

Next Meeting December 18

ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

Board of Directors and Members Meeting, November 13, 1986, at the ~~Club~~ Culberthaus

PRESENT: Harvey Manning, Dave Kappler, George Jackman, Betty Manning, Betty Culbert, Jack Simonson, what's her name (signup sheet was not returned to me)

Connie Dow, in a snit from the thick wad of material in last month's Board Minutes Mailing, tried to set herself up for being fired by omitting to note that the next meeting was November 20. It didn't work. The Alpiner, apparently captured by agents of the Tsar, sought to disrupt the Underground by (1) not including the List of Monthly Meetings and (2) in the calendar declaring the November meeting was on the 13th. Betty Culbert went down to Newport Way Library and hung around until nearly 8 to intercept the few who weren't lulled by Connie and who trusted the Alpiner. We met in the Culbert living room from 8 to 10.

George Jackman has invited Tim Hill to our spring Potluck, to speak on affairs. George also will invite Bruce Laing (and wife, in each case); election year, so he'll likely come for sure. Hill has the date open, so also is strong possibility.

We need to jazz up Return to Newcastle with something new. Possibilities:

Set up a plank "stage" where dance groups could put on old-timey dances, in old-timey costumes. Have the various ~~xx~~ ethnic groups represented.

If not dancing, have people in old-timey garb -- ethnic if possible.

At a number of points around our history trails, put up big photos (in weatherproof cover) of how it looked from this vantage point in the past. Large-type captions explaining the scene in the photo, the scene seen by the eye now.

Other???

Rick Edwards of King County Parks is being invited to our December 18 meeting to discuss possible Parks contributions: gravel, sanikans, publicity, TENTS, the above photo production, whatever.

Master planning for Regional Park is underway, with Sharon in charge. Jack, Steve, Sharon, Tom will make trail analysis? Erickson wants to give the rangers motorcycles. Talk of separating the park ranger into separate unit, with both patrol and interpretive responsibilities, like FS or PS ranger. The operations boss wants to put a fence around the whole park! (So how do the wildlife cope?) Talk of limited access to a few points only, for better control.

Our map in the guidebook is hard to read in Coal Creek Townsite area -- too many trails to show on that scale. Betty Culbert has made a larger scale map that's easy to read. This will be run in the Alpiner. Extra copies can be run off and distributed.

Wally Toner is taking the Issaquah Development Commission on a van tour Saturday morning of "quality developments" like what he has in mind for East Cougar. Dave can't go, will try to recruit Ralph or Buz. It seems that Baker realizes he can't put a road over the top of the mountain -- schools, other services wouldn't accept it. But Wally has promised he won't try to put in a road through the SE 60th area, or below. The SE 60th people should try to bring the road as low down on the mountain as possible. That's what we want too, of course, to save the upper slopes of East Cougar. (The "destination resort" idea seems to have fallen by the way.)

Most of the meeting was devoted to trails.

Bill Longwell was ill and couldn't come. Sent along TMT trail register sign-in. Keep in mind that many people don't sign and many people cut in beyond the trail register. However, the figures are impressive -- and the growth:

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
January		143
February		97
March		135
April	76	173
May	99	92
June	82	117
July	62	93
August	60	75
September	58	72
October	42	56
November	29	
December	80	
	<u>588</u>	<u>1,053</u>

Bill reported to me on the phone that the Adopt-A-Trail program has fallen apart. Except for the handful of regulars, nobody is ~~doing~~ doing the jobs they signed up for. So, start over from scratch with a big notice in Alpiner.

Bill further suggested that we stage a series of "armies." It was agreed this was top priority for 1987. We listed the chief needs and found we had more needs than we could recruit armies in the spring months alone. In assigning priority, agreed the "political" trails must be first in line. So, George Jackman will ~~xxxxx~~ schedule an Army a Month for the next Alpiner, as follows:

January

"East Cougar." We won't be more specific in print because we don't want to give away our game to Baker-Toner. The needs in that area are (1) Protector Ridge Trail, build; (2) locate and build a new trail from Pulper Junction down to Precipice Trail and on down north side of West Tibbetts Creek; (3) locate and mark a route on the old routes north of Shangri La Road. The first is crucial because we want that ridge as our park boundary. Dave, at last night's Iss Development Commission, saw need for putting in our presence on the lower slopes, and thus (2) and (3) because these lie in the heart of the "non-Village." The West Tibbetts Trail from Lane Bear to 900 is in good shape. We need the connectors noted here to fill out the scheme.

