section laid out in 1/2-mile strips, and except for two that got overlooked somehow, the whole thing was brushed, had new tread installed, trees cut -- now firstclass and plush. Also, Will took a group up to finish his Connector, which makes it easy to cross Fifteenmile Pass ~~from~~ and pick up the Dick Heinz Trail. Stupendous day's work! Also, we saw a DNR truck marked "Law Enforcement." Is it real? When it stopped snowing the xcycles and 3-wheelers and jeeps came out, and as we went home the scene was growing rowdy; the "cop" was at the staging area -- but friendly! The DNR is trying? Overall, Lannene gives them a gentleman's C: A on non-pesticide use of vegetation management; F- on shooting control; D on Recreation Management (the law). Joe Bob says check it out.

May 3: Terre Harris and his Historical Group kept Betty Culbert cooling her heels until after lunch before they gave her the Award. However, she took the opportunity to make some good contacts and get out some more invitations.

Signpost published Betty Culbert's article on us. Cut it drastically, but it's still a good plug. Included photo of Bill's Wilderness Creek trailhead sign, which makes the whole affair look real!

May 5: Returning from Great Big Western Tree Farm, saw 22 cars parked at High Point (west) Trailhead! What hath we wrought?

Tom Mechler, leading a West Tiger Wipeout, found small logs cut out on West Tiger Railroad and West Tiger 3 trail -- and met two motorcycles coming down from West Tiger 3 -- and two others higher up. He informed them they were illegal and told them a tale of a feller who got caught last week and fined \$450 -- and it made them go pale! Good tactic! But who cut the logs? Some of our Adopters, over-sealous, not having heard about "defensive maintenance," or a motorcycle bunch, moving in? Tom also heard a lot of illegal shooting on Middle Tiger. (On the good side, expressed admiration of the trailhead sign on TMT.)

What I did, next day, is write a letter to Mike Griggs, cc to Brian Boyle, reporting these illegalities, and in effect asking, "what about it?"

Our Cougar Mountain Ranger (641-6001), whom we have to share with 10 other parks!!! is a real contributor. He called to report a black bear in Klondike Swamp -- apparently a yearling -- quite small. It went up a tree. I told him he probably had nearly met 2 bears, the other being Momma!

Two guys came by in a truck to cut wood, said they had permission from the owner -- which is Frank Baker, not us...

He spends his off-hours on Cougar, would like to get more time here. He has been working on the trails. Also has closed off the Red Town Gate. He's a big asset, a real enthusiast.

May 6: Laurene reports she was on the scene when a body was found on West Side Road... The place was loaded with law, naturally -- seems a Search and Rescue exercise was being held!!! She spoke to the DNR Law Enforcer, not easy because he has very little English. He has no pamphlets to hand out, ~~xxxx~~ has no way to measure speed, or noise. But he is speaking to people -- and the word is that on Memorial Day no longer will simply take names and license numbers but start issuing citations.

Not to pre-judge, we must keep on judging week by week! I asked Laurene to write a letter to ~~Griggs~~ Griggs, cc to Boyle, and to me -- and I urge all of us to do that from now on. Let Brian know he is being Watched, he ~~is~~ has an Eye on him!!!

10-11:30, to Providence Point, a coffee hour for about 3 dozen of the folks there. This was arranged by Dave Kappler, through Lennard Smith of Lutheran Bible Institute.

WOW EE!! Lennard and his folks completed, last week, a plush Round-Lake-Tradition Trail!!! Dave has seen it. I'm looking forward to it. Dave suggested it.

I spoke on our overall program. Some of the folks are our members. Others plan to join. Some are active in Issaquah politics, but I didn't have a chance to recruit: DAVE -- follow up?

--Today I wrote testimony for Club on Traditon land exchange proposed between DNR and City of Issaquah; I'll be on Lake Chelan -- will get one of you to deliver forus. (Attached here) **LAURENE WILL DO IT.**

(25th)

May 7: In September/of 1984 I wrote Harold Robertson, asking about a lot of issues concerning King County and DNR, such as, what trust lands does KC have? Under what conditions? Rights of reversion? Rights of management control? Why not push DNR to ~~xxx~~ finish off the land trades on Tiger -- Menasha, B-N, Weyerhaeuser -- and go into a second stage of inter-trust trades to block it all up as a King County (trust) mountain?

I'm minded to get a young cheap lawyer to file a suit against everybody in sight, forcing all this. Anybody know a young cheap lawyer? Or ~~xxx~~ an old cheap lawyer?

Today I was summoned to the Alaska Building to meet with Holly Miller, Harold, Joe Nagel and Tom Eksten (KC Parks) to discuss. Apparently, the law as written gives trusts no control over "their" lands! This surely requires legislative attention, and Harold thought the forthcoming Counties Association might address that. If not now, later... It was agreed that DNR does not keep KC informed about its lands. --But also, that if KC's Real Properties Division were somehow compelled to make an inventory (nobody in KC government has control over this Division) it would not be trustworthy anyhow. And anyhow, DNR trades lands without notification, so there'd have to be a mechanism to keep the inventory current. There are many reasons KC should know what lands it owns.

To summarize, it was decided to take 3 steps:

1. Urge DNR to hold, this spring, a public meeting to report status of Tiger Mountain State Forest Plan -- and law enforcement. Harold will go at this with Mike Griggs -- and Brian Boyle?
2. Bypass Loutsis and perhaps through the Open Spaces and Parks Inventory, in progress, with Martin Seybold, get an inventory of KC trust lands.
3. Get in KC government some person officially assigned as DNR Contact.