This will be a Saturday. Meet at ~~R~~ P&R at 9:00, or AA Park at 9:30; Jack will have the key. The Trails Club will buy a coffee urn or whatever, and serve coffee and donuts at trailhead. Workers then go on down to work areas. Leader, Dave Kappler. (The specific Saturday will be chosen by George -- will avoid holiday weekends, schedule no other hikes that day.)

February

"East Cougar" again. Same plan, except Ralph will be the leader. ?? Or Dave?

March

Far Country Creek, or Rainier Crest, or China Creek. George will just say ~~xxxxx~~ a new trail entry and we'll pick the site later. All of these have dedicated corridors which we may lose if we depend on KC Parks to guard our interests. So, we'll coordinate with KC Parks; Jack will find out if the surveyor's stakes are

actually there. Leader, Dave, unless we can recruit a sub.

April

We need a "school trail" around Tradition Lake and on Big Tree Trail, for our environmental center. Perhaps we can get Providence Point-Lutheran Bible to do it; if not, we'll have to schedule it.

May

This has to be "Prepare for Return to Newcastle," cleaning out the trails.

Pending for later

Betty's Trail, from Hilltop Pass down to the cross-street. The lower stretch of that dedication, by the firm which bought out Daon, will come by end of 1987, so will be a separate deal with Bellevue Parks. But we want to get started doing something with Bellevue

November 3: Linn: Court challenge filed against Wyais. Put in all his roads, paved, before doing underground work. No stormwater retention. Blithely violated a sack of laws. Lang Sligh is proposing to seel 24 acres to the City for \$9.4 million (land appraised at \$2.5 mill tops), with proviso that failure to buy gives hi m immedatte right to go ahead. Funny! But it does break his previoss vow to do nothing if the Skyport remained, no business park, just sit and sulk. He is squirming, screaming. City Council likely to be in this for much of a year. Can Sligh hold out? Very tough for Issaquah to work its way out of a bunch of laws it doesn't understand.

Mary Wellborn is setting up a series of monthly programs on Lake Samm Park, over the winter. I agreed to do one.

Laurene: KNBQ will use same power route as Boeing -- over W Tiger 3. Stu Blokcer is in a rage, but he has little to say about Tiger anymore. Laurene will testify for us tomorrow; statement enclosed.

I wrote letter today to Brian Boyle: WEYCO MUST BE GOT OFF TIGER.

Betty Culbert is giving a talk to Whispering Heights Garden Club, on where to find trails. King County Parks sure is taking sweet time about letting the public in on the secret. After 4 months of non-communication from KC Parks, I see little reason to be polite anymore.

First varied thrush of the winter season. has been hanging out in the larch tree for about 5 days.

Nov 5: varied thrush feeding on seed. Two thrushes.

Jean Bacon had to schedule Newcastle Historical same night as ours; usually try for fourth Thursday. She met with WTA, will go after Rod about Naches Wagon Road.

Nov 6: Dave is working on the scoping of EIS for Eastern Non-Village. Suggests possibility of trading State Parks up onto Tradition Plateau, since they are giving state land to the city. I'll float this with Tom France. See letter attached. Why give something for nothing? Why not get something for something?

Nov 8: 2 ~~px~~ pigeons feeding!

Nov 9: juncos have begun feeding on the trolley in the air; through spring-summer were strictly ground-feeders -- intimidated by the mass of summer birds?

Dick MacDonald has been waiting around since last May. I explained the delay -- the ms was on my desk, alone, 2 months without a lock. However, I guaranteed him that we will have it for Return 1987. When we get a ~~publicxxx~~ production manager, will speed ahead.

Nov 10: a jay managed to get 3 peanuts at once -- two in throat, one in beak.