We agreed that if these three things can be done, the ~~others could~~ many other matters of concern we have (and KC government has) could ~~be~~ fall into place.

It is now up to us to help Harold and all get these 3 things done.

While discussing Surface Water, I mentioned our desire to protect Yellow Lake and Cranberry Bog. Tom Eksten knows the area well. Holly Miller made a note to see if a complete hydrological study could be made. We need this first of all as Klhahanee proceeds.

May 8: Martha Bean of KC Surface Water called. Wants us Monday, 9:30, at Council. Will try to get somebody...

Vieww great from Grouse Ridge...

May 9: One paintbrush in bloom on Dirty Harry's Balcony...

40-minute phone call from Mike Griggs first thing in morning. Wanted to say a few things he couldn't put in writing...

He appreciates our comments on Tiger Mountain law enforcement -- keep them coming...

He is out on a limb. Has authorized spending \$40,000 a year for law enforcement, has had a KC policeman on the mountain since April 1 -- and has no agreements signed with KC. Brian wants law quick, so Mike went ahead. Now the KC legals are saying an ordinance is needed. Meanwhile, 10 KC officers are involved, and KC has no agreement for them.. So, Mike isn't trying to keep us in the dark -- he just begs for us not to make noise just now.

Once an agreement is signed, Mike plans a Public Introduction of the new service. I'll coordinate my May 22 J-A statement...

Mike has a May 20 meeting with Brian about the Tiger Plan -- it is in draft form for executive review...

About the oil and gas uproar on Cougar Mountain, Mike convinces me it is the KC roadblock, Chris Loutsis of Real Property, who is a Real Problem. But, 30 years on the job, nobody can fire him, everybody has to work around him. Anyhow, Chris knew about the reservation, failed to inform KC Parks.

On the Tradition land exchange, Mike says the DNR press release was screwed up, had false information. Also, the Press article made him as unhappy as me. The hearing is to discuss proposals, a concept -- nothing is set in concrete.

In conclusion, I told Mike I trust and respect him, and we'll work in such way as not to embarrass him. He said he knows he has problems with his staff, and with other DNR folks. --But between Mike and us, feelings are good -- and we should act accordingly. I know I will, and immediately junked most of my proposed statement on the Tradition exchange...

Since Donna was forced to give up on the Cougar-Squak project, Louis Zibelle's secretary, Susan, will pick up to finish. We'll all meet at the Zibellis on Saturday to regroup.

May 10: It rained on McClellan's Buttelet today. Alders are growing in the Milwaukee RR grade, the rails are rusting. But the walking is fine, and so will be the wagon riding when Happy Jack starts rolling along from Issaquah to Independence, Missouri (this to be recommended in new edition of F-2).

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Mints called me! We are valued customers -- especially since I recommended them to Volksmarchers. So, we've got our two houses lined up.

Dave Mozier wants help on monitoring Burke-Gilman and Sammamish River trails. I'll be gone, will have to call a couple people and hope...



MAY 21: Great Big Media Event, either at Skyport or atop the Mountain. Randy to announce, well, COUGAR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL WILDLAND PARK!!!! 10 to noon

L met with Lisa Krs

Laurene is speaking ~~for~~ for Trails Club at the Monday meeting on Tradition exchange. In view of everything, we scrapped my statement, and she'll play it by ear.

Laurene is now replacing Florence, who has served so nobly and so long, as Membership Person and Keeper of the Key of our PO Box!!! Florence has given her a training session.

May 11: These ~~minutes~~ minutes turned over to Dave K for his amazement and amusement preparatory to my lighting out over the mountains to Lake Chelan...

### Trail-bike subsidies unfair

The article in the Sunday, April 21, newspaper on the dangers of riding three-wheelers is only a part of the off-road vehicle (ORV) story. There was nothing about the 20 to 50 miles trail bikers need for a day's recreation compared to the 4 to 12 miles used by a hiker, or the environmental damage, or the conflict with other users, or why government agencies are encouraging ORV use and, of all things, why in a time of a money crunch the 1985 state Legislature is actually subsidizing ORV use to the tune of several million dollars.

A 1974 survey determined how much gas was used for recreational travel on roads not funded by the state gas

tax. Unfortunately, the survey did not differentiate between real ORV off-road travel and travel on National Park, Department of Natural Resources, and Forest Service roads by automobiles.

Based on that survey, the legislators designated that 1 percent of the state gas tax go to an ORV Fund. Three-fourths of that money is committed to the exclusive use of ORVs, which will amount to about \$3 million in 1985. How much unclaimed gas tax is actually generated by ORV use? My guess is about \$400,000 plus \$160,000 in license fees. The rest of the \$3 million is a subsidy paid by fishermen, campers, hikers, driving to trailheads, as well as tourists headed for Paradise Inn in Mount Rainier National Park.

A bill was introduced this year to correct the inequity, but evidently \$2 million was too insignificant an amount to get action.

A 1972 Presidential Order No. 11644 stated that ORVs would be allowed only where there was minimal conflict. Unfortunately, the Forest Service, except in cases of a serious safety problem, has not considered motorcycles in conflict with hikers. However, a recent survey by the Washington Trails Association showed only 2 percent of the hikers would tolerate a few motorized vehicles on trails and 98 percent were opposed to any motorcycles on trails used by hikers.

ORVs are so disruptive to other people they have had a hard time finding places to run their machines. However, the Forest Service is helping out by reconstructing multiple-use trails that were great for hiking 2-3 mph into motorcycle paths for driving 15-25 mph. The better trails encourage more motorcycles, which discourages hikers, and multiple-use eventually becomes "single use ORV trails."

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