Nov 11: Ira attended IAC meeting Friday. Thinks Cleve Penack (sp?) of DNR is not our friend. Believes it is necessary to get a meeting wit Brian Boyle. I encouraged him to do so, but to leave me out, recruit Tom if possible. Ira just returned from Manhattan (noisy all night) and air full of cigarette smoke) and D.C. All congressmen were out of the District, but he talked to aides. Should there be national ORV legislation to back up the President's Directive? But the ORVs mustered 1,000,000 pieces of mail. We're not geared up to match that yet. But we can be in 3 years if we get the big nationals in step with us. Ira will start checking around.

Nov 12: A towhee feeding on the trolley; another ground-feeder come aloft.

At Carkeek Park saw forest fire smoke billowing from Hamma Hamma country, drifting all the way north to Strait. Logging slash, presumably. Sure raised hell with the hoped-for sunset shot of Mt. Constance.

The Chief Ranger denies there is any crisis on the TMT; all in good shape, even in midsection; north end is as good as any trail to be found. In 1986, 1053 signatures in TMT north register. ADOPT A TRAIL needs revival, starting from scratch; except for a handful of old faithfuls, the Adopters ain't anymore. Get up some Armies.

Nov 13: Ruth Ittner calls to tell me the Laughing ~~ax~~ Jacobs Creek addition to Lake Samm Park is on State Parks Commission agenda for Nove 20, with note, "no comments received." So much for my previous communciations. Will send a quick note for club. Ruth also says the Commission has a mialing list for the agenda; I'll ask to be put on that.

Missed a lot of you at the Board meeting tonight...

Nov 14-15: Driving I-5 to Bellingham

Nov 16: pretty hard to get used to a houseful of dogs cats rabbits squirrels geese after a \$4.15 motel room. Also hard to go back to non-cable TV.

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November 4, 1986

TO: King County Zoning Adjustor
FROM: Laurene McLane, Issaquah Alps Trails Club
RE: KNBQ-Proposed Tower on West Tiger #1

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club has some major concerns about the proposed KNBQ tower on Tiger Mountain.

1. Visual Impact. A 200 foot tower rising out of the forest on Tiger Mountain is going to be a conspicuous, obtrusive sore thumb along the County's I-90 Scenic Corridor and at all other points from which the Mountain is visible. If diminished height is a practical possibility we urge the County to require that.
2. Proliferation of Towers. One of our biggest concerns for Tiger Mountain is that once West Tiger #1 gets packed with towers, then West Tiger #2 will be packed with towers, and then West Tiger #3 -- now free from any structures of any kind -- will be desecrated with towers. West Tiger #3 is the most interesting West Tiger peak both botanically and geologically, and the favorite of all the Tiger hikers I have ever talked with. We urge the County to ensure that the proliferation of towers will not reach West Tiger #3.
3. Power Line Access. We are very concerned about the way in which KNBQ will install their power line. The existing power line right of way (up West Tiger #3 to the Boeing tower on West Tiger #2) created a devastating swath that is still a painful scar on the slopes of Tiger. That swath remains not only an intellectual and an aesthetic offense, but it is an unwitting invitation to undesirable uses. Renewed devastation to that right of way is guaranteed to open up that side of Tiger to more abuse. We urge that extraordinary consideration be taken if that access must be reopened.
4. Law Enforcement. Access to the tower and the facility will NOT be precluded by the security gate on the West Tiger road. Tiger has a well-established tradition of vandalism, littering, shooting, trash dumping and general mischief particularly at sites accessible by two-wheeled vehicles. The State Department of Natural Resources has established a part-time law enforcement presence on Tiger, but illegal activity, though diminished, continues. We urge the County and the applicant to contact the DNR to discuss the law enforcement problems this facility and the power line access to it will generate.
5. Other. We are cautiously pleased that the applicant plans to build the tower to a strength which will accommodate additional users in the future, if indeed this is a way to diminish the proliferation of towers problem. In the same spirit, might there also be a way of installing the power line so that unforeseen future users would have a ready power supply without having to reopen the existing access yet once again?



